

## R.I.I.A. BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2019 7:00

South Beach, Raft Island

- At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to order.
- Introductions - Charlotte Crain
  - Board Members in Attendance – Crain, Phillips, Rees, Van Doren, Williams
  - Board Members Absent – Hirko, Joyce, Scea, Swenson, West
  - RIIA General Membership Present – (note: Some attending members may not have been captured due to late arrival or oversight) – Burnett (67), Carman (12) , Daelman (234), Donahue (Tacoma), Fort (256), Hurley (182) , Hyry (195), Leas (80), Palmason (8A), Phillips (205), Rees (197), Ross (79), D. Stewart (123), D. Weiss (232) , S. Weiss (232)
  - Guest – John Larson Play Creations Inc.
- Following the board roll call Charlotte Crain, President, declared the absence of a board quorum (simple majority needed, 6 members). All formal business, votes, and agenda items requiring a quorum were deferred to the August meeting.
- The balance of the monthly meeting agenda was reviewed with Committee Reports provided if Chairpersons were in attendance. The balance of reports were open for discussion and devoted to information exchange between all those in attendance, board members, general membership, and guests.
- Request to Add Agenda Items – none
- Member's Request to Address Board – none
- Approval of minutes – Deferred to August meeting
- Treasurer's Report – Deferred to August meeting
- Manager's Report – Deferred to August meeting

## **Committee Reports**

1. Parks and Recreation – Matt Hurley reviewed the standing proposal to expand/replace/repair South Beach play structure.
  - A prototype design was presented by Matt Hurley and John Larson of Play-Creation to kick off open discussion and answer questions from the membership.
  - The plan included a rendering of the proposed structure at the current South Beach site, a design concept site plan, several site pictures indicating measurement of existing site, a color option pictogram, and a sample budget.
  - The sample budget provided reflected a cost of \$34,400.16 and included RIIA membership participating in the structure build. Cost variables, adding and removing features and functions, were discussed both adding and subtracting from the potential cost. Mr. Larson committed to working with the Board and Membership to ensure Raft Island got the play structure they desired.
  - Membership Discussion Points (Many of those in attendance participated in the open Q&A. Below are some of the key discussion points. They are intended for reference only since not all points were captured or attributed).
    1. How would we pay for this structure? The monies would come out of the General Fund. It would require a membership vote.
    2. What are the design options? A lengthy discussion was held concerning what elements could be included or excluded from the structure. Many members shared their concern for the amount of space currently dedicated to the existing play structure and that the proposed example was larger. Mr. Larson shared with the group the legal code requirements to maintain a 6-foot separation from any structure element and a hard surface (wall, edging, tree, bench, table etc.) This design requirement increases the space requirement over the existing structure.

3. Can we review the survey results on the play structure? Matt Hurley read the published survey results to the group. Focus of group was on majority (78%) support for the new structure to remain at South Beach.
4. How can we preserve as much grass as possible at South Beach? Mr. Larson offered multiple alternative configurations that would help to minimize the footprint of the structure. Several RIIA members offered alternative plans/drawings to show how to optimize the space for all concerned. There was a brief discussion of moving the location of the structure to alternative South Beach sites. Each had its pros and cons and would result in higher costs for site prep. Site prep cost could be offset by member donations and volunteer work parties.
5. Have we ever done a demographic survey of the island to see the population age breakdown? No survey has been done. The only survey results relied on by the board are those in the 2010 US Census and were utilized to complete the Raft Island Hazard Mitigation Plan. Several members commented that the demographics of the island had changed over the past 10 years getting younger and younger.
6. Will this impact our insurance? Charlotte Crain said she would investigate that.
7. Could we move the existing structure to the Tennis Courts resulting in two play sites? While possible Mr. Larson did not advocate that due to lack of certified replacement parts and possible liability. It was generally agreed that it could be done but that considerable Tennis Court site prep would be needed to accommodate the structure. Item left open for further discussion.
8. Could the new structure be placed further to the back of the boat ramp property? This may be possible, but it would require considerable additional site prep

including retaining/terrace walls that would be effective on known slide areas. Needs to be explored further with better site evaluation.

9. Charlotte asked the group for a “straw” vote to see if work on the new play structure should continue forward with further investigations into costs and alternatives so that an island wide adoption vote may be taken. The majority voted to advance the proposal.
  2. Roads – Question on painting and striping roads still open. Lack of quorum did not allow vote to allocate full or partial amount for this work. Deferred to August meeting.
  3. Emergency Preparedness – Work progressing on RIIA Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Meeting monthly with Pierce County planners to help with integrating plan with county and state efforts.
  4. Security – Matt Hurley reported that no one has come forward to admit vandalizing the road signs. Ask that all residents be on the watch for those out for costly mischief.
- New Business – None
  - Charlotte Crain adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm (est.)