

RIIA Annual Meeting

May 17, 2021 – ZOOM - 7:00pm

- I. Welcome – Carolyn Tucker, Island Manager, explained how the Zoom format works

Attendees: Mike Neil; Betsy Grava; Doug Van Doren; Jeff Leas; Kari Figueira; Pete Philley; Tina Shoemaker; Marybeth Lanius; Judson Morris; Gene Barkin; Carrie Fort; Barbara Daelman; Jim McReynolds; Nora Clarke; Mariana Wall; Kate Hurley; Ian Mackie; Erin Carman; Glen Stewart; Anne Scea; John Hyry; Ted Smith; Tom Phillips; David Present; David Weiss; Matt Hurley, President; Charlotte Crain, Vice President; RJ West, Secretary; Anne Scea, Treasurer; Mike Hirko, Trustee; Tom Phillips, Trustee; Bonnie Rees, Trustee; Connie Fitzgerald; David Paly; Benjamin Zerngast; Pete Philly; Amanda Burrows; David Madeira; Steve Brown; Carolyn Tucker & Janet Biggs, HOA Community Solutions

- II. Report on Quorum, RJ West, Secretary – The bylaws require 25% of the owners for a quorum. HOA Solutions report that RIIA has 226 owners. 55 owners are required for a quorum. 21 owners registered for the meeting. Mgr. Carolyn Tucker received 54 proxies and 54 ballots and with members who are attending the meeting she feels that is sufficient for a quorum.
- III. President's Comments: Matt Hurley – thanked the volunteers this year.
- IV. Accomplishments over the past year: no wake buoys; fire pit at the South Beach; Kayak rack; cleaned boat launch; new split rail fence at the tennis court;

Volunteer positions open:

- Investment committee
- Emergency preparedness committee
- Island Events – organizing yard sales, fund raisers, picnics, and fun events

IV. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes – these minutes are posted on the website: www.raftisland.org - approved

V. Treasurer's Report - Anne Scea, Treasurer

Discussion of 2020/2021 budget – Budget was exceeded this year for the following reasons:

- South Beach - no wake buoys, kayak rack ,clearing the area over the slide, sand and gravel for fire pit;
- Tree trimming – Huge Maple tree on Rhododendron was over \$5000; tree leaning towards house at #152 was over \$4000;
- Road maintenance – ditching; culvert above #11 was broken and clogged, resulting in flooding #11, culvert had to be cleaned and repaired
- Getting the security cameras back running and signs for the Island roads also put us over budget

Question from Rees – with all the budget exceedances in the past year, we've only increased the budget \$500, is that realistic? Are we finished trimming trees?

- Hurley – no, need another round of tree work; culverts need to be cleaned out and ditches need to be cleaned out more.

Reese – where is snow removal?

- Scea – in road maintenance
- Hurley – people need to get off the Island and we have a duty to clear the roads

- Scea – we're trying to get a contract with a snow removal firm in advance. Probably the entire Island doesn't need to be done.
- Tucker, Island Manager – recommends an auto deploy company – who has a criteria and when it is met, they start deploying to their contracted communities. Downside is that you don't get to call them and demand it. She will send the info to Hurley.

Kate Hurley – question about the Alder Trees over the road above South Beach

- Hurley – letter is going to the owner to ask her to take them down; Mike Neil has offered to help. Alders die from the top down and only last about 20 years. One way or another he'll take care of them.

Question about lane reflectors which were inadvertently removed by snow removal.

- Rees – is getting a road striping company under contract and they will replace the reflectors

Smith – what is the level of service that Raft Island will commit to in regard to snow removal?

- Hurley – whatever roads are necessary for people to safely get on and off the Island during a snow event
- Smith – once we commit, can't back off in the future. The Island hasn't done snow removal in the past and it will be a significant financial commitment.
- Scea – we should ask the company what their recommendation is.
- Smith – we need to understand the cost benefits and what we can commit to

Van Doren – are any of the unique expenses from the current year, likely to become recurring?

- Scea – the slide issue for sure; there are not huge trees that will require a professional company to remove this coming year; we

need a roads chair so we have a scheduled cleaning of ditches and culverts so we don't get such a hit in one year.

Barkin – is there any consideration being given to speed sensors, speeding is still a problem on the Island

- Hurley – also sees speeding; Deputy stopped 38 people in one day, 34 of them were residents. This is a discussion for the future.

Present -asks about trees and right of way. Trees being taken down by the island is being automatically cut into firewood. Some of the trees are high quality and it wouldn't take much to take them to a mill and have them cut into something else.

- Crain – what's the cost of having timber milled?
- Present – depends on the size of the tree, but approximately \$75/hour to mill it.
- Hurley – trees we're taking down aren't healthy.

VI. Introduction of 2020 Board Candidates:

- President - Matt Hurley
- Vice President – Charlotte Crain
- Secretary – RJ West
- Treasurer – Anne Scea
- Trustees are needed to fill two full three year positions which will expire in 2024, and the remainder of a current board position, which will expire in 2023
 - The 2 candidates with the highest number of votes will fill the 3 year positions
 - The candidate with the 3rd highest number will fill the 2-year position.
- Candidate meetings attended in the past year
 - Kari Figueira 7 - lived here 9 years and as the kids are getting older wants to get more involved in the community
 - David Weiss 4 – lived here 2.5 years

- Carrie Fort 1 – lived here 18 years and feels it's time to get more involved now that her kids are grown. Has worked on several projects at the beach and looks forward to getting involved.
- Peter Joyce 1 – rescinded his candidacy
- Rees asks how many we can vote for –
 - Tucker - can vote for three
 - Rees – wasn't clear whether we could vote for one or more
 - Biggs – they will take that into consideration in the future

VII. Ballot Discussion/Questions: Matt Hurley

VIII. Ballots are to be mailed in or collected at All Saints Camp – results will be posted on the website later in the week

IX. Committee Reports:

- Parks & Recreation –
 - Boat launch - Reminder: The boat launch is for the purpose of launching and retrieving boats. Please keep it clear for boaters. Do not tie your boat to the float and leave it.
 - Enjoy your picnic, swim, and supervise your children in the safety of the adjacent park area.
 - There are two fire pits
 - Kayak rack – last year we had a lottery. Current plan is to ask how many members are interested in racks and how many won't renew on July 1st.
 - South Beach Slide update, costs for stabilization and other costs –
 - ✓ Hurley - Puget Sound Development, Field Engineer gave us some ideas, took measurements, there has been no change since the second measurement; they've measured several more times and slide seems to have stabilized; Pangeo, geo tech

recommended drilling estimate: \$10K - \$12K; Inovative Geo Services for \$850 will give us a geo report. He doesn't feel hill is going to slide, but there are no guarantees. PSD said we can spend up to \$200K putting in drains – with no guarantee. PSG Recommends fixing drainage on the other side of the road so the water drains correctly. West asked how much it would cost to fix the drainage on the other side of the road. Hurley - Received a bid from PSD \$5-6K. IGS has some ideas to fix the drainage, but have no estimates.

- Clarke – as summer approaches and people want to use the launch and park trailers over the edge of the black top – is that ok?
 - Hurley – don't park over the visquine
 - ✓ Clarke – can they park truck and trailer diagonally? Or park up by the bus stop?
 - ✓ Hurley – don't park diagonally; can park at the bus stop
 - ✓ Mackie asks if we can reserve the top spots for trailers?
 - ✓ Hurley – we can put something out for people with trailers to use the top spots
- Hurley asks Phillips if there is an update on adding sand to the beach. Phillips reports plan has been approved and permit is moving through the process. We asked to permit removing vegetation, adding sand to the beach and work on the dock.
 - West asks how much it will cost to fix the dock.
 - Hurley – lumber was purchased last year.
 - Neil – will look at dock tomorrow and replace some boards and fix nails. Tomorrow will figure out how much more lumber we'll need.
 - Daelman – any plans to add more kayak slots

- Hurley - thinks we should, but depends on whether the county is involved.
 - Crain - depending on the number of people who want them, we may make a few more slots. Some renters got spots last year, because there was space, but this year, owners will have priority.
 - Shoemaker – will all the slots be in the lottery or just the empty ones.
 - Crain – we start over every year, but if there are enough slots, we'll let the current people keep their slot if they want.
 - Roads – Matt Hurley – please keep ditches bordering your property clear. Don't blow lawn debris into the ditches.
 - Owner is responsible for damage done to the road by their workers, but Island should probably fix it with its own contractor, so it's done properly and uniformly.
 - Security- Matt Hurley – illegally parked cars will be stickered. Last year the Deputy kept tally of who he contacted. We towed 6 vehicles and called the truck for several more who left before the truck arrived. For last Aug – during 7 shifts at high tide, Deputy contacted 56 people who don't live here and were using our beach without authorization.
 - Parking policy has been publicized.
 - Resident must accompany guests.
 - Last year over a hundred warnings were issued to illegal beach parkers.
 - Deputy doesn't give warnings, he just tows cars without permits.
- Barkin set up a phone number which can be texted with the license # of the illegally parked car.

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- Carmen – what about the gate
 - Hurley – if the community wants it and someone wants to tackle that project. It's up to what the residents will tolerate. We have cameras which help a lot.
 - Crain – we've talked about other options for gates – like the Beach instead of the road.
 - Hurley – important to keep the gate to the beach locked.
 - Crain – maybe we should have a committee to look into it.
 - West – one of the conditions of getting the loan was that the bridge remain open to the public, so we can't gate off the bridge. There will be other options, but not to gate off the bridge.

Hurley disagrees because Heron Island got the same loan and they have private access. Hurley will appoint a committee.
[Heron Island received a USDA loan to replace their ferry dolphins]

- Investment – Mike Hirko – as of 3/31/2
 - Bridge Replacement Fund is \$469,586.
 - USDA RESERVE of the bridge loan is \$251,000 - reserve is \$61,000 ahead because of the market.
 - Return on our investments has been 8.15%
 - General Fund \$194,500 - 8.6% return

X. Member's General Questions & Answers

Thanks to Gene Barkin for regravelling the path above the bridge and for shoring up the bottom of the path!

Reminder that Ballot results will be posted on the website later this week.

Results –

President – Matt Hurley

Vice President – Charlotte Crain

Secretary – RJ West

Treasurer – Anne Scea

New Trustees – David Weiss – term ends 2024

Kari Figueira – term ends 2024

Carrie Fort – term ends 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

RJ West, Secretary