

RIIA BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2009

Board Attending: Charlotte Crain, Trish Burnett, Holly Blash-Wood. Trustees: Sarah Brown, Jesse Stamper, Tina Shoemaker, Margie Hinton, Ann Webb & Isl. Mgr. Cathy Driscoll. Absent: Jeff Davis & Rich Swenson.

Members Attending: Mike Hirko, Greg & Anne Scea, Lita Dawn Stanton, John Shoemaker, Darrel DeHaven, Mike Neil & Gabrielle Gibbert.

The meeting was opened at Sarah Brown's home & introductions made.

Approval of the July minutes was done with one correction.

Request to Add Agenda Items: Charlotte noted that Jim Cushing offered to represent anyone in case of a lawsuit resulting from towing a vehicle.

Members Request to Address the Board:

Dawn Stanton was invited to present highlights about the County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. She is providing information to the County along with Herron Is. & Taylor Bay Beach Club to establish eligibility for funds in case of an emergency. It is expected to be a year-long process, & the County has \$150K to develop plans. By being a part of the County plan we will be able to access funds in case of a major hazard, & in some cases a request can be made for matching funds from FEMA. We may also be able to apply for funds to complete our large preventative maintenance projects, e.g., seismic upgrades. Mr. Lou Dooley, Pierce County HMP Chair, would also like to meet with our Board perhaps in September. Dawn would like to have another member as an alternate to attend County meetings as the Island representative; Sarah, Margie & Trish indicated their interest to at least be involved in some meetings & we will continue to ask for an alternate. Sarah will follow-up. Dawn needs the number of full-time residents & the estimated bridge value & insurance estimate; Ted will be contacted for the bridge information. She also shared some original photos of the bridge construction & has the original engineered drawing which could be very helpful to our maintenance efforts.

Treasurer's Report:

The recommended Vanguard reallocation of stock for the BRF was approved. This reallocation is hoped to bring our fund within 1% of the goal. The BRF committee meets quarterly.

Holly clarified that expenses for our security Officer for May, June & July will be paid from this year's budget because they were not billed earlier. Coupled with our August estimate, we will have only \$1300 remaining of our \$10K security budget after Labor Day. This was a good time to remind the Board that we are on a fiscal, not calendar, year & expenses for our current budget need to be paid prior to June 30th. Trish expressed concern about spending nearly \$5K for an Officer for little more than a month leaving us with such a small amount to cover other holidays, etc. through June. Many felt that an explanation to the membership for any overage would be sufficient.

Most of our budget has been used for brush cutting. We will ask Rich at the next meeting if this is done once yearly. It was confirmed that we are paying \$500/month to Tom Straub for grounds maintenance.

Manager's Report:

We will receive some dollars from a member's bankruptcy; our attorney is reviewing. Once a lien is assigned, payment will not change until fully paid. However, bankruptcies & foreclosures do impact collection. Notes were provided from our attorney meeting. We need to consider a stronger collection letter, establish our collection policy, & ultimately distribute to the membership. After some discussion it was decided that we should have our attorney author a stronger letter for

collection & determine our schedule later. There was also concern expressed about listing the names of residents in arrears rather than their lot number. After considerable discussion about privacy, it was suggested to table for future consideration.

Jesse suggested offering credit card payments for dues/bridge replacement assessments. Some thought the cost of processing credit cards would be too much & could ultimately increase our expenses by opening to the membership. Bylaws would need to be changed. Holly will check the cost of Pay Pal.

Old Business

Web Page Report:

- Charlotte suggested setting up a new email address to be included on the website for member's requests for documents and other things.
- The question was asked, "How can we get more addresses? There are about 120 missing. Margie volunteered to call these members by phone to request that they share their email addresses. Charlotte and John will then update her spreadsheet.
- The decision was made to leave the street name of all addresses on the list as "Raft Island" instead of changing to the actual street name.

Survey:

- John reported that for those who wish to respond on line, he can use "Survey Monkey". It was brought up that Survey Monkey, which is no charge, will add a charge when the survey is more than 10 questions.
- We discussed the timing of the survey or whether or not it would go out with the newsletter. It was decided to wait and send the survey out separately. It should be referred to in the newsletter.
- The survey was discussed further.

Newsletter:

- There was a discussion of future newsletters. It was suggested that we look for an editor to collect articles for each issue. We should also look for input from Island members, not just Board members.
- For the next newsletter, the deadline for articles will be August 27th. That will enable us to put it together by Aug 31st.

Bridge Meetings:

- Mike said there will be an update meeting in September with a report on "Here's where we are" etc
- We discussed a timeframe for future meetings, information dissemination and decision making on the bridge replacement/repair.
- It was decided that the first info update meeting would be Wednesday, Sept 9th. At this meeting we will request member's input and determine how to get the information out. Ted and Mike will lead this meeting. The next meetings would be in October and November with expert guest speakers and a summary of progress. In January, February and March we should have decision meetings.

Bridge Maintenance: Ted has scheduled some upcoming maintenance.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Burnett & Sarah Brown