

RIIA BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2009

Board Attending: Charlotte Crain, Jeff Davis, Trish Burnett. Trustees: Richard Swenson, Tina Shoemaker, Margie Hinton, Sarah Brown, & Isl. Mgr., Cathy Driscoll. Absent: Holly Blash-Wood, Jesse Stamper. Ann Webb resigned as Trustee prior to this date.

Members Attending: John Rosendahl, John Schewe, Dawn Stanton, Mike Hirko, Gabrielle Gibbert (Parks Chr), Tom Straub, John Shoemaker, Frank Gatto, Robert McCoy, Ted Smith (Bridge Chr), Chuck Corrigan.

The meeting was opened at All Saints at 7:00pm. The guest speaker, Monte Smith, Sargent Engineers, was unable to attend due to illness. Charlotte explained that we plan to have Mr. Smith involved in a membership meeting about the bridge in the future.

Those present introduced themselves.

Approval of the September minutes was passed as amended.

There was no request to add agenda items.

Member's Request to Address the Board:

John Rosendahl asked whether the Board had come to a consensus regarding the bridge. Charlotte explained that the Summary document prepared by Mike Hirko was very thorough, & new information from Dawn Stanton regarding FEMA options is now being included in the overall assessment. At this time the Board doesn't have any condensed information to offer. A new Bridge Committee has been formed & it is hoped that in 2-3 months we can move forward with membership participation.

New Business: Charlotte advised us that she had a request to review the CC&R's, & asked for a volunteer to chair. Gabrielle Gibbert offered.

Treasurer's Report: The reports had been emailed to the Board. Cathy asked whether the large amount posted to Operating Liability Insurance actually belonged to the Bridge Insurance expense. It was agreed that it was likely an error. It was also clarified that brush-cutting is done in June only.

Manager's Report:

- Trash had been dumped at South Beach earlier in the month. Thanks to Tom Straub for cleaning up. Typically we provide a dumpster only during the summer months at approximately \$80/month. It was agreed this practice should continue. Tom also posted a "No Dumping" sign.
- Rich gave an overview of lien & bridge revocation options being considered in connection with our collections policy.

Old Business:

A. Bridge

- An expansion joint will be replaced & work on the south abutment for a smoother transition will be done later in October.
- The weight variance policy outlined in 2004 primarily for trucks needs to be reviewed. Charlotte mentioned several trucks speeding & suggested a letter to the companies requesting slower speeds. Someone also asked about adding a speed bump on the bridge approach. Ted explained that engineers do not support this idea, & removal of past bumps had actually been requested. It was

suggested to evaluate rumble strips. Review of the weight variance policy will be referred to the Br. Committee.

- Bridge Comm. Rpt. – Dawn explained that objectives had been established along with meeting dates & time. Hirko's report gives replacement costs, but additional maintenance options & retrofitting costs are being researched. Bob McCoy is evaluating other contractors who do bridges as well as making other comparisons such as who maintains them. Questions of whether overall costs will be compared, how will payment be made & cost to each member will be reviewed. Part of the objective will be to have a backup plan & be able to go to the membership. Dawn asked how the Board would like the information; reports, minutes? The goal is four to five meetings. We need to be able to go to the membership for direction & whether to have the County do initial studies.
- It was generally voiced that we can't raise dues until the bridge information is provided.
- Dave Paly suggested a door-to-door approach to educate people about bridge options.
- Does the Committee feel they have adequate direction from the Board? It was felt that bridge information should first go to the Committee. Current maintenance, however, would remain separate under the direction of the Board along with Hirko's project.
- The Bridge Comm. should determine the membership informational meetings for Board approval.
- BRF – Hirko's recommended BRF reallocation was approved by the Board. He also explained that the committee had been reluctant to take higher risks with investments in case the money was needed in the short term; e.g., if the membership determines that this fund will become part of the maintenance only option, or whether an immediate bridge replacement is determined. Regardless of the direction we need to close the gap between actual vs. goal (estab. '96), but it is unlikely in this market & with our current assessment. Schewe insists there should be a different strategy & investments. He was encouraged to participate on the BRF Comm. The Fund will expire in 2016 & will need to be reevaluated.
- Ted gave an overview of the boundary dispute along the access road. Board members need to email questions for our attorney to clarify any claim to the gap & our potential outcome in court proceedings.

B. Roads

- Rich explained he had received four bids for speed bump painting that should last five years. The fifth option would be using a spray can. Rosendahl offered that he was currently involved with a case where an individual broke a hip tripping on a speed bump so liability could be costly. A motion was made & passed to use the vendor with the lowest bid & proceed with professional painting.
- It was asked if this vendor would also scrape the couple of speed bumps that are causing damage to member's vehicles. It was decided that Ted would let Rich know when the asphalt vendor was here to work on the south abutment of the bridge to scrape these bumps.
- FYI, Maple Dr. around #145 has had some land movement recently.

C. Security:

- The Security Comm. is drafting a response to the member requesting reimbursement for towing charges. The draft will be emailed to the Board this week. Towing charge is estimated at \$198.
- The question was raised whether stickers should be affixed or moveable, & if they should be more noticeable. This was tabled for our next meeting.
- Should visitor stickers be available, or just notify the Manager?

D. Appointments:

- Charlotte asked if there was a member who would fill the Trustee vacancy for the remainder of the year. None volunteered.
- Charlotte will ask Anne Scea if she will chair the Budget Committee.

E. Newsletter/Web

- The newsletter will be sent by the first week of December. BJ will need the information by November 23rd.
- Questions are still being asked about where we archive computer information, should we have a server, etc.
- A member asked how often the web page was used; Charlotte & Jeff thought about 8 hits that week. Usership may not be high.
- Trish asked where the money would come from since redoing the web had not been included in this years' budget. It's likely the few hundred dollars could come from miscellaneous funds.
- Trish expressed concern for the Board to consider what our budget philosophy is about spending money when there has not been a dues increase in six years. It is becoming increasingly alarming to recommend/approve budgets that are not in keeping with the dollars being collected.

F. Parks/Recreation:

Last year it was recommended to assess the dock piling & walkway at South Beach. Gabrielle will get estimates. Trish will review past minutes for contractors used. It was thought Marine Floats.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Burnett, Secretary

