

Little Gasparilla Advisory Board Meeting
Cedar Pointe Park
May 8, 2009
1:00 p.m.

Bob Hill introduced Carey Beychok as the newest approved member of the Advisory Committee and announced that she agreed to act as secretary for the meetings.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Hill, members present were Barry Hurt, Carey Beychok, Carolyn Dupree and Paul Holmes. Rande Ridenour and Don Oleson were not present. Bob announced that Rande Ridenour was leaving the board and he said he had been talking to several people about acting as a replacement for Rande. Bob noted that it would be nice to find someone from the northern end of the island to serve so that all areas of the island could be represented, however there was no such requirement in the bylaws.

Petey Fraser from the Tri Board and John Hetrich from the Hideaway Board were introduced as guests.

Minutes from the last meeting along with notes taken by Carey Beychok would be provided at the June meeting.

Old Business

- Report from Tri Board - The Tri Board drafted a letter to Chief Didio explaining that they were all in agreement that Bob Hill would be their voice so they could move forward. Bob will present the letter to Chief Didio. All members of the Tri Board signed the letter. The Tri Board will be laying out what the island is willing to do and what they are asking the county to do. They want a clear understanding with the county as to what they can do regarding EMS and fire services.
- Midge O'Hara asked that each member submit questions from islanders to be used in the survey including a poll of the condo members. Ron Watson is looking in to two sirens, one for each end of the island, to be used in case of a fire. The total cost would be approximately \$25,000. Ron is looking into grants. The LGIFR Annual meeting is May 23rd. There will be a fundraiser July 4th.
- Barry Hurt passed out a draft of Lessons from a Fire, What Islanders can do Now. He's looking for ideas regarding prevention and what to do if a fire breaks out. Please e-mail suggestions to him at bhurt@tampabay.rr.com
- Midge O'Hara read a report from Janet Stanke regarding a Neighbor to Neighbor program that she is organizing. The group will consist of a member from each of the 8 island districts. She is looking in to a phone tree and Flicker of Life lights. She said that Charlotte County will provide smoke detectors at no charge. She's looking into road signage for the island and will coordinate her efforts with Barry Hurt and Ron Watson
- LGI Zoning Code Overlay - Jie Shao from Charlotte County introduced Roxann Read as our new staff liaison. She said the final draft of the Overlay was now complete and on their website. The ordinance was changed to accept Type 1 home occupations excluding bed and breakfast inns. No Type 2 home occupations will be allowed. Jie gave an overview of the steps involved with

adoption of the overlay and said the process was tied to the comprehensive plan which would be approved early summer of 2010. It was suggested that Jie speak with her boss regarding earlier adoption if we were to cover the additional cost of around \$2,000.

- Barry Hurt made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented currently on the Charlotte County website, the motion was seconded by Carolyn Dupree. There was no further discussion. Bob Hill called for a voice vote as follows: Barry Hurt - aye, Carey Beychok - aye, Bob Hill - aye, Carolyn Dupree - aye, and Paul Holmes - aye. There was a unanimous decision and the motion passed.

New Business

- Michael Anderson gave a report regarding the current fire and EMS service on the island. He reported his address as 8868 Bay Street where he stores and maintains a pump truck with 300 gallon capacity and some basic hand tools. Also available is a large brush truck with an 800 gallon capacity and a small brush truck with a 300 gallon capacity along with various hoses and nozzles which were tested this year. There are two rescue vehicles with the key to the Polaris being kept on the Marine One boat. Michael said there was a great mutual response set up between Sarasota, Englewood and Charlotte counties. He spoke about pumping capacities from the bay and from Hideaway Bay. He said he monitors the radio for 911 calls and keeps a log book for LGI.
- Midge O'Hara said all equipment is listed under the insurance of LGIFR and that another pump was being serviced to be brought back on the island. She thanked Michael for his service but noted that it wasn't a true volunteer fire department.
- Michael stated 4000 gallons of water would be needed to fight a fire.
- Midge O'Hara said Bert Perry's daughter was asking for donations to go to LGIFR.
- Michael Anderson stated he was confident with all departments during the day shifts and would start training in the twilight hours.
- Bob Hill discussed the time line regarding the survey of islanders which was to be done in August and tabulated in September. He read the Implementation of LG Community Plan and said we needed to determine which items to address next.
- Discussion was held regarding trash and it was noted that Hammerhead Hauling as well as the various hardware stores carried burn barrels. Chief Didio is to visit the island June 1st to check the burn situation and determine whether the no burn ban will stay in effect. The possibility of having Mike Anderson standby when someone wanted to burn could be a fundraiser for LGIFR. It was mentioned that a chipper would be beneficial for the yard waste.
- It was discussed that by State Health Dept. rules, septic tanks in Charlotte County will need to be pumped and certified once every five years and if they are faulty they will need to be serviced or replaced. Environmental Services in Englewood does inspections for \$350.
- Paul Holmes asked if the homes on the gulf had been condemned, it was said that the building dept. has to become involved.

Comments -

- Bob Hill asked about having Missy Christie give a turtle update at a future meeting.
- Bob Hill will inquire about the septic tanks leaking on the beach.

- Bob Hill thanked everyone for their work on the Zoning Overlay especially Chuck and Tom.
- The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held June 12th at 1 p.m. at Cedar Point Park.
- Jie Shao said the County would like public comments regarding the draft of the Comp Plan which is on their website.
- The next Tri Board meeting will be held June 10th at 4:30 p.m. at Placida Beach Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.