

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors
Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 1PM
MINUTES

PRESENT: Hank Killion (Chair), Russ Kulp, David Kelly, Stephen Froggatt,
Sam Besase, Patti Cowin and Peter Traverso

Management: Claudette Romano, Lead Administrator

Members Attending: Pattie Aho, Donna Stogsdill, Sandy Joliff, Karen Harvey,
Linda Miller, B. Miller, J. Amabile, C. DeLuca, Steve & Susan Superak, Sue Killion,
Sara & Randy Spencer, Jerry Eldred, David Pulaski, Louise Kirsh, Allyson Eakin,
Tracey Kerr, Mary Ward, Nick Kotzales, Pamela Jacques, Ruth Ann Brown, John &
Barb Peszko, Doc Coombs, Diane & Dave McGrath, Bob & Linda Bondeson

Pledge of Allegiance to The United States of America

Approval of Minutes:

Board of Directors Meeting – October 17, 2019

Board of Directors Pre-Agenda Meeting – November 14, 2019

Members Input from Agenda:

Treasurer's Report: Hank Killion (Chair)

Money on Hand \$1,477,503; Year-to-Date is Favorable - \$114,949.54.

Manager's Report: Scott Feldkamp (Manager)

Some of the things the RWA Board of Directors accomplished in 2019

For the 3rd year in a row, significantly reduced accounts receivable, fully funded RWA Reserves, increased income and kept expenses under budget. Completed seven (7) full mowing cycles in 2019 (6 in 2017 & 2018; 5 in 2016 & 2017.

Produced live-streaming video events (24 scheduled for 2020); Digitalized the WestWays Magazine; Installed new benches and picnic tables at Broadmoor Park; Added 1.5 miles of ADA Compliant walking paths for a total of 3.85 miles;

Upgraded the computer server system & seven (7) work stations; Upgraded the security system (32 camera's) plus fire and motion alarm alerts system; Upgraded (on-going) Property Management software (Caliber); Cleared 400 more unimproved lots of invasive plant species; Upgraded the Landscaping at each of the entrances, parks and Gazebo Island; Removed 27 dumpsters worth of debris and trash from vacant lots; Foreclosed on 19 properties, took possession and sold four (4), negotiated 15; Completed the boat-ramp project and marina repair projects; Installed a new fountain & continued the shoreline rehabilitation projects; Installed an automatic handicapped door and defibrillator at the Community Center.

Held 240+ functions (which translates to about 7,200 visitors) in the Community Center. There are currently about 110 homes at some stage of construction inside the circle.

Merry Christmas, Scott Feldkamp, Manager, Rotonda West

The elephant in the room. The inaccurate, Facebook postings are hurting your community. Real Estate Brokers have a hard time explaining them. You know who you are. You need to stop it. You need to tell your friends to stop it. You are decreasing your own property values, believe it.

Committee Reports

Election: Peter Traverso (Chair)

Director Traverso moved the Board to appoint the *attached* 24 Volunteers as Temporary Election Committee members to aid in the 2019 Election process. 2nd by Director Froggatt. Motion carried unanimously. (List of names Attached)

Administration/Personnel: Hank Killion (Chair)

Did Not Meet – will meet soon

Activities: Andy VanScyoc (Chair) Donna Stogsdill

Two items were presented: (1) Cribbage Peggers switching day to Wednesday; 2) Annual Clubhouse Condominium Association, Inc. Meeting – Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 [9:30am-1:30pm (West Room; Parrot Room)]. In order for them not to incur usage fee, they are switching to Friday, 2/21/2020.

Aquatic/Canal: Stan Plizga (Chair)

The Aquatic Committee did meet, there was discussion about setting up a process and procedure to identify the aquatic life in our canals, lakes and ponds.

Now that our volunteer marine biologist Ron Aho has returned from his northern vacation, with his help and expertise we will develop a program to capture and identify the aquatic wildlife that inhabit our waters. The data from this program will help us determine the quality of the water that is necessary to support a food chain for our larger wildlife of fishes, birds, and animals.

Also, we have set up a trail camera to capture wildlife that may venture into our park after hours. Volunteer David Gusman (owner of the camera) and I are learning how to use the camera with all its options to best capture the images of our wildlife, so far coyotes, opossum, and raccoon. Pictures will be posted as we get better at location selection and camera options.

As you venture within our park you may be caught on our trail camera.

Meeting for November is cancelled.

Budget & Finance: Hank Killion (Chair)

There is no increase in the Dues it remains at \$190.00.

Director Cowin moved the Board to postpone the vote on the 2020 Budget until the December 5th Members Meeting to allow residents time to review and comment on the proposal. 2nd by Director Traverso. Motion failed with Directors Kulp, Kelly, Froggatt, Besase voting in the negative.

Director Besase moved the Board to approve the 2020 Budget. 2nd by Director Froggatt. Motion carried unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds: Russ Kulp (Chair)

Director Kulp moved the Board to spend \$11,600 for Sector Signs. 2nd by Director Besase. Motion carried with Director Cowin voting in the negative.

Community Relations: Andy VanScyoc (Chair) Donna Stogsdill
Gazebo Lighting on November 30th and Christmas Parade, December 7th. We have 63 entries this year.

Compliance: Holly Carr (Violations/Fines) / Richard Duggan (Chair)
There were two appeals – one did not show up.

Deed Restriction Violations - Holly Carr - Administrator
Holly Carr reported she had 21 Violators for Fining. List is attached.

Director Traverso moved the Board to approve all fines. 2nd by Director Besase.
Motion carried unanimously.

Deed Restrictions: Pattie Aho

Discussion ensued on “free standing garages”. Association can grant waivers! No one else.

Director Cowin moved the Board to approve the proposed language to the Deed Restrictions submitted to the Board on Nov. 4, 2019 and to forward the same to the Developer for his review and action. 2nd by Director Killion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Traverso asked the Board to consider adding two (2) additional Directors next year.

Residential Modification:

A breakdown of the 62 RMC applications was given. The Board accepted Dale Jensen’s Resignation as Chairperson and member of the Residential Modification Committee.

Discussion ensued pertaining to appointment of a new Chairman and also approving a new member, Sandy Joliff, until the Board discusses new Chairman.

Director Traverso (Liaison-Election Committee) mentioned he was appointed Chairman of the Election Committee when he returned from vacation. President Killion (Liaison-Residential Modification Committee) will be Chairman when he returns.

Director Traverso discussed Detached Garages and Culverts and Drainage ditches.

Discussion ensued.

Wildlife: Director Cowin (Chair)

Facebook Page: Currently 204 Members. We have been posting meeting Agendas on our FB page and are considering posting our meeting minutes as well.

Open House: Although the attendance at the November 7th Open House seemed a bit lighter than last year, there was more interest in the Wildlife Committee booth and several individuals stopped by and provided positive feedback on our presentations.

Upcoming presentations: Cora Becham – Manatee Presentation, December 11th from 1-3PM;

Sea Turtles – January 15, 2020 – 1PM. The presentation on the 17th has been cancelled due to scheduling conflict. The Committee also approved sponsoring a Shark presentation by Katherine Baumgartner, Ocean Family Games/OCEARCH, For February.

For March – Cari Hale is coordinating the Veterinarian, Dr. Robin, Peach River Wildlife Center, for a presentation on “Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation”.

Old Business: Charlotte County has installed “Sandhill Crane Crossing” signs on Rotonda Circle (in front of the Pinemoor Golf Course) after a request was made by Wildlife Committee member, Cari Hale.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business & Communications:

None

Member’s Input: Non-Agenda Items

Members commented on Volunteers needed; Policy & Procedures, Body Language.

Director’s Input:

Directors commented on Property Values, asked members to come to Committee Meetings, need better communication.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Next Board Meeting:

December 19, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudette Romano

Lead Administrator

Attachments:

Properly noticed Meeting

Sign-In Sheet

Motions

List of Violators