

Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association
Board Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 2005

Board members present: Hoyte Decker, Greg Gause, Trixie Miller, Roger Pool, Tim Spies, and Libby Stiff

Board members absent: Elaine Boyle, Andy Dorosky, Neil Frock, and Fritz Hessemer

Others in attendance: Marcia Maldeis

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM

Minutes---The minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2005, copies of which had been distributed prior to the meeting, were unanimously approved. It was noted that there were no minutes of the January 15, 2005 meeting because there was not a quorum.

Treasurer's Report---Mr. Decker discussed the Treasurer's Report (attached), copies of which had been distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Gause reported that Anne Stellmann paid a \$25 bill for her registration as resident agent for the RBHA. Mr. Decker said that he is now the registered agent and will follow up with the State to ensure that all correspondence comes to him in the future. It was agreed to reimburse Ms. Stellmann.

Committee Reports

Communications---Mr. Pool and Mr. Decker stressed the importance of finding a volunteer to format the Newsletter. However, acknowledging the failure to find a volunteer, it was agreed to hire Elaine Boyle's contact to produce the July Newsletter. For the April issue which will be formatted by Mark Aguirre: Mr. Decker will submit two articles and Mr. Gause one; Ms. Stiff will write articles on the Strategic Plan and a brief update of what is going on in the city; Ms. Miller will prepare synopsis of the minutes and another plea for a volunteer for the Newsletter; and Mr. Spies will write on the appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny the partitioning of 111 Columbia Ave. All articles will be forwarded to Mark Aguirre.

Ordinance---Mr. Decker presented proposed changes to the ordinances and said they have been presented to the mayor for action. (attached).

Events---Dune planting, for which Mr. Hessemer has recruited volunteers, and the June "Thank You Coffee", for which there are no volunteers, were discussed. Pending the enlistment of an Events Chair, Ms. Stiff suggested that the board focus on finishing the Strategic Plan before it takes on the task of the "Thank You Coffee".

Planning Commission---Mr. Spies distributed copies of the letter he wrote for Ms. Stiff's signature in support of the Planning Commission's decision to deny the partitioning of 111 Columbia Ave. He said that the letter would be read into the record at the appeal of the decision on March 28. Ms. Stiff has delivered the letter to the mayor, and Mr. Spies will give copies to the city commissioners.

Old Business

Questionnaire---Mr. Decker noted that eight people had written on specific issues of concern to them. Those eight responses were divided among the board members present for follow up. It was agreed that as part of the follow up each person will be asked to attend the next general membership meeting and join with the RBHA in its work.

Strategic Plan---Fine Tuning and Approval

I. Promote Common Good, General Welfare and Preserve the Quality of Life

In order to help define what the "character of Rehoboth" is, it was agreed to invite Fay Jacobs and Patrick Gossett to a future meeting and solicit their input. Mr. Spies will provide copies of the various studies that have been commissioned over the past two decades.

II. Foster Spirit of the Community

It was agreed to change the Goal: "To become identified as an ***important*** resource for homeowners." It was also agreed to take a few specific actions in 2005 (e.g. adopt a dune, maintain a garden) and to defer the Quality of Life Award to 2006.

III. Provide a Forum for Full and Free Discussion

It was agreed to change the Goal: "To increase the number of members and ***stimulate*** the interest of the membership." It was further agreed to print enough copies of the April newsletter so that copies could be sent to all people who are on the city's mailing list (I A. and B.); create a stand alone document to include with the Newsletter mailing on how to register to vote in the city (I. C.); delete I. D.; and to change 2. C. to: "Inform and encourage members' participation in the implementation process of the CDP."

Website---Mr. Decker asked for input on what the website should contain. It was decided to publish the minutes of meetings on the website and to reduce the amount of material in the synopsis of the minutes in the Newsletters. Ms. Miller asked that the website contain a contact page so that people with questions or concerns can relay them via the website. She also said that we have to determine

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what other websites we want to link to and obtain the approval of those organizations to do so. If the email is working within the next two weeks, it was agreed to send out a notice to members about the dune grass planting.

New Business

It was agreed that the RBHA will join Save Our Lakes 3 (SOLA 3) and at the same time ask that it become a member of the RBHA. Ms. Stiff and Ms. Miller will attend the next SOLA 3 meeting.

Good of the Order

After a discussion of the recent robberies outside of the city limits, Mr. Decker said that Neighborhood Watch had had no reports of similar crimes within the city.

Ms. Stiff asked each board member to contact at least one person and invite them to the next meeting and ask them to serve on the board.

On a motion made by Roger Pool and seconded by Greg Gause, and unanimously approved by the board, Ms. Miller and Mr. Decker will assume responsibility for issuing press notices of upcoming meetings. In the next press release, Ms. Miller will advertise the open board seat recently vacated by Mr. Salin.

Noting the bylaws limitation on the number of meetings that may be missed by a board member, it was agreed that Mr. Decker will talk to Mr. Hessemer.

The April 16 meeting will start at 8:00 AM

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Timothy C. Spies, Recording Secretary