

Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association
Board Meeting
Saturday, April 16, 2005

Board members present: Elaine Boyle, Hoyte Decker, Andy Dorosky, Neil Frock, Greg Gause, Trixie Miller, Roger Pool, and Libby Stiff

Board members absent: Fritz Hessemer

Guests: Sonia Decker, Patrick Gossett, Linda Kauffman, and Marcia Maldeis

The meeting was called to order at 8:07AM

Minutes---The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2005, copies of which had been distributed prior to the meeting, were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report---Mr. Decker presented the Treasurer's Report (attached) and noted that the balance in the checking account as of April 15, 2005 was \$7,848.96.

Committee Reports

Bylaws---Mr. Frock said he would send copies of two bylaws changes out to each board member for review. It was agreed that the changes will be presented at the General Membership Meeting in May.

DelDOT---Ms. Miller reported that the April meeting has been canceled and rescheduled for May. It was noted that Rep. Peter Schwartzkopf has asked for a delay in the permit for the development of the old Ames Department Store property until he and Del DOT can arrange a meeting.

Commissioners' Meeting---Mr. Spies reported that the City Commissioners upheld the Planning Commission's decision to deny the partitioning of 111 Columbia Ave.

Communications---Mr. Spies said he would send a summary of the Commissioners' meeting (above) to Mr. Aguirre for formatting. Mr. Decker reviewed that status of the website.

Old Business

Strategic Plan---Ms. Stiff will mail the draft of the plan to the board members. It was agreed to present the plan at the May General Membership meeting and to have the members attending the meeting vote on the order of priorities contained in the draft. As members suggest priorities, they will be asked to serve on the committees which address the issues.

New Business

Mr. Decker presented a list of people who will be asked to help define the character of Rehoboth. He asked for more names from the board members. Ms. Miller suggested having a panel discussion among the people who respond the letter. She asked that the idea be presented at the May meeting.

It was agreed to remind the members attending the May meeting of open board seats.

Ms. Stiff reported that the RBHA has joined SOLA at the Plover level and that she has contacted one of SOLA's board members to see if she may want to serve on the RBHA board.

Noting Mr. Hessemer's frequent absences from the board meetings, as well as his active participation in the community, it was agreed that he be asked to resign in exchange for serving on one of the committees.

Ms. Kauffman made a brief presentation to the board. She stated that she is the director of the Allentown (PA) Parking Authority, but expects to become a full time resident of Rehoboth within the next fifteen months.

On a motion made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Boyle, the members of the board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Kauffman to fill the remainder of the term of Jack Salin who recently resigned from the board.

On a motion made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Boyle, all members of the board approved sending \$50 to the West Side Youth Program for the purpose of sending a child to camp.

Mr. Gossett, speaking as a commissioner of the city of Rehoboth Beach, presented his proposal of changes to the city's zoning code:

- 1) reducing the floor to area ratio (FAR) in residential districts from .7 to .6;
- 2) reducing the FAR in commercial areas from 2.84 to 2.0; and
- 3) requiring 5000 square feet of land per residential unit built in a commercial zone.

He stated that the public hearing will be held on May 16 and asked for the support of the RBHA.

Mr. Gossett reported that the consultant hired to implement the CDP will hold neighborhood meetings to help define the character of the neighborhood(s). He asked that

the RBHA start with the definitions of the five neighborhoods, as well as the overarching definition of the character of the city as set forth in the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance. He then discussed the replacement of the Gerar Lake bridge and stated that the Aesthetics' Committee will be addressing the design of the bridge and pedestrian paths.

Finally, he stressed the importance to the commissioners of positive feedback even if it is just an email via the city's email system.

(Mr. Dorosky entered at 8:58AM. Mr. Pool entered at about the same time.)

A discussion of the monitoring of the city's email, as well as the reasons for the delay in the beach replenishment, followed.

(Mr. Gossett left the meeting at 9:10AM)

Ms Maldeis reported on the response to the Freedom Of Information Act complaint against the Board of Adjustments made by Stan Mills. She said that the Attorney General's office has required the Board of Adjustment to address, once again at a public meeting, the placement of placards containing public notice on lands subject to review by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Timothy C. Spies, Recording Secretary