Lido Beach Residents Association General Meeting – November 2019

Carl Shoffstall called the meeting to order at 10:05. He thanked The Sandcastle and Ocean Properties for the meeting space, introduced board members and reminded residents that there would be a business meeting following the program. He then introduced this month's speakers.

Program

Jerry Fogel-Director of City Parks Department

Jerry Fogel presented an update on the Lido Pavilion. The pavilion kitchen had a detailed cleaning last week and will be painted this week. The renovation scheduled is as follows:

- Hood system 1st week in December
- Aluminum roof 1st week in December
- Patio's and walkways 1st week in December
- All new furniture January
- Paint building end of January
- Landscaping end of January
- Shade structure bidding soon-anticipate completion end of March or April
- Concessions March
- Restrooms November or December

The city is budgeting the project at \$500,000 (from the 1.1 million reserved for Lido Beach). This will provide for upkeep and maintenance needs.

Jerry passed around pictures of properties that have been renovated by the parks department. These are parks that the county handed over to the city to renovate and will now need to maintain. These projects can be viewed at letsplaysarasota.com.

Laszlo Bevardi - Chef and owner of Salute (considered for Lido Pavilion Concessionaire)

Laszio introduced his family and plans for the Lido Beach Pavilion. He plans to keep a beach flair with a quality restaurant. He assured the members he would still have lobster rolls as well as healthy, vegan and low cost offering for the community. He also wants to bring community events and live entertainment to the beach. The city should be making the final decision very soon.

John Havarious-Lido Beach Resort

John informed us that he hopes to reopen the 8th floor before the Holidays. The new restaurant, named The Drift, will be a pasta/seafood restaurant. A stone pizza oven has just been installed. Renderings of the changes can be viewed at lidobeachresort.com.

Sergeant Stafford & Officer Gleason-Sarasota Police Department

Sergeant Stafford reported that last month there were a series of home burglaries over three days on lido beach. These occurred until the police, with assistance from residents, arrested a man and woman who were living in an unoccupied, unlocked house with a bulldog. It was discovered that the dog had been stolen two years earlier. The dog did have a chip and the officers were able to locate the owner and reunite dog and owner.

Presidents Report (Carl)

Carl referred the group to a flier with important dates and locations. In January 11 we again be holding our meetings at the Lido Beach Resort 8th floor. The annual breakfast meeting will be held in February this year. Carl also informed us that the roundabout on Fruitville Road and 41 will begin on Sunday and end in 2020.;

<u>Treasurers Report (Joyce Waterbury)</u>

In Joyce's absence Carl reported a balance of \$12,323.15in our regular account and \$7,330.06 in the legal account.

Secretary report (Kathy Kussy)

The election process will remain the same with the call for candidates in January and the election in February. Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact Kathy or any board member.

Program Report (Beth)

The following programs are scheduled for this year:

January 11 (2nd Saturday) – Steve Cover – City of Sarasota Planning Director

February 15 – 9:00 Breakfast, 10:00-Jeff Lahurd – Sarasota Historian

March 21- City Commissioner forum

April 11 (2nd Saturday) – Possible presentation by the Army Corps on beach re-nourishment

If you have any recommendations for a future program, please let Carl or a board member know.

Social Committee Report (Kathy)

Meet and Greet events are once again the 2nd Tuesday of each Month starting at 5:00 at the Lido Beach Holiday Inn (Dec 10, Jan 10, Feb 11, March 10, April 14, May 12). Anyone living on Lido Beach (owners or renters) are invited.

Beach Update (Paul/Jay)

Jay announced the Ocean Properties Challenge. During the month of November all donations will be matched by Ocean Properties. This is a great opportunity for contributing to our very needy legal fund. With the match and the new 501(c) (3) charitable organization designation in place, we are hoping that you will be able to contribute.

To contribute:

Make a check out to Lido Key Residents Association and put LEGAL FUND in memo. Give to a board member or mail to: Lido Key Residents Association

PO Box 884

Sarasota, FL 34230

Or

Go to www.LKRA.org/donate. Click on button under "Donate Here"

Your donation is fully tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for each donation for your records. PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE AT THIS TIME.

Volunteer Committee (Camille)

Camille announced that we are currently looking for a volunteer project and members for this committee. The committee will again be planning a party at the Ritz, and a Black Tuesday Event at the Lido Beach Resort. Please, if you are able to volunteer, contact Camille.

Membership (Heid)

Heidi announce that we currently have 859 members.

Newsletter (Bruce):

The Newsletter went out in October

Website (Jessie):

The website has been updated. Visit at www.lkra.org.

Old Business

The City Tree Mitigation Program will be rolling out soon. If you are interest in getting a 10 to 12 -foot tree contact Lou Costa.

New Business

Scott Ashby gave a report on the city of Sarasota Short-Term Rental Quick Study

The city has grandfathered rights to regulate short-term rentals in residential single-family zoned neighborhoods. By code, a household cannot take rentals for less than 168 hours plus 1 or 24 hours X7 -essentially 1 week. There are 9 inspectors in the Code Compliance Department covering a wide variety of code infractions. Brandon Soriano handles most of the short-term rental situations. If you have a problem, call Brandon directly at 941-263-6614. If you have a noise or disturbance call the police.

At the state level there is a strong expectation that several bills will be introduced in the next Florida State Legislative Session that will eliminate the grandfather provisions of previous bills and **preempt ALL cities and counties from regulating short term rentals.**

For more information go to floridaleagueofcities.com, click on 3 bars in upper left -hand corner, click on Advocacy, click on Issues, scroll down and click on short term rentals, and click on learn more. For a more detailed explanation, contact Casey Cook, Legislative Advocate at the League Tallahassee office at 850-701-3609.

If you are concerned about losing local control on short term rentals reach out to our state representatives. Senator Joe Gruters-District 23-941-378-6309, gruters.joe.web@flsenate.gov
Representative William Cloud "Will" Robinson-District 71-941-708-4968-Will.Robinson@myfloridahouse.gov

For a narrative on what is happening in general with this issue around the country visit airbnbwatch.org.