**CGPOA Board of Directors Meeting**

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**Meeting was held via Zoom due to Corona Virus Restrictions**

Meeting called to order by President,Kathy Neimann, at 7:03 PM.

**Roll call:**

Attending- President, Kathy Neimann,   Recording Secretary Cindy Dresow, Corresponding Secretary Ken Kurdziel, Directors Mary Bell,

David Dornseif, and Leigh Anne Schuler,

Absent: Treasurer Andrew Daly,

Greg Daniels, and

Ihor Raniuk.

Guest: Richard Schugar from Sawyer Drive,

Richard was welcomed and invited to ask any questions; he only wanted to attend the meeting.

**Minutes & Treasurer Report:**

March Board Meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report had been given to Kathy by Treasurer Andrew Daly.  Current balance is  $ 61,937.70

**Committee Reports:**

Government &Legislationwill be in new and old business.

Building:

Soon, Kathy will send a " Welcome to the neighborhood" letter to the new owners, telling them that their carport is an illegal structure, unless it is attached to the house.   We will ask them to please attach it, to be in compliance.

Bill Bickley’s property at 20969 5th Ave. W has two cars without current license tags, and a sailboat which sometimes has people living aboard.  The house has an additional entrance door, making it appear to be a duplex.

All violations have been reported.  Monroe County Code Enforcement has visited the property and sent three letters to Bill.

Two new homes are under construction, one on 8th Ave. W, another near the marina.

Kathy reported that the Cudjoe Gardens restaurant owner intends to build a tiki next to the restaurant.  Kathy told him that setbacks should be observed, and that the new structure should be attached.

Program & Entertainment:

Next month we should be able to resume social gatherings at Happy Hours.  Most residents will have received both vaccinations.  We need someone to organize.  Mary will approach Stacey to see if she’d be interested in setting up our events.  Some of our newer residents may want to help out.

Jo Socha has told us that she’d like to host a Happy Hour at Socha’s back yard when we agree it is safe.

Before the pandemic, our Happy Hours were held on the third Thursday of each month; we’d moved the start time to 6PM to accommodate  working people.

Membership:

Every e-minder should include an invitation to renew membership or join CGPOA.

Newsletter:

Ken Kurdziel sent all board members a report on the No Wake Zones in our canals, expecting us to approve it for the e-minder.  We did not realize he was waiting for our approval, so the article was not posted in the April e-minder.  It will be in the May e-minder.

**New Business**:

Cindy Dresow asked for and received approval for Hana Jacob’s suggestion of  a new monthly article titled “IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK”.   Each month a homeowner could submit the story of their house…..why that style, why that location, changes that were made, or who the previous owners were.  Newsy items that happened in the years the house has been here.    Cindy agreed to coordinate that column for our e-minders.

**Old Business:**

Our entrance sign - Mary heard from Signs Unlimited that the permit has been completed; they are waiting to receive it.   No date has been set for start of construction.  Cindy reminded all that the bromeliads will need to be removed and protected during construction.  Mary said she will be there when construction begins.  Ken offered to help Mary with preserving the plants.

Possible workforce housing on marina property - No plans have been received from Christina Lark about the project.  No duplexes should be allowed.

No Wake Zones - Neither Greg or Andrew were present to report their findings from FWC .  By law, we do have “No Wake Zones”.  The best signs would  include the code indicating that No Wake is a law.  Ideally, signs should be posted at the entrance of each canal system.

Derelict boat on Pattison Dr. is on a licensed trailer.  The owner plans to salvage the boat; it will be gone soon.

Deed restrictions are county ordinance.

Purging of CGPOA records - Greg has not yet taken the bins to Mary.

Canal overgrowth - David spoke with Andrew, Greg, Rob and Pete, regarding his canal overgrowth at 2nd Ave. W.     Everyone was in agreement to help Pete clear the overgrowth.

Elaine Kendrick reported to Kathy that a big tree in the canal between 8th & 9th Ave. W. is a hazard to navigation.  This should be reported to the County.

KW voted for Safer Cleaner Ships - The state is voting to overrule them.  Florida lost $3.2 billion during the pandemic from closing all it’s cruise ship ports.  Currently Florida is suing the Federal Government to regain cruise ship travel.  If the city and county lose this ruling, the will of the people will have no one to take up their cause.  Arlo & Evan Haskell are leading the Safer Cleaner Ships movement; they grew up at 142 Sawyer Drive.

More ROGO housing - Cudjoe Key is getting  another  24 at one site, plus 42 on another.   New ruling will allow commercial business within this housing.  We are opposed to the increased traffic incurred.  A carefully worded letter will be sent, stating that hurricane evacuation is a huge problem, the increase in traffic will be dangerous; our quality of life will be adversely impacted.

Alliance of the Florida Keys- is a group of HOAs from Marathon to the Lower Keys that watches “takings” carefully.  We’ve been asked to join their group for $10 per month, to be advised of upcoming County matters that affect us . Majority approved.

Cudjoe Gardens signs for Sawyer Dr. and Colson Dr. - Leigh Anne will get permission in writing from the owner of the nursery property.  We will need a long term lease from the owner to display CGPOA signs on his property.

Windshield Decal for CGPOA members has been designed by Leigh Anne.  All agreed it is an attractive design.  Decals need to include the year of membership.

**Discussion**:

Ken picked up the CGPOA sandwich board signs after the community wide yard sales.  Letters had been removed.  Mary & David have the letters.  They will pick up the signs from Ken’s garage, and move the signs and letters to Lisa Ferringo’s residence before they depart next month.  (Lisa and Jason post the signs during Summer months.)

Most Board members have been vaccinated, so we will resume meeting in person.  Next board meeting will be May 10th, and hosted by Leigh Anne on her patio at 21052 First Ave. E.   Ken will host the June meeting.  Kathy will host in July.  We will need to provide telephone conferencing or Zoom for board members that cannot be present.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Dresow

Recording Secretary