**CGPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

September 12, 2022

Location:  Leslye Gartrell’s home 561 Navajo Drive.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by President Kathy Niemann.

**Roll Call:**  President Kathy Niemann, Treasurer Lisa Ferringo, Corresponding Secretary Leigh Anne Schuler, Directors: Andrew Daly via phone, Ken Kurdziel, Jean Mirabal, Greg Daniels, and Leslye Gartrell.

Absent: Vice President: Mary Bell, Director David Dornseif, and Recording Secretary Cindy Dresow

**Introduction of Guests:** Louis and Laura Bruno.

**Treasurer’s report** from Lisa Ferringo: Moved to accept, seconded, and approved. We had total income for the month of $79.94

**Secretary’s report** of August Board Meeting Minutes, moved to accept, seconded, and approved.

**Government & Legislative Committee**:

Ken sent a report which is attached located at the end of these minutes.

**Building:** Letters were written to the two owners for the lots being cleared for new homes that have not been approved. One lot is on Sawyer and one on Pattison.

**Program and Entertainment:**  September Happy Hour to be at Mangrove Mama’s. on Thursday, September 22, 2022. Committee continues working on the Christmas Party. The committee is exploring options as to the location

**Newsletter:**  All is going well.

**Deed Restriction Committee**: Jean gave a presentation on what the committee felt were the issues needing to be addressed in the new restrictions. The board wanted them to look at the issue of sheds and other outbuildings. The committee will meet and consider wording for that issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Investing the CGPOA Money:** As of the meeting, the money has not been invested. The committee was to work on that before the next board meeting.

**Speeding on Drost Drive**:   Kathy to write a letter to the Sherriff Ramsey and Representative Coldiron thanking them for their help.  Greg Daniels is to contract the deputy to come to the next board meeting.

**Parking on Drost Drive’s designated bike lane:** Kathy senta thank you note to the marina.

**Google storage for CGPOA records:**  This has not yet been completed. It is hoped to be completed by the next board meeting.

**"No Wake” buoy:** Two buoys will be ordered by Greg Daniels. One for the newly designated Sawyer Drive canal and one for the main channel. The new buoy on the main channel is missing. Greg and Ken to try to determine why. A motion was made and approved to have a new one purchased. Ken will solder it so it cannot be taken. Ken, Andrew & Greg will provide the placement. Leigh Anne Schuler will place a sticker on the buoys stating they are property of Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners Association.

**Website Redo:** There still seems to be some issues related to how to complete the information to join the association. Leigh Anne will look at that issue.

**Restaurant:** A hearing is set for a liquor license for September 28. (Update: This was postponed because of Hurricane Ian.) The CGPOA will support this with a noise stipulation of 63 decimals measured at 25 feet.

**CGPOA membership has privileges.** Some discussion was held in relation to the CGPOA events that are planned for October, December, January, February, and March.

**New Directory:** It was decided that the directory would be printed after the Annual Meeting to allow current collection of data.

**Code Compliance violation:** No report on this issue

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Walking Path on US1 (The Heritage Trail):** The Heritage Trail will be expanded to the corner of Drost and US1.

**Boxes by the Sheriff’s Office:** The boxes for the Citizen, Barometer and Free Press are not being filled. We are to write a letter to each respectively asking they either fill them with current issues or remove the boxes.

**Letter to FWC (Andrew):** A FWC officer has taken lobsters from the sea walls near Andrew’s house. When approached by Andrew he was told he was allowed to do anything he wanted. Andrew will write a letter to the FWC asking for clarification on the legality of harvesting lobsters off someone’s seawall.

**Annual Meeting:**

Planning Committee: Leigh Anne, Ken, Greg, Lisa, and Leslye have volunteered to serve on the planning committee. They are to determine an appropriate site for hosting the meeting. The new restaurant has been suggested and Kathy is to get in touch with the owners about using it. The committee will also look at the possibility of moving the annual meeting to February and determine if this conflicts with the by-laws. (FOLLOW UP: The by-laws specify the meeting will be held in January.)

Who plans to stay on the board: Ken does not want to stay in his current position and is hesitant to stay on the board. He will let us know. Andrew has offered to take Ken’s role on Government and Legislation.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Niemann

**Government Report**

Government and Legislative Affairs report

Notes from 08/07/22 county commission meeting

Item C1: County approved funding for Overseas Heritage Trail connection at Cudjoe Gardens in the amount of $97,159.20.

Item C8: County approved contract for Overseas Heritage Trail connection at Cudjoe Gardens for construction engineering and inspection services in the amount of $117,658.20

Item C16: Agenda item states “Approval of various resolutions for the transfer of funds and resolutions for the receipt of unanticipated revenue.” I looked at the background presentation to discover the total dollar amount of $5,482,917 being moved. There is almost no information on the cover page. Only 3 people, all within the budget office, created and reviewed this item before going to the commission for bulk approval.

Item C19: County approved re-bid of the construction contract Overseas Heritage Trail connection at Cudjoe Gardens to Toppino & Sons for $535,197.93.

Note: time scheduled for items A – E is 15 minutes.

Item F3 – F7: County approved purchase of 23 lots on Key Largo, Big Pine Key and Marathon. All of the lots were purchased for conservation, except those on Big Pine, which were purchased for conservation or affordable housing. No information about the purchase price was included for the Big Pine properties.

Note: time scheduled for items A1 through E is 10 minutes (this includes an awards presentation).

Item G1: County purchased a property for $460,000 under the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Voluntary Home Buyout Program. All information about what was purchased and who it was purchased from was redacted from the presentation and background material.

Item I1: County is proposed a public hearing for issuing $50,000,000 in bonds for airport revenue bonds.

Item I7: County approved $100,349,259 for airport construction project costs.

Item I8: County approved and additional $5,519,641 for airport construction funded by a line of credit.

Item I9 & 10: County approved issuance of bonds for various costs and capital improvements at the airport. The background package (383 pages) state that no cost to the county.

Item I10: County has taken out a $10,000,000 non-revolving line of credit with PNC bank to finance costs associated with airport expansion.

Item K1: Building permit fees are going up by CPI-U (consumer price index – all urban consumers).

Item P2: County approved $187,950 for hosting the annual SE Florida Regional Climate Change Summit.

Item R2: County administrator is requesting a public hearing for extending a 1 cent sales tax surtax beyond the current 31 Dec 2033 expiration date. The proposal is to extend the tax out to 31 Dec 2048. The extension is desired to service current debt ($55,693,491) and allow for budgeting for major capital replacements.

Item R4: Towing rates for services requested by law enforcement are going up. A basic tow will cost approximately $315 plus $4 per mile and $200 per hour labor (¼ hour increments).

Items R15 & 16: More hearings on solid waste collection rate increases.