Minutes from Board Meeting

held Nov 9, 2008

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Innerarity Island Association, Inc.

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the IIA, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order at 5:05 pm on November 9th at Innerarity Point Fire Station by Ray Moody.

Present:

Ray Moody, Tom Bender, Saundra Drummer, Kip Tinker, Ken Bass, Dick Wetzel and Ramsey Greene

A. Approval of Minutes

Ray Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13th meeting, with Saundra Drummer seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Guest Speaker

Tom Bender introduced Eddie McMillan of the Perdido Presidents Forum. He stated that our area pays 40% of the total amount of property taxes for Escambia County, and the area receives very little in return. Currently, the group has 1300 members, mostly on Perdido Key; however, the group represents the interests of the entire southwest end of Escambia County. Eddie McMillan also is a member on Escambia County's West End Committee, formed earlier this year. Envision Perdido was also formed in 2008, principally to incorporate Perdido Key. There is an ongoing discussion between the groups to merge, to speak for the needs of Southwest Escambia County. The major issues the groups intend to pursue are property taxes, elections, and development in our area of the county. To join the President's Forum, it is $10 per door, or max of $1500 per year. The groups have websites; www.Perdidopresidentsforum.org and www.Envisionperdido.com respectively. Discussion ensued amongst the board with regards to our participation in one or both of these groups. Dick Wetzel asked if the board had the authority to do this. Ray Moody replied that the board did indeed have the authority to join another organization to better represent the members of Innerarity Island. Ray said he thinks it would be good for IIA to join the President's Forum. Saundra Drummer suggested the board send a representative to their meeting prior to a commitment to join is made. This plan was agreed on and the discussion was tabled until further research could be done.

C. Budget Committee

Glen Barbee was not present, but had emailed the financial statements prior to the meeting. Ray Moody covered the treasurer's report in his absence. The board was reminded that the 2009 budget would have a charge of approximately $3600 due to the rollback of the $25.00 dues increase. No roads were paved in 2008, and the road committee has indicated that paving roads every other year is sufficient and more cost effective thus; the 2009 budget will have $35,000 carried forward for paving. Ray Moody also pointed out that we only incurred $177 for legal fees this year, but suggested that the 2009 budget again include $6000 in case of issues due to title transfers and etc. for the causeway. Tom Bender followed up on lien notices. Tom reported Etheridge Property Management has sent notice of lien letters to 24 properties. After the letters were received by owners, only 18 remain delinquent. The road committee requested $200 for materials to perform shoulder repairs. Tom Bender made a motion to approve the funds, Kip Tinker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Gate Committee

Ken Bass gave a report on the gate committee. There was at least one known case of vandalism. The landscaping is to be completed in 2009 after the new sewer line and the (causeway) MSBU are completed.

E. Architectural Control Committee

Dick Wetzel reported on the activities of the Architectural Control Committee. Most projects are moving to a satisfactory completion. Several new violations have come to light. A new non attached structure has been erected at 16310 Innerarity Point Road. Etheridge Property Management has sent a violation letter, but no response to date. The second violation involves the removal of 3 old growth oak trees from 16289 North Shore Drive. Dick Wetzel reviewed the city ordinances with respect to tree removal. Dick Wetzel recommended assessing the owner. At Dick's request Tom Bender read the letter Etheridge Property Management sent to the owner. Ramsey Greene recommended an assessment of $500 per tree for a total of $1,500. After discussion, Dick Wetzel motioned that for any future infractions, the assessment for unauthorized tree removal be set at $500 per tree. Ramsey Greene seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Dick Wetzel said that he recommends the owner in this case be assessed $500 due to all the circumstances. Kip Tinker seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Tom Bender made a report on previous issues attached to the unfinished house on Innerarity Circle. Both Tom Bender and Ken Bass had a conversation with the owner regarding the issues, and most seem to be resolved or are near resolution. Tom and Ken confirmed that the red clay pile is in fact orange sand. Also, the owner said the pilings on the front of the residence will be boxed in, painted, and the driveway completed by the end of December. Tom recommended the board allow the owner reasonable time to finish without any further enforcement action by EPM or the board. Dick Wetzel said that construction has been going on for over three years and he thought allowing another 90-120 days for the owner to complete the outside would be more than reasonable. The board unanimously agreed to allow the owner another 120 days to complete the outside construction.

F. Beautification Committee

Kip Tinker reported the picnic had an attendance of approximately 60 people. The mowing has ceased for the year, and Kip intends to get a bid on greenway maintenance on the mowable greenways from the mowing contractor. As previously reported by the gate committee, the entrance landscaping is on hold. Kip Tinker also reported that several lots have trees that have fallen, and need to be cleared. Etheridge Property Management will be sending letters to

those owners regarding the necessary clean up. Kip will follow up on this. Kip Tinker also reported that the no trespassing signs placed on Red Cedar and Seascape have been defaced and/or destroyed.

G. Causeway Committee

Tom Bender gave the Causeway Committee Report in the absence of Rod Powell. Tom met with both PBS&J and Escambia County Road Engineers with regards to the MSBU on Oct. 29th. They are at the 60% cost estimate for the MSBU. The total estimate is within the target amount. They hope to be at the 90% cost estimate in late December, and should receive bids approximate 60-90 days after that time. Construction should start in May. The county has recommended 25 MPH for the new road. Tom Bender made a motion to lower the speed limits to 25 MPH on all roads on the island, with Kip Tinker seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

H. New Business

Ray Moody discussed the recent vandalism on the island. The suggestion was made to place the signs higher up on the trees. Also, a street light has been installed at the end of Red Cedar. The board was in general agreement that something needs to be done with regards to unauthorized people coming out to the island. The nominating committee recommended the following names to the board for the 2009 and 2010 terms: A.J. Schultheis, Peg Gilmore, Leigh Dawkins, and Dale Boyd.

Members of the Nominating committee are as follows: Ray Moody, Chairman, Tom Bender and Martha Desposito members. The board unanimously approved the nominations of Peg Gilmore, Leigh Dawkins, Dale Boyd, and A.J. Schultheis for the 2009-2010 board.

Tom Bender asked if we needed board approval to collect assessments. The board agreed unanimously to let EPM collect all dues and other assessments made as part of his regular duties.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray Moody, with a second by Ken Bass. Motion unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Attachments:

Minutes submitted by: Ramsey Greene

Approved by: