

## **Palm Island Estates Homeowners Association**

141 Kettle Harbor Drive

Minutes for the August 14, 2023 Board Meeting

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present: Craig Baresel, Linda Cotherman, Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates, Heather Stout and Cori Palmere, Kathy Sickles, Susanne Stubbs, Deb Knighten.

Minutes from the July 10, 2023 board meeting were approved.

**Member Comments: Meryl.** A PayPal donation for the old Station 10 property was sent to the Action Fund. It will be forwarded to BICI.

**Treasurer's Report: Lindsay.** Income \$200 from dues. Expenses: \$902 Most were from re-erecting access signs. \$330 spent on 4<sup>th</sup> of July social. Heather moved to accept the treasure's report as information. Motion passed unanimously.

**Corresponding Secretary: Cori.** Someone emailed PIE to say that the August meeting announcement had the incorrect year (2022).

**Website: Heather.** Community planning page has been added. News blog is a tab by itself. Hot Topics tab added. Discussion about publishing the names of the "Adopt-an-Easement" supporters. Decided best not to publish names but generically thank the volunteers. Will also thank Jason Curtis, Jan & Pete for signs, post & ropes and Kelly for the wooden "PIE" discs on the access signs.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. **Info Central: Susanne.** Details about the next Info Central will come in at the next board meeting on Sept. 11.
- b. **Social: Kathy.** Decided not to do taco boat in Nov. Suggested donating funds go toward Firehouse fundraiser instead. Discussion about putting money into fixing the PIE bulletin Board. Meryl suggested we discuss this next meeting. Heather offered to look into prices of a new small bulletin board.
- c. **Island Watch: Linda.** Only 3 beach access signs left to put up, will be up in next 2 weeks (likely except Access 13). A real path has been cut on Access 8. All easements have been adopted for maintenance. MURT: CC came in with 422K design fee, 2.8 M budget to execute. ROW: owners received letters to remove boulders. We are waiting on Matt Logan (CC PW) and DEP to assess ROW parking spaces to make sure we have enough to comply with permit for beach renourishment.
- d. **Roads and Bridges: Linda.** Bridge paint peeling has been reported. May require a walk through to access areas to address the repainting. Follow up on 11/10. Waiting to hear from County legal

to include iguana removal as part of exotic control. There would be a cost of iguana hunter training. The new golf cart ordinance will be effective Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

- e. **Fire District: Linda.** Looked at the budget. Nothing new to report.
- f. **Community Liaison: Craig.** 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend reporting has not been received. It is expected that info will be included in the quarterly report. Starting immediately, speeding tickets will be issued.
- g. **Scholarship: Heather.** Heather has stepped down as chairperson. Cori is acting chairperson until Jan. It was discussed that the application form and guidelines should be reviewed. A committee of people with a new chairperson will take this up in January. All voted unanimously to raise the award to \$1000.00 per.
- h. **Membership: Cori/Lindsay.** Currently 223 members have renewed.
- i. **Nominating Committee: Deb.** Bio and pictures have been received from 2 new potential board members, Amy McCully and Kelly Lube. PIE will put out notice for board volunteers in Sept-Oct, but have never gotten a response in the past. At the December meeting the Board will vote on size of Board for 2024 (9 or 11 members)

### **Old Business**

**Community planning:** R&B Advisory Committee met with CC Community Development rep. She was not familiar with the Island Community Plan and basically said that the County has not got the personnel to go through a planning process with the Island property owners. They would have to hire a firm to do this. Committee members asked if the County could provide enough support to walk the Island through an update of the old plan. They will get back to us at the next R&B meeting.

**Old Station 10 property fundraising:** Linda recused herself from this topic. There was concern that the suggested \$5,000 was too much and that \$2,000 more reasonable. Suzanne made a motion to contribute \$5,000 to BICI's effort to buy the property. Motion carried with one no vote.

**Mission Statement:** Deb brought up idea of changing PIE's mission statement. Meryl clarified that the mission statement cannot be changed as it is part of the Articles of Incorporation. However, the discussion focused on a brief summary statement for the public. There also is some confusion between the former deed-restricted development "Palm Island Estates" and PIE, the voluntary organization. Deb agreed to work on a "branding" statement to help with this clarification.

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

The next Board Meeting is September 11, 2023.

Cori Palmere, Recording Secretary

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