

Palm Island Estates Homeowners Assoc.  
8/9/21 Board Meeting

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:02. A quorum was met with the following board members present: Meryl Schaffer, Linda Cotheman, Craig Baresel, Sally Johnson, Candy Cohen and Cori Palmere. Absent: Pat Gordon, Theresa Blanco, Heather Stout, and Lindsay Yates.

**Minutes of June 14 Meeting** – Linda moved to approve the minutes as provided. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Craig moved to approve the treasurer's report as provided. Passed unanimously. Action Fund balance around \$34K.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Not much to report. Linda shared one person asked for a house number, which has been ordered and she picks it up next week.

**Website Update:** Meryl updated sewer / utilities page with the latest info and proposed rates and charges. The timeline is also updated. Sally complimented the work done on the most recent response and Meryl indicated it was a team effort.

**Committee Reports:**

**Action Committee** – The committee is researching and writing up arguments for the attorney opposing EU. EU proposes that PIE accept the "need for service" argument of Charlotte County Master Plan to eliminate the need to argue this point. There is a 7-day timeline to respond. No hearings are scheduled at this point and the PSC is looking for a physical venue in the county to hold the hearing. The Action Committee is also looking for experts to provide testimony on water quality and financials. Meryl is speaking with a forensic accounting expert from the Miami area (\$5K retainer) who has sent a letter of engagement. Sheri Fiske Schultz of Fiske & Company. She will review rates, charges and whatever other financials we will need to request in discovery; review FMV of any collateral, proposed rates, etc. Motions just arrived this afternoon so our 7-day clock has started. If anyone wants further details, call Linda or Theresa directly.

**Fundraising Committee** – The fundraising is approaching \$30K.

**Roads & Bridges Committee** – Linda reported the next meeting is August 18th 9:30. The county will be scheduling clearing of the intersections for line of sight. They are working on getting a speed sign out here, but the speed tubes have not yet moved forward.

**Fire Advisory Committee** – Candy reported from the 7/30 Advisory Board meeting that Chief Fair is agreeable to speak at an Info Central Meeting September/October around the time of the new firehouse completion. Candy will send email to introduce Sally and Todd Dunn, the Fire Advisory Board liaison. There was discussion of the disposition of the old firehouse. As no county Real Estate representative was available, the administrator shared it was likely to be placed into surplus. We discussed meeting with Hector Flores and his team to discuss possibilities for disposition. Meryl is also willing to meet with Bill Truex to take a top-down approach to addressing options. Meryl is also wondering what the county might be willing to do to support island-oriented groups.

**Utilities Committee** – Craig reported there is nothing to report. The County is running way behind in the master plan.

**Membership Committee** – Cori reported that Lindsay reported not much happening on the island as not much is for sale. She will get the information together for next month.

**Beautification Committee** – The Conservancy is hosting an Octoberfest event the 23rd of October so the Island Cleanup/BBQ may get moved to the beginning of November.

**Social Committee** –Meryl wants to prepare a calendar as it's easier to plan and cancel if needed than to start from scratch. The New Year's Parade is the top event, SantaCon, the Cleanup and Cookout, Street Dance and Movie under the Stars. A committee member is needed to chair each event and coordinate a group of volunteers. (Don't everyone volunteer at once.) (For volunteers, Suzanne Stubbs and her daughter Hannah attended the June meeting and expressed interest in helping.) Schedule for discussion is:

October	The Great Outdoors CleanUp & Cookout (Pat Gordon)
December	SantaCon Parade & Donation Drive (TBD)
January	New Year's Day Golf Cart Parade (TBD)
February	The Street Dance (TBD)
April	Movie Under the Stars (Heather Stout)

**No Reports for Info Central, Administration and Scholarship until September meeting.**

**New Business:**

Linda raised the possibility of a Neighborhood Watch. Discussion with Craig continued including of our relatively quiet July 4<sup>th</sup>. Kids will be kids and when the Deputy typically leaves the island they do stuff. The plan is to invite Deputy Billy to a PIE meeting September/October to discuss how they are handling calls/crime.

The next Board Meeting is September 13, 2021. Meeting adjourned 6:02.

Candy Cohen  
substituting for  
Pat Gordon, Secretary