

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 2:00PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Patricia Aho, David Kelly, Patti Cowin, Sam Besase, and (via zoom) Diane Shaw, Jerry Eldred

ABSENT: Stephan Froggatt

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Members: Joe Harris, Deb Orchard, John & Barb Peszko, Gwen Grace Les Goodman, Loni Kiedrowski, Randy Kelley, Joe Amabile (via zoom) Annette Casteel, Bob Bondeson, Greg Banks, Linda Zielke, Kent & Bonnie Anselment, Holly Carr, Jack Metz, Linda Bondeson, Ray Smith, Becky Fennessey, nancy schwechel, Mauren K, iPhone, Senior Frog, Johna Donahue

The Meeting was called to order by President Aho at 2:00 PM. The meeting was properly noticed, and a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was said.

Director Cowin moved the Board to approve both Meeting Minutes for the 14 October 2021 BOD Meeting and the BOD & Deed Restrictions Workshop Minutes. Motion 2nd by Director Eldred. Motion Unanimously Approved.

MEMBERS INPUT (Agenda Items)

Mr. Joe Amabile spoke to show his support for Mr. Frank Warren and asked to Board to approve his nomination to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Ms. Loni Kiedrowski addressed the Board regarding the misinformation that is being spread throughout the community regarding the possible changes of Section 22 of the Deed Restrictions. Ms. Kiedrowski provided clarification to the proposed changes to Section 22. Ms. Kiedrowski also mentioned that anyone opposed to these proposed changes to please attend the monthly Deed Restriction Committee meetings so their voices and opinions can be heard as well as being properly informed to what the proposed changes to Section 22 are instead of being misled by FaceBook comments and misinterpretations of what the Deed Restriction Committee is trying to accomplish.

Ms. Linda Zielke asked for clarification of the proposed changes to Sections 22 & 23 of the Deed Restrictions. Specifically, to the last sentence regarding garden flags that reads political and commercial images or phrasing are not allowed. Ms. Zielke also asked the Board to consider not spending more time and money on attorney and consulting fees to change the deed restrictions in her opinion the deed restrictions are fine the way they are and that any gray areas that arise can be dealt with on an individual basis.

Ms. Linda Miller asked for clarification to the proposed changes as well. Specifically referring to holidays. Ms. Miller also stated her concerns of how the Building & Grounds Committee handled adding Mr. Frank Warren to the committee member. Ms. Miller also mentioned the so called "Windfall" mentioned in the Treasure's report and does not feel that our annual assessments should be reduced.

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES & CONTRACTORS REPORT

President's Update:

President Aho noted updates:

President Aho announced that the developer has notified the RWA that as of November 15, 2021, the RWA will be responsible for the invoicing for new construction builds that come within the circle. This means that there will be a new process to the clean site program. Currently this process goes through the developer. Effective November 15, 2021, this process will now be done through the RWA administration office. President Aho asked that discussion on this issue be placed on the agenda for the next BOD meeting.

President Aho announced a reminder for the Annual Meeting, for people who wish to present reports and photos of what your committees have done to please be sure to turn your photos in to Joe Harris and your reports to Annette Casteel by the deadline of November 19, 2021, so they are able to include them in the slideshow for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Director Besase

Director Besase provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

Director Besase recommended a \$10 reduction in the RWA annual assessment (2 windfall events in August/September 2021).

- Director Besase made a Motion to approve a transfer of \$200,000.00 from RWA Operations CDAR Accounts to the RWA Reserve CDAR Accounts. Director Eldred 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Manager's Report: Derrick Hedges, Manager

Manager Hedges provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

Deed Restrictions Violations: Holly Carr, Administrator

No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee – Deb Orchard (Chair)

Ms. Orchard provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

- Director Cowin made a Motion to approve the funds for the repair and rebuilding of (4) reindeer for Santa's sleigh for plywood and exterior painting for \$270.00. Director Besase 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Director Cowin made a Motion to approve the memorial plaque honoring Gary Gullotta Jr. to mount on the sleigh that he designed and built. Director Besase 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Administration/Personnel – President Aho (Chair)

No Report.

Aquatic Committee – Stan Plizga (Chair)

No Report.

Budget & Finance Committee – Wayne Legris (Chair)

No Report.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Besase (Chair)

Director Besase provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

- Director Besase made a Motion to approve the recommendation of the replacement of 1 member of the RWA B&G Committee. This replacement person for RWA BOD approval is Mr. Frank Warren. Director Kelly, Director Eldred, Director Shaw & Director Cowin 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Communications – Karen Harvey (Chair)

No Report.

Compliance – Barb Peszko (Vice-Chair)

No Report.

Deed Restriction – Les Goodman (Chair)

No Report.

Election Committee – President Aho (Chair)

No Report.

Residential Modifications Committee – Barb Peszko (Chair)

No Report.

Wildlife Committee – Cari Hale (Chair)

No Report.

Holiday Decorating Subcommittee – Karen Harvey (Chair)

Ms. Harvey provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

- Director Cowin made a Motion to approve the request for the \$1024.00 to be spent for the 2021 Holiday Decorations. Director Besase and Director Shaw 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS – President Aho

President Aho presented 2 applications for use of a common areas.

- Application #1 is for the Activities Committee Music in the Park Event on January 27, 2022, from 5pm – 6:30pm. Director Cowin made a Motion to approve the Music in the Park Event on January 27, 2022, from 5pm – 6:30pm. Director Besase 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Application #2 is for a Celebration of Life Event Private Function on November 13, 2021, from 1pm – 3pm. Director Cowin made a Motion to approve the Celebration of Life Event Private Function. Director Eldred 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

MEMBERS INPUT (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

RESPONSE TO MEMBERS INPUT

President Aho thanked the members that requested further clarification to the proposed changes on the Deed Restrictions. President Aho stated that they will take a closer look at the proposed changes for further clarification.

DIRECTOR INPUT

President Aho opened discussion for Director Input.

Director Besase recommended a \$10 reduction in the RWA annual assessment (2 windfall events in August/September 2021).

President Aho disagreed with Treasurer Besase that the amounts should be characterized as “windfalls” and that it was a justification to reduce the HOA assessment amount.

Director Kelly commented on the sign issue and stated that the Committee and the Board are still looking into clarification of the proposed changes. Director Kelly also stated that he would like everyone to be able to celebrate the holidays and their decorations but cautions members to not let things get out of hand.

Director Shaw cautioned people about some of the things that are being said as well as being presented on FaceBook that are unsubstantiated claims and that many of them are absolutely

false. Director Shaw cautioned again that as members read these claims to please check them out for yourself and verify that the claims are substantiated by proof.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Next Board Meeting: 11 November 2021, 2PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Casteel,
Minutes Clerk/Admin. Assistant
Attachments:
Agenda
Minutes
Reports