

**Rotonda West Association, Inc.**  
**646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947**  
**Deed Restrictions Subcommittee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2022**

Call to Order: The February 23, 2022, DRSC meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Present: Les Goodman, Loni Kiedrowski, Patricia Aho, Brian Armen, Barry Kean, Harley Effertz,

Staff: Holly Carr, Derrick Hedges, Joe Harris

Members: John Stem, Randy Keller, Patti Cowin, Phil White

Zoom attendees: Bryan Cordell, Nancy Schwechel, Pat Luscombe, Astrid DiMattia, Jim Bertan, Bill Mosteller, Matt Beltowski

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were approved following a motion by Ms. Kiedrowski, seconded by Mr. Armen and a unanimous subcommittee approval vote.

Old Business

*Class B Recreational Vehicle in Driveway*

The request of a member to change the deed restrictions to allow class B RVs to park in a driveway is still under consideration and being reviewed by legal counsel.

New Business

*Flags- Freestanding and Attached to a House*

The subcommittee members discussed the possibility of deed restrictions for displaying flags on a lot/tract following requests to do so from several members. Members are concerned that the recent recommended sign restrictions address political signs but not political flags and some members have concerns of the violation letters they have received for hanging flags from their houses. The recent recommended changes to the deed restrictions and sign guidelines applies to garden flags only.

The subcommittee members reviewed and discussed the requirements in Florida statute 720 regarding flags and agreed it is a good starting point. The statute allows two freestanding flags, one US flag or Florida state flag and one armed services flag or a POW/MIA flag. It also allows two flags to be displayed on a flagpole, one US flag and one of the following flags – a Florida state flag, or an armed services flag or a POW/MIA flag.

Barry Kean said flags and banners should fall under the same restrictions as for signs and no political flags should be displayed outside of election time.

Loni Kiedrowski stated political flags displayed all year are an issue and she has no problem with college or sports team flags.

Brian Armen mentioned that a flag on a pole is a flag, if something similar to a flag is attached to a house it becomes a banner.

Patricia Aho said adopting restrictions using the flag language from statute 720 draws the line and is easily addressed by our compliance staff. Bedsheets with painted words should not be allowed.

All subcommittee members were asked to submit their ideas and concerns to the chair to be consolidated for further discussion at the next meeting.

#### Member Input

Patti Cowin – requested clarification of flags attached to a house. She recommends flags other than those described in statute 720 should fall under the sign restrictions and asked if Christmas banners would be allowed. She also recommends any new flag restrictions should be inline with flags allowed in 720.

Brian Cordell – has concerns with the improper display of US flags. He recommends any new flag restrictions reference the federal protocols for the proper display of US and state flags.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM

Next Meeting: March 23, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

Les Goodman  
DRSC Chair