

Rotonda West Association, Inc.
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947
Dead Restrictions Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order July 28, 2021, at 9:00 AM

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

Staff: Holly Carr, Joe Harris

Guests: Randy Keller, Sam Besase, Jerry Eldred

Zoom guests: Kent & Bonnie Anselment, Linda Zielke, A. DiMattia, Nancy Schwechel, Pat Luscombe

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

Old Business: Signs

Mr. Goodman initiated a review of the pertinent documents regarding signs from the Charlotte County Code of Ordinances (CCCoO's) and the RWA records. He read specific sections from the RWA Deed Restrictions (DR's) §22, CCCoO's §3-9-85, RWA sign guidelines and RWA sign approval form. He recommended using the wording from §3-9-85, specifically the definition of a sign. Since the CCCoO's must be followed by all RWA residents we should incorporate the sign definition into our DR's. The committee agreed and MR. Kean advised us to keep it as simple as possible. The sign definition should assist the RWA in differentiating a sign from holiday decorations.

The section of the CCCoO's regarding political signs was discussed. Mr. Armen said the RWA DR's for political signs is different from the CCCoO's in regard to the length of time a political sign may be displayed. Ms. Aho said the RWA political sign DR's were intended to apply to RWA elections and not federal, state or local elections and the

difference is acceptable. She also said we should include this distinction as part of our sign recommendations. Following a discussion of the RWA sign guidelines and approval form, the committee agreed to recommend we identify signs requiring approval and those which may not need approval.

The committee discussed the difficulty in identifying all the various holidays and decided to stay with addressing signs with a proper definition which should be sufficient to differentiate a sign from a holiday decoration.

Ms. Aho reminded the committee that both the RWA and CCCoO's define free standing signs as temporary, and we should consider stating a timeframe for displaying a sign.

The committee agreed to prepare their individual comments and recommendations prior to the next meeting. The committee input will be reviewed during the meeting and then we can begin to prepare a draft of recommended changes to DR's §22.

The committee agreed to hold a special DRC meeting to be held on August 11, at 9:00 AM to move forward with the sign issue.

New Business: Ms. Carr made a request that the committee discuss parking in a swale and parking conversion vans in driveways. She said conversion vans used by owners traveling to RW are also being used as a primary means of transportation. Currently, RW refers to conversion vans as recreational vehicles and prohibits parking in a driveway without a permit. The committee agreed to discuss these two issues after the sign recommendations are completed and forwarded to the BOD.

Member Input: Randy Keller. Mr Keller asked if flags and garden flags are in the same category and are they different from signs. Mr. Goodman said the CCCoO's is quite specific on free standing flags and the committee will include yard flags in our sign discussions and recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Next Meeting: August 11, 2021, at 9:00 AM.