

**ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947**  
**Building & Grounds Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 10:30AM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Sam Besase (Chairperson), John Peszko, Dale Jensen, Wade Casteel, (Zoom) Randy Raiden

**EXCUSED ABSENT:** Hank Killion, Keith Jenkins

**Members:** Gwen Grace, Jack Simmonds, (Zoom) JA Stem

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

1. The meeting was called to order by (Chairperson) Sam Besase at 10:30AM. The meeting was properly noticed, and a quorum was present.
2. There were 5 committee members present.  
Those who attended Zoom: Randy Raiden  
Present: Denise Huffman
3. **Resident Input:**  
None.
4. **Aquatics Sub Committee:**  
Canal update – Update on Canal maintenance on the transition for the training and maintenance and is going smoothly. We are now six months into it. Manager Hedges, that it is going great. Another pesticide cabinet was ordered, we are using more chemicals and that way there can be more in stock, and the pricing is bulk savings. All new wheels and bearings have been ordered for Truckster. The RWA is hiring another person to work in the canal system and moving the other employee to cut the common grounds.  
Water sampling, the committee needs water samplers and Dr. John House just moved to Georgia. No report on the Benchmark Lab will have one next meeting.
5. **Unfinished Business –RWA Manager Progress Reports/Status Items A-B-C**
  - A. Clearing of debris – Status from RWA common grounds areas. Approximately 4 clearing debris passes made in 2025. Charlotte County – FEMA haul away, saving \$40,000.00.
  - B. Clearing Hurricane Ian Debris from vacant lots- Started with about 700 lots being worked on by RWA, reported that there are about 100 more lots to go and 600 already completed. This will be an ongoing process, we might find more that needs to be done.
  - C. Plantings and/or signs on RWA common grounds are **not allowed** without RWA Manager and RWA B&G committee authorization. Residents or Groups need to come to B&G committee with an AREA PLAN and a MAINTENANCE PLAN. (ENCROACHMENT)

## RWA Buildings & Grounds – 3-year Capital Projects Plan (Keith) CLOSED

- D. Walk path between Admin Bldg. & Community Center – 2Q 2025. CLOSED
- E. ~\$50K - Pine Valley Canal Maintenance Access Ramp Status – 9 months – fall 2025, FDEP is lead agency for permits – The Engineers is finalized and FDEP finalized the permit process and has passed the first stage.
- F. ~\$16K – Sign project at entrance to 646 Rotonda Circle - (Wade & Randy) forwarded recommendations to committee in March 2024. County issues and scheduling timeline. Sign delivery is late April 2025, Monument build scheduled for May 2025. Project Completion–2Q/25. The permit was just received to start the project. Meeting with the installer will be tomorrow.
- G. ~\$2K - Safety – Install Speed Bumps in Parking Lot – Control Speed 2Q 2025 Start at end of week
- H. ~\$3K - Safety - Install Bollards at West End of Main Campus Parking Lot 2Q 2025. CLOSED
- I. ~\$10K - Re-Seal & Re-Asphalt/Pave Main Campus Parking Lot 2Q 25 Start at end of week.
- J. ~\$3K - Re-Seal & Re-Asphalt/Pave Marina Parking Lot 2Q 25. CLOSED

### 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Statue of Liberty – Gazebo Island – Motion for RWA BOD to accept donation from resident of a 10-foot statue. It will be delivered here in about six weeks. Gazebo Island will now be called Liberty Island. Chair Besase entertained a motion to approve and accept the donation from the resident of the ten-foot Statue of Liberty to the Rotonda West Association which will be built on a pedestal and placed on “Liberty Island”. Mr. Peszko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion was held, Mr. Peszko questioned if they were changing the name to Liberty Island. He was concerned that the name could not be used. The committee members thought it was a good idea to accept the donation. Director Besase called for a vote; all committee members voted for it. Motion Unanimously Approved.

### 7. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - B&G Committee Members Input:**

John Peszko asked if someone will replace John House’s position, Chair Besase answered no we still have seven members on the committee.

### 8. **Next Meeting – Tentative - Aug 10, 2025 – Tuesday – 10:30am** (B&G committee decision)

### 9. **ADJOURN** 10:52am

**Proposed Next Board Meeting:** August 12, 2025, 10:30 PM

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:52AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Huffman,  
Minutes Clerk