

MINUTES
FIRE ISLAND PINES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 20, 2013

Directors Present: Alan Brodherson, John Cassese, Jane Groveman, Mike Hartstein, Greg Henniger, Garry Korr, Nicole LaFontaine, Steve Norring, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Paul Teixeira, Jim Vandernoeth, Jon Wilner and Lori Zeller.

Directors Absent: Alan Brockman, Roger Kluge, Henry Robin and Randy Wilson

Also Present: Ignacio Ceriani (Director of Finance) and Ken Pollard (Director of Administration)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano in the Solstice Room, Whyte Hall, Fire Island

Noise Committee

Paul Teixeira, Noise Committee Chair, reported:

- The committee's efforts on noise abatement to date have not been as successful as hoped. Mike Hartstein had a conversation with Albert Price, President and COO of Blesso properties which led to a meeting between Hartstein and FIPV managers. Will see how things go this weekend.
 - This year the noise issue has become much worse.
- A homeowner has informed us that he has consulted with an attorney who is willing to represent him.
 - The homeowner does not want to be the antagonistic, but feels that he can no longer enjoy his property.
 - We must be mindful that is not good for the community for the downtown to be shut down.
 - Most of those involved want a coming together of the community and the businesses.
- The committee has been in regular contact with residents and with Tony Fornabaio of Fire Island Pines Ventures (FIPV).
 - We have asked for financial support for noise and security from FIPV, but they declined.
- Amplified voices with microphones need to stop.
 - In meetings FIPV has been agreeable to stop using microphones.
 - But it does not appear that we are getting anywhere since the noise continues.
- Anyone having a noise issue should call the police.
- Not all the noise is coming from the FIPV establishment as we also receive complaints about Lina's tea

Pines Party

Ed Schulhafer, Pines Party Committee Co-Chair, reported:

- The 2013 Pines Party is one week from today on July 27.

- Verizon was a major sponsor of the party with a donation of \$5,000. which demonstrates that it is possible to get corporate sponsorships for this event.
- Last year we raised \$115,000 in sponsor tents but this year we project \$100,000.
 - Sponsors have been grouping together for tents for as little as \$2,000.
 - About half the board has been financially supporting the Pines Party
- The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has partnered with Pines Party for cross promotion of Winter Party and Pines Party which we are hoping to expand in 2014.
- We have had a more cohesive committee this year.
 - The marketing has been better this year for all weekend events thanks to Joey Mendoza and Larry Johnson.
 - Ticket sales have been more organized thanks to the work of Louis Bengivenni and Henry Jiang.
 - Hal Hayes is the producer of the Saturday Pool Party
 - Marc Cote and Jay Henry are the producers of the Sunday After Party.

Whyte Hall

Verizon Pole

Pagano reported:

- Verizon prepared a photo simulation of the proposed new pole.
 - The simulations were done in 3 different possible positions on the Whyte Hall property.
 - Two of the sites are on the west side of the building and one is on the east side.
 - Verizon's preference is where the Ron McKenna flagpole is currently situated.
 - For installation purposes this is where it is the easiest for the equipment to have access.
 - The Executive Committee met this past week and is concerned about the size of the pole.
- The microwaves emitted from the pole would be the same as those of the existing equipment.
- In the newsletter we asked people to send an email if they did not have adequate service in the Pines; few replied.
 - If existing service isn't adequate it will influence the Board's decision
- The new pole is going to service all of the eastern communities.
 - There is the possibility of losing the current equipment.
- If the pole were located in a different community, we would not get the same service.
 - The closer you are the better service you would get.
- The current revenue from Verizon and T-Mobile is \$44,000 annually.
 - The revenue may increase significantly with the new pole.
 - The revenue has yet to be negotiated.
- We need to consider the concerns that have been heard from the residents.
 - Potential decrease in property values.
 - Health issues
 - Aesthetics

- AT&T is going to report back to us in August.
 - AT&T initially wanted equipment on the building, but now wants the option of going on the pole.
- Verizon is considering eventual abandonment of land lines but regulatory authorities may not allow this.
 - We will not loose land lines in the foreseeable future.
 - Our land line service consists mostly of fiber optics.
- There does not seem to be a broadband capacity problem during the week, it is only on the weekends.
- Residents are anticipating a community forum on the Verizon pole.
 - A decision has not been made as to holding a forum now or when we have more concrete specifics to present to the community.
- There are consultants that could be hired to meet with and advise the Executive Committee.
 - Lori Zeller is to arrange a conference call with the committee and a consultant.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Pollard
Director of Administration