

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – December 10, 2011
Alligator Point Taxpayers' Association

The Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim McCloy at 9:05 am.

Members absent: Field, Hambrose, Kimbrough, Mitchell, Osborne, Rogers ; a quorum was present.

President called for a motion to approve 11/12/11 Board meeting minutes: Sosebee moved, Gibson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Report sent by e-mail; Motion to approve: Sosebee, Withers second; passed without objection.

President's Report

The following items have been worked on:

Attended the FCBCC meeting. No specific Alligator Point issues. Of note is that Allan Pierce is retiring in March or April; a draft of his job description was submitted.

Committee Reports

Beautification (Withers) – Withers reported an incident of trash dumping going on. [Feifer went out to check on it]. Withers plans to decorate the welcome area and entrance sign for the holidays. McCloy as whether APTA should sponsor monthly or quarterly clean-ups; perhaps with tee-shirts? [Feifer returned from investigating trash dumping] The people dumping said that they are Alligator Point residents (676 Alligator Drive). Feifer wondered if we need a no-dumping sign; he has the car tag numbers and will check on Monday.

Membership (Heymann) – Heymann is trying to get a general feel of the attitudes about APTA. There is a questionnaire on the website.

Communication () – Rogers is taking over the newsletter editorship in January. Maruszak suggested Beth Hayes to coordinate the website. Hayes is not currently a resident on the Point but is returning in January.

Safety and Security (Sosebee) – Beach Parking: McCloy talked to Alan Pierce. The S-curve area is pretty good but there are some utility poles that could be parked on.

Old Business

Some comments on trash pickup and roadside dumping – it was noted that the dumping may be a seasonal issue. Some discussion on a neighborhood watch noted that it has been attempted before.

Attendance at the FCBCC meetings: designated members who attend are representative of APTA and should respond to any issues of concern. One can go to the FC website to view videotapes of previous meetings or get agendas of both past and future meetings.

Break-ins: Nothing new.

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New Business

Of interest, Pinky Jackel is the new Chairman of the FCBCC.

Feifer presented three topics:

School System – The tax increase was not as much as originally estimated but this is because the School Board and teachers have not signed a contract, nor was there any money put in the budget for salary increases. The School district may run out of money before the end of the year.

Hospital – The hospital only has \$42k in the bank and has a \$250k payroll to meet in the next couple of weeks. ISSUE: 85 people on the payroll with an average over-night stay of 1-3 patients; often that are NO patients. The hospital is overdue on all bills, COD with suppliers and thousands of dollars in debt. The new CEO attempted to implement the necessary cost controls and was forced out after three months. Franklin County has approximately 10,000 population of which 2,500 are prison inmates; is it possible to support a hospital?

Insurance Crisis – Citizen's Insurance and CAT funds are in serious trouble if another disaster strikes. Citizen's was originally intended to be the insurer of last resort for hurricane (wind) insurance but has recently also included sinkhole coverage. Last year they paid out a very large amount for sinkholes (\$500M?) with very small revenue from premiums. It is possible that every insurance policy (not just those with Citizen's but all suppliers) except life insurance could be assessed \$2500 or more. Note that this is not a premium increase but an assessment or fee.

Maruszak expressed the concern of Harbor Circle residents that their road could ever become the main road.

McCloy reminder the Board of the attendance requirement in the By-Laws.

Gibson stated the we are about to lose the east end of Gulf Shore Blvd due to erosion. He said that he called Commissioner Sanders but has not received a return call.

Feifer moved to adjourn; Gibson second; passed – meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Jim Cummins via e-mail, 1/8/2012