



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting – August 12, 2006

Vice-President Joe Hambrose called the meeting to order at the Mission by the Sea Church. A quorum was present. Additions or corrections to the minutes of the July meeting were called for; motion to accept minutes made by Kimbrough and seconded by Houston; motion passed. The Financial report was given by the Treasurer for last month and indicated that total assets were \$27,264.32. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Feifer and seconded by Houston; motion passed. Treasurer informed the Board that we had received a double billing from the mailer company in the amount of \$974.72; after review they came back and agreed that it had been paid but was posted to the wrong account.

Committee Reports

Beach Renourishment & Road Protection (Dick Waters)

Dick Waters was not present. Cheryl Sanders commented that Alan Pierce has met with the engineers on putting in temporary sand berms but that they had not yet decided on a sand source.

Development Committee (Joe Hambrose [BoA], Allan Feifer, John Murphy [P&Z])

A special meeting of the P&Z will meet on August 22 to consider the South Shoals Development. A new plat is available that meets FDEP requirements but necessitated a change to the lot sizes to keep the same number of lots. There will be a September 5 public hearing on the PUD amendment at the County Commissioners meeting. Sanders commented that the approval of the PUD amendments would expedite the road movement away from the water.

In other business, Murphy commented that the Hidden Harbor development has apparently purchased a house for a "beach clubhouse". There has not been a request for a zoning change nor has this been reviewed by P&Z or BoA.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

Ann presented information on a product called "eve" in response to a request from the Board on more options in addition to the website to communicate with APTA members that was tabled at the last meeting. This software can be used to provide discussion forums, chat rooms, and member messaging at a relative modest cost. It is only one example of the type of software that is available and Ann will continue to explore options.

Ann also presented a proposed draft of "Ask the County Commission Candidates" for presenting and posting questions and answers by the two candidates for our district. After discussion and review by the Board, Kimbrough moved to accept the proposal; Feifer seconded; motion passed.



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Membership (Joanne Deibel)

No report.

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Cheryl Sanders, County Commissioner, gave an update on some county activities. The road repair contract for Alligator Drive (Cty Hwy 370) has been approved and awarded to C. W. Roberts. The Commission has agreed to tentatively set a tax rate of \$0.00405, which is the same as last year, and as submitted is \$0.00380. There will be a budget workshop on Tuesday at 4pm before the Commissioners' meeting. Sanders also explained the presence of the two non-binding referendum on the ballot; one is Lanark village water district and the other is on at-large voting for Commissioners. Feifer questioned the lack of money in the budget for the hospital and Sanders replied that there is \$250,000 in the budget. Sanders had no information on any capital improvements to the hospital. There was some additional discussion of the use of the hospital by the Sheriff's Department; this is important, as inmate medical care is a major item on the Sheriff's budget. Sanders left the meeting at this time.

An extended discussion of the County budget was held with significant comments by Alan Feifer and Paul Parker and the final observation that we need to have a good representation at the budget workshop. There is a new law called "Save Our Homes" which will help provide increased protection to homesteads and may provide some portability to homestead exemptions.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kimbrough, second by Cummins, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.

Members absent: Osborne, Waters, Blackmon, Brown, Decker, Deibel, Mensching, Munroe