

Minutes
Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Saunders at 9:00 AM via Zoom

Zoom Attendees: Mark Saunders, Steve Curson, Clif Hilderley, Pam Baker, Sharon Sherwood, Bob Lawrence, John Dewey, Susan Gay, Patrisha Davis

Minutes: January 8, 2022 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Curson reported the January closing checking account balance at \$1,922.59 and January savings account balance at \$416.81. Total January RBHA balance at \$2,339.40. The report does not reflect the approximate \$7000.00 in new membership and donations received to date. Approximately 25 payments were received through PayPal. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

- 1) **Membership Renewals** - Mark Saunders reported that close to half of the renewal memberships have already been received. This is a great response in just three weeks. Discussion followed regarding the printer's error in sending blank membership forms and improving the ease of donations via PayPal.
- 2) **New Member Drive** - Mark Saunders reported that there has been almost a 10% response to the drive even at this early stage.
- 3) **Donations Working Group** - Sharon Sherwood reported that the group has drafted a simplistic guideline for donations which will be distributed to the board. Steve Curson will report our current operating expenses at the next meeting and final guidelines will be presented for approval at that time. **A donation of \$500 to the Friends of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library was approved to help fund the "30 Chances to Win Raffle"**. Information provided to the Board showed that the 2021 Raffle successfully netted \$10,160.96 for the RB Library.
- 4) **330 Rehoboth Avenue Zoning Update** - John Dewey reported that public input will remain open on this issue until Friday, February 25, 2022. Questions were raised on how the lot is currently being taxed. Some 29 letters have been received by the Mayor and Commissioners on this zoning issue. RBHA's objection to a zoning change is also on record. Discussion followed regarding building six of Scarborough Village who's residents are perhaps most directly impacted by a zoning change. Scarborough Village owners and occupants would be encouraged to weigh-in on the issue.
- 5) **Safety Group - Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting** - Clif Hilderley will attend the next Streets and Transportation meeting via zoom and Mark Saunders will serve as an in person backup. The goal is for the city to take ownership of the safety brochure to ensure its financing and distribution to all interested parties, including the Police Department, per their request. Discussion also followed regarding E-bikes which will be addressed at a future meeting.
- 6) **Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Update:** John Dewey reported that the CDP is moving through the process on schedule. Draft five has been sent and received by the State and is going through what is referred to as a Plus Review. Verbal feedback will be received from the State at the next scheduled CDP meeting,

February 23, 2022. Written feedback will be received from the State in the latter half of March 2022. When that feedback is received there will be a meeting of the Planning Commission to review the State response. Next steps will be based on the feedback given by the Plus Review process. The CDP process is on track to be completed by the state deadline of July 1, 2022.

New Business:

- 1) **Newsletters** - Mark Saunders reported that the majority of responses to the current membership mailings have indicated that an emailed newsletter would be acceptable. However, members have also requested both electronic and hard copies of the Newsletter. In order to simplify the creation of mailing lists Mark requested that we send an electronic newsletter to all members via email and send a hard copy only to those that requested it. The goal is to shift funds currently appropriated for mailings to other RBHA projects and phase out the USPS newsletter distribution. We want to increase traffic to the website and improve electronic membership communication.
- 2) **Paul Lovett Sponsorship** - The Board agreed to sponsor Paul Lovett's Rehoboth Beach History Lecture Series by helping to get out the word on the event that is due to begin Thursday, March 10th at 7:15 p.m. in the Kent/Sussex Room at the Boardwalk Plaza Hotel. The lecture fee is \$25 and reservations can be made by calling 302-521-4190 or email paul@pdlovett.com.
- 3) **Main Street Office Space** - Steve Curson reported that Main Street has offered the Board use of their conference room for future Board meetings. The room has the available technology to allow for Zoom participation and will seat our nine member Board comfortably. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to accept this generous offer.
- 4) **Electronic Recycle Program** - Clif Hilderley suggested that RBHA sponsor an annual electronic recycle program for the community. The Board agreed that an electronic recycle program or hazardous waste drop off or shredding program would benefit the community and could be combined with a food drop or other similar public service. Clif will further research the options available and Mark will contact Sharon Lynn to see if the City would be in agreement with this type of event.
- 5) **Move to GoDaddy** - Clif Hilderley reported that we will move our website to GoDaddy as a cost savings and improved tech support measure. The move also ensures our domain for the next nine years at a total cost of \$120. We will also add our own RBHA email address in the near future.
- 6) **Spring Meeting** - The Spring Meeting is currently scheduled for April 16th at 11 AM at CAMP. Discussion followed regarding the program format and who should be the featured speaker or speakers. It was agreed that Chief Banks and Beach Patrol Captain Giles would be approached for the guest speaker positions.
- 7) **Other** - Patrisha Davis referenced the recent Cape Gazette article in honor of the Beach Patrol's 100th Anniversary. Discussion followed regarding the housing shortage the guards are experiencing. The thought was that Giles could address this issue at the spring meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

The Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at 9 AM at Main Street.