

MINUTES
NOTICE BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Portner's Landing Community Room

Present: Anne Olson, Howard Middleton, Matt Hennesey, Tom Soapes, Christa Watters, Roger Waud, Fran Zorn

Absent: Ernie Lehmann, Clarence Tong

Guest: Sgt. Sean Casey, Community Police Liaison

President Tom Soapes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The agenda was suspended so that Sgt. Casey could present the community policing report.

Sgt. Casey reported that between Sept. 23 and Nov. 14 there were two larcenies – a garden statute and wooden pumpkin décor; a carjacking at Marina Tower that involved non-deadly violence to the driver of the carjacked vehicle; and the usual array of minor nuisance crimes. Sgt. Casey urged caution and awareness of one's surroundings for residents, and particularly at this time of year when darkness descends early, use of available lighting such as front door and patio lighting. Police are hoping to increase staffing but are still short. The three pillars of community policing are preventing and solving crime, monitoring traffic, and community outreach and presence. There is a new telephone reporting system. Tom will get the information and send to the community.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 12 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report/Membership: Tom reported 93 membership renewals to date. In Clarence's absence we do not have current bank balance information.

Plans for Annual Meeting and Election November 17: The room at the Old Colony is reserved. Flyers are distributed. Fran will provide the food. All board members should be there by 6:45 p.m. Matt and Howard will back up Clarence in signing in and taking new memberships to ensure maximum voting participation. Congressman Don Beyer is confirmed to arrive to speak soon after the business meeting and election at 7:30. Tom will provide ballots. We have received numerous absentee and proxy ballots which will all be forwarded to the counting team of non-candidates. We have 10 candidates for 9 positions, so a count will be necessary, and it is possible there will be floor nominations as well. The announced candidates are Tom Soapes, Matt Hennesey, Fran Zorn, Howard Middleton, Roger Waud, Clarence Tong, Anne White-Olson, Agnes Artemel, Bill Jacobs, and Christa Watters.

The order of the meeting will be a recognition ceremony for retiring board member Ernie Lehman, to whom we will present a certificate of recognition making him a board member emeritus in perpetuity, and gifts of champagne, Fran's homemade chocolate truffles, and a sufficient number of carbon credits to enable him to drive guilt-free for a year. The second order

of business will be the election, and then the featured speaker will be Congressman Don Beyer, who will also hold a Q&A session.

Appointment of Audit Committee: The annual audit is due; Howard Middleton assisted by Matt Hennesy and Anne White-Olson will perform the audit upon receipt of the information from treasurer Clarence Tong and present the results at the December board meeting.

Newsletter: The topics for the next newsletter (December-January) will be election results and a brief write-up of the annual meeting, an SAP update from Tom, a motorcoach report from Anne, an ARHA update from Fran, and other small items that pop up. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 19 with a goal of distribution by Dec. 10.

Bus Parking Committee: Anne reported that final recommendations have been reported out by the work group and will be forwarded to Council. The NRG site is no longer under consideration. Along with modifications of sites in Old Town and North Old Town for loading, unloading, and parking. The main parking site for now will be at the Masonic Memorial., including metered parking. Details will be in the newsletter.

Sewer Issue: City council recently voted to move up the process of making a study of ways to deal with the Oronoco Bay Combined Sewer Outfall (Outfall 001) and pushing to begin remediation sooner rather than later. The process remains far in the future, but Council awareness of the desire of residents to resolve it sooner is higher now. NOTICE will continue to follow this issue and educate the public.

Other New Business: Mansi and Anne are in contact and Anne hopes to be able to update the last bits of the Web site soon. We would like it complete enough to announce its new status to the membership by year's end, and then to keep it current.

Tom reminded that the next SAP meeting is tomorrow, November 15 at the Crown Plaza, and drafts of the Housing and Economic Development portions will be issued.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Portner's Landing Community Room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christa Watters, Secretary