

**CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES**  
**May 20, 2018**

Recorded by Toni Cesta

Meeting called to order by Diane Romano at 10:01 am
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Present: John Adams, Frank Borsas, Toni Cesta, Mary Ellen Manning, David Medina, Richard Reilly, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo, Joyce Yaeger

Absent: Tina Salandra

Issue	Action
<b>Review of minutes of meeting of September 17, 2017</b>	Minutes accepted as written
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Diane announced that the bulkhead and other issues have been resolved with Judy Stein. CGCAI inadvertently removed a walk that belonged to the Stein's as well as a fence. The Stein's will replace the walk and CGCAI will replace the fence.</p> <p>Diane reported that she met with Neil Foley, Suffolk County Councilman. The "Tides" building has been purchased and the new owner has 30 days to clean it up of Town of Brookhaven will vote to take it down within 90 days. There is concern about the rats that have taken over the property. The rats would need to be exterminated first.</p> <p>Diane reported that she has been in discussions with Ken Stein regarding the ferry schedule and charges to try to get the rates reduced. The attempt was not successful. She is also trying to get the summer schedule extended for a period of time past Labor Day. Regarding the freight charges, the business owners are looking into the prices and will let Diane know if they need any assistance.</p>

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<b>1. Budget/ Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Diane reviewed the Operating Budget through May 15, 2018. Operating Fund has a balance of \$77,029 The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of zero. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$4, 261 The interest bearing account has a balance of \$211,206.</p> <p>See handout for complete details.</p>
<b>2. CGCAI Committee Reports</b>	<p>Community House: Toni reported that the pergola and wet bar on the roof deck will be completed as soon as possible. The Judy Stein fence will be completed at the same time. \$30,000 needs to be raised to replace the flooring in the dressing rooms and another \$17,500 to replace the electrical system behind the stage. Two Go-Fund-Me pages will be created. The grant for the Observation deck is underway as well as the plans and permits. \$100,000 is needed to complete the deck.</p> <p>Membership: Dave announced that there are currently 140 CGCAI members which is down from a peak of 180. He encouraged members present to invite anyone they know who is not a member to join the Association.</p> <p>Fundraising: Frank announced that will not have a fundraiser in the Grove this summer.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce announced this year's honorees: Anita Auricchio, Jack Dowling, Ruth and Susan Freedner and Valerie Perez and Evelyn Danko. The event will be on August 18 in the Community House. George McGarvey will decorate again this year. Richard will be spearheading ad sales.</p>

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<b>Property Owner's Association Report:</b>	<p>Gerri Losquadro explained that the Property Owner's Association is a 501c4 which means that they can talk and work directly with politicians. She introduced the Board: Doreen Rallo- Dock, Richard Shack- Waste Management, Steve Williams - Erosion Control District and Alison Amron - Treasurer.</p> <p>Beach Attendant and Dock Report: Doreen reported that the new dock will be done this winter. Permits from DEC, FINS and Army Corp of Engineers have been obtained. Bids will be going out to contractors shortly with construction slated to begin in November.</p> <p>Doreen also reported that they are having trouble recruiting dock masters. Anyone interested can apply at <a href="http://Brookhaven.gov">Brookhaven.gov</a></p> <p>Richard reported that the garbage will be picked up from the beach again this year. The new attendant hired is named John Koshar. See handout for further information on waste management.</p> <p>Richard reported that there will be a 'single topic' meeting to discuss the future of garbage removal from the dunes. Date to be announced.</p> <p>Steve reported that they are continuing to do work on the Erosion Control District. Cherry Grove is the only Fire Island Community without one.</p>
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<b>Other Community Associations</b>	<p>APCG: Panzi reported that the new sound system project has been completed. It was paid for through donations. He also reported that it takes APCG about \$4,500 a week to run the Community House.</p> <p>Panzi introduced and recognized the APCG Board members and thanked them for all their work.</p> <p>Parker reported that the Film Festival to support the Archives project will be from July 20 - 22. There will be 6 screenings and 30 films. the Film Festival is a fundraiser for the Archives digitation project.</p> <p>Panzi reported that this year is the 70th anniversary of the APCG. Programs this year include the art show, casino, various shows and lots of other programs. During Gay Pride, the APCG will be honoring long-time APCG members. There will be fireworks and an open house at the Community House where people can watch the fireworks.</p> <p>APCG is selling a 'piece of memorabilia" for \$100.</p> <p>Club Cumming will be in the CH from July 5-12.</p> <p>Northwell Health: Joanne reported that the Doctor's House will be open from Memorial Day weekend . Northwell and Ed Fraser sponsored the APCG calendar this year. They will be doing health education classes on various topics, skin testing and HIV testing</p> <p>Dunes Fund: Don Hester reported that expenses in 2017 were \$22,986, the majority of which went of snow fencing. This resulted in a deficit of \$4,000 in funds. New snow fencing will be going up by July 4. Sue Ann Thornton will be partnering with the Dunes Fund and conducting a silent auction of donated art on June 8.</p> <p>Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the endowment has \$250,125. A \$2500 grant was given to the Archives Committee for 2017 and \$6,000 to Archives Committee. See handout for details.</p>
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<b>Other Community Associations</b>	<p>Garden Club: Richard reported that the Club has not yet met this year. The first meeting will be this week at 202 Surf Walk. The Garden Tour will take place on June 30. William and Bill will host the after party.</p> <p>David reported that there is a pitch pine disease from the southern pine beetle. You can see it on the bark and looks like popcorn resin. The entire tree has to be removed if it is infected.</p> <p>Damminix: Anna reported that Damminix donations are needed for a short fall this year. She thanked everyone for their support in removing standing water. She reported that the larvaecide will start this week. Anna mentioned that she was going to try to start a new tick program this year but it is delayed and so the Damminex program as per usual will start on June 2. Todd Erickson talked about starting an "integrated pest management" program and is reaching out to colleges to see if we can get a new mosquito program going.</p> <p>Walk Captains: Julie Paradise acknowledged the walk captains for all their hard work. A few walks still need captains. Anyone with a post office box must re-sign up for their box. Mail must be picked up from the dock on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Tuesday was uncovered and Ceejay volunteered to pick up the mail on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce: Rob from there Ice Palace reported that the hotel's second floor will be opening in June and the first floor in July. Lynn and Todd discussed the ferry schedule and that the 11 pm boats may be removed as the three year trial is ending. This will have a negative effect on the businesses as people wont be able to come over for dinner in the Grove and then go home on the late boat. They expressed lots of concern over the freight prices. Coastline's fright schedule is approved by Suffolk County. According to Ken Stein, the process haven't changed in three years.</p>
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<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am</b></p>	<p>Fire Department: Steve announced that Craig Williams is the Chief, Laura Ann is the 1st asst, Kay Davis, 2nd, Jill, 3rd and Justin, 4th. Steve reminded everyone to trim their trees over the walks and that house numbers should be visible. EMS is in residence and should be called for 911 emergencies only.</p> <p>The cell tower over the fire house is moving ahead and initial construction is done. Interior work is still underway and will probably be completed toward the end of the season.</p> <p>Diane asked for volunteers and approval for the CGCAI nominating committee: Anna Tirado, Michael Moran and Anita were approved by vote.</p> <p>Diane acknowledged the Pinto family for 100 years in the Grove!!!!!!</p> <p>Mike Pinto mentioned that people are dumping debris at the end of East Walk so that people can't get into the bay to kayak.</p> <p>Next General Membership Meeting: July 15, 2018 in the Community House</p>

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