

Meeting February 21, 2021. 10:30am
HELD AT EAGLES CLUB OUTSIDE PAVILION
(BECAUSE OF COVID- 19)

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Meeting called to order 10:30am by Terry Gedan

Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of Silence.

ATTENDANCE:

President:	Terri Gedan
Vice President	Frank Wolf
Treasurer:	Ann Rhodes
Secretary:	Debra Kennedy
Board Member	Donna Ramos
Board Member	Tim Kaiser
Board Member	Carolyn Reilly
Board Member	Jay Kirk

The president announced that at this meeting we have many community and social media events that have come to her attention and need addressing, plus Deputy Buzzetto is here to speak and nominations will be taken today, so we will not be going over Treasures Report, Standing Committees reports, special committees report, to save time. She asked for patience while she addressed the attending community residents because she was feeling extremely ill since she had her second COVID-19 vaccine yesterday but felt it necessary to be here for as long as she can make it today.

GM. We have much to discuss today.....so please let me finish before I open the meeting to discussion

First....I am so pleased to see how many have become engaged in our community.

It is wonderful when people come to share thoughts and ideas of how to move us forward as a community

There have been many comments made on social platforms THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD ADDRESS AT THIS MEETING.

I always try to think about what we are presenting to people who are possibly looking to purchase homes in leisure beach.

How do they perceive us after looking at the various official sounding sites?

To help with keeping the community informed the board has decided to create an official leisure beach civic association Facebook page..it will be used to post information for the community such as meeting dates, speakers, topics to be discussed at the meeting, events, minutes of the past meetings and anything that comes up of importance to the community. 2 board members will be admins of the page. You are not mandated to join this page; it is just being used as another means of communication with the community. If you wish not to follow on Facebook that is fine, the previous communication in the newsletter and website will still be a means of gaining information.

Now to address some issues (in no special order)

Speed bumps.... I have been contacted by members of our community in reference to the speeding and drag racing down beach Blvd. This is not a new issue...it has been discussed for many years. If you do not live on Beach Blvd. it might not be an important issue for you...but if you do...it is a problem.

As president, I felt it was my duty to contact the Pasco county

traffic dept to see what options of "traffic calming" was available to us. The people who spoke to me requested speed bumps. Just so everyone is clear.... I can no more put down speed bumps than fly a plane.... traffic gave me the criteria of what needs to happen to ask for a traffic study. 5 homes on Beach Blvd. (the affected street) need to sign the request. Leisure beach is a county road...not a private road.... I shared this with my board to be totally transparent of what was going on in leisure beach and the action I had taken. This then became a VOTE NO movement. I am not sure how this took off ...but it did and then from there it became the winter of discontent.

It was suggested to me by a board member to possibly ask for stop signs by the guard house.

This would accomplish 2 things.... that intersection happens to be a school bus stop....and making a turn going north on first isle would be safer. Next it would slow down traffic coming and going on Beach Blvd.

This seems to be a decent possibility for the community.

Again not my decision....we do not own the road

Security car

We have been discussing getting rid of the security car for over 3 years now. Many of us really liked the concept of having the car.... I did....

When we came here the car was driven all the time....but the truth became evident...it was not being driven much in the last 5 yearsit was a very expensive concept to maintain. There was no justification for the expenses of the car. The insurance alone was running apps 3,400 a year. We went over this all-last year and decided to have a vote on the car at our final April meeting last year. Then came COVID. There was no April meeting. Since no one was driving the car we decided to carry just liability insurance to save us money and the car sat and rotted. We had our next meeting in November of 2020. Neither

Debra nor I were at the meeting, we were told there was no time to vote due to a full house and the meeting running long, we had a volunteer taking minutes and apologize if those were misleading in any way. So, the car resolution was not made until the Dec meeting. At that meeting when presented with the facts that there were basically no drivers for a few years now and the car was just getting worse. It was decided to sell the car.. There was NO DISSENSION....the board, prior to the Dec meeting did a lot of research and decided on a price to ask taking into account the condition of the car and a price was set...we felt that if someone in the community wanted the car that would be a better option. A person in the community offered to purchase it right there at the meeting. The car was sold for \$900. When Tim went to show him the car he found the following...the battery was dead, the ac did not work, the glove box fell out of the dashboard, the tires were getting dry rot and as anyone who saw the car realized it needed a paint job....if any of this is new to you then all I can say is you have not been to a meeting in over 3 years or read our newsletter....all the pleading for drivers... So now we have \$900 to put towards our new entrance sign to leisure beach.

Dues....

At our meeting on April 8th 2019 it was decided that dues would run on a calendar year to not only make accounting easier but to make it easier for residents to keep track of when did you pay your dues. You know with the dues running an odd month, I paid, I didn't pay, I could have paid, now you know the dues are due in January.

At our meeting on dec 19th 2020 it was decided this was not a board meeting but a civic meeting, that the dues would be raised by \$5.00 per year. As your board we felt that \$50 per year was reasonable.

And there was no dissent again from the members.

We spoke about the increase of our median expenses, insurance, meeting rental, printing etc. there was no dissension after the validation of our expenses. Just to give you some context... In 1982 the dues were \$20 for civic association and \$10 for the garden club a total of \$30 a year. Dues have gone up \$20 in 39 years. I don't know what to say, obviously it is an agregest point. Okay, we are looking at replacing the front entrance sign, it is really showing wear. It's been there quite a while, Beverly actually replaced that sign many years ago, and were hoping after the light is done and we know exactly if there is any change to our entrance, we will, hope to change the sign, were going to get prices, if you got your newsletter you saw 3 different pictures in the newsletter itself, one of things we are looking and we like to spruce up the plantings at the entrance, some of them are really not appropriate, we understand now after them being there they look gangly there just not attractive anymore. People want some arborvitaes taken out , their big, you know we've done the best we can trimming them making them look a little more attractive but people have said it doesn't look Florida, it looks northeast, it looks northwest It doesn't look very Floridian, so again I don't know if you understand to remove the arborvitaes and plant a Palm is a lot of money, we are putting that in our back pocket and thinking without the car , we can do the sign, you know we can have a program where we remove maybe one, maybe two arborvitaes, plant a palm and have like a rolling schedule, for how this can be accomplished. We realized this would be an expensive undertaking and with diminished monies this year we the board members and those attending the December 2020 meeting felt that this increase seemed appropriate.

Again, paying your dues is voluntary.... if you do not feel you want to pay an extra \$5....then just don't pay it. It's voluntary, no one's going to knock on your door and demand the extra \$5 dollars, Just continuing paying the \$45. Again....I wonder why this has

become a topic now. If you wish to pay nothing....which some do...then continue doing that

We have no ability to make anyone pay dues...years ago we had volunteers we used to have people knocking on doors, people from different isles who knew the members would knock on their doors and say guess what it's time to pay your dues again, and we had a very good response We are not doing that now especially with COVID. We have always asked for dues, we have always begged for dues, done whatever we could do to get people to pay their dues. So, I never felt that this was this coercion in any way. I am proud of our community and hope you are to.....

we have a wonderful Gardner who pulls the weeds by hand at the end of our Blvd...I don't know how many of you are aware of that, we read the Gardner the riot act that you cannot use chemicals so close to the water by the end of Beach Blvd, that was when we met with and that was really our prime directive and that he was insured he at times is out there ... the better part of a day doing that task, pulling weeds by hand by the water. I feel we are getting well, well above our money's worth. we pay for our website name, the cost of printing newsletters, renting meeting places,so.... pay if you want to.... pay what you wish to.... I can't enforce anything, we are not that type of an association. Totally, totally up to you. If you want to give us \$10, if want to give us \$5 , if you want to give \$50 if you want to give us \$75 because you love the way things looks, whatever it is you want to pay, we make a suggestion, there is nothing binding, we can't enforce anything, we have no right to enforce that, what we can enforce are the Pasco County code by passing violations on to Pasco County. This is a totally voluntary Association,

"Matter of fact I was thinking of putting my salary back into the Association this year."

Zoom meetings

I like zoom....it has allowed the majority of your board to meet twice a month this whole season. I am not sure how this would work for the civic meeting and more research would be necessary. It is up to the community...the cost would run appx \$150-\$200 per year depending on the number of users and what services we want from it. We would need internet access or a hotspot. For signal cove, do they have that there? Do they have internet at Signal Cove? Marcia Lamanna said probably not. So, it would have to someone willing to use to use their gigabytes whatever to make this work. The president and secretary would not be able to run the platform during the meeting...there would need to be a third person doing that. I personally like in person meetings.... I would not want to lose that at all. Zoom would be in addition to live in person meetings and would have to be run on a civic association platform....not an outside platform due to privacy concerns and liability. The positive would-be monthly meetings would be recorded. If you would like to pursue this then we would need a volunteer to look into it further, set it up and run it during meetings. If topics come up for a vote, I am not sure that we can count the vote of someone who is not physically present at the meeting, we would have to look into that as well... My hope is that our next 2 meetings will be well attended as this one is. And finally.... thank you to those who have paid their 2021 dues we truly appreciate you.

Your board discussed in the time of COVID....with no membership cards being distributed....how could we thank our generous members.

After our community parties it was a priority to thank those who contributed to our community party in our newsletter.

I am truly sorry that some perceived this thank you as a negative.....

We looked to do the same by thanking our neighbors...and intended to do so for the next 3 months..if people don't want to be thanked we won't do it, that's all .The list is already kept and will be necessary to see who is good standing to speak at meetings etc.. The last topic, the board needs to submit bylaws to the county the last set was submitted in 1975, were a little tardy, someone in the room said "are you sure they are due" LOL. Our insurance company suggested we do this. Marcia Lamanna stated "Terry, you might want to explain how we voted in the community and bylaws and couldn't find a place to file them in 2015." Terry said Yes Marcia updated the bylaws in 2015 Marcia said "the community voted not me" Terry, yes you worked on them. But the issue is nothing got filed, so we need to file it our insurance company has suggested very strongly that we file the updated bylaws. You can imagine some bylaws will need to updated such as creating a new position to be Director of Membership "I know your all really suffering to this" this person would collect annual dues, keep the membership list, issue receipts, turn over monies to the treasurer. We welcome your input and will put the revised suggestions, on the Facebook page, website, and newsletter, please take some time to look them over and bring your suggestions to our next meeting on March 17th,

I am truly done, Does anybody want to ask questions now or wait until the lovely person standing behind who has been waiting speak and then take questions?

Deputy Buzetto started "Let's ask the Questions" He stated he actually was going to probably end up covering some of that anyway. He asked if it was okay if doesn't wear his mask because it was the only way he would be able to project his voice. No objections were made.

Deputy Buzzetto introduced himself as community engagement deputy for Sheriffs office and has been in this role for the last 12 years. My job, my responsibility is I am asked by the Sheriff to go around to communities throughout Pasco County, to talk them about crime prevention and neighborhood watch and solve problems. And quite honestly lets be honest about whats going on. Does that make sense to everybody? I don't know everything, but I know a lot, I hear the stories, I spent time in patrol, again, this is my 21st year in law enforcement here, here in Pasco County so I've seen what's happened since 1999 in this community. So, I know a little bit about nothing so to speak. LOL. What I am finding now is that it is extremely hard to judge an audience with everybody wearing a mask. You can't see if they're smiling or mad at you underneath that mask. So, help me out a little bit. Listen I could stand up here and preach to you about how good this is and how bad that is, but what I'd really like to do and prefer to do is just turn this in to a Q & A right from the start. If you have a question that you want to ask a deputy, I would be the person to do it and let me just throw this caveat in there just because I said Deputy Buzzetto doesn't mean I don't get things done. I work with Captains, Lieutenants, the majors and so forth. I report to them. I report directly to a director who reports to the sheriff, "if that makes sense" Okay so don't let the fact that you don't see sergeants, lieutenant, captain in front of my name mean that I don't get stuff done. Okay, fair enough.

There is no question that is off the table, I will tell you what I can talk about with that question or I might have to defer it to the civic association depending on what that is. Is that fair enough?

Okay then "What the heck is going on"? Debra Kennedy said we wanted to speak about the neighborhood watch program. He said Okay you want to talk about the neighborhood watch program, He said why? Debra said because "we got rid of our security car".

He said, "GOOD" "Let me speak to the security car", I at one point before Trevon Martin, I was charged and responsible for teaching and training those who drove that security car and again I still teach it and train people neighborhood watch prevention and so forth. The security car provided a false sense of security, for you and your community in all honesty. What happens with the security car instead of calling us, we found that residents would call those on patrol and ask them to investigate it. They have no authority; no arrest power and you are putting them in danger. Often, we would find that only one person would be out in the security car, which is now a liability opportunity as well. Why is that? Because I cannot drive and look around at the same time. Your suppose to do that with two people, a driver, and an observer, on top of that if you did encounter something what people were doing was taking matters into their own hands, stepping out when they should not and also too when two bad guys talk about one woman in security car it's two against one and you have no one to corroborate your story and what happened. You might lose. "Does that make sense to everybody?" the goal is not to call the person in the security car the goal is for you as resident to

"SEE SOMETHING AND SAY SOMETHING"

What you see from your front door up and down your street and whatever is behind you, is kinda what you are responsible for.

That's all we ask. Everybody has to get involved in order to make a community better. Do you feel safe in this community yes or no? an

overwhelming YES from the members. But is there stuff that goes on in the community sometimes that you kinda go well I should call the police but they're probably busy and this isn't worth it. Okay, so that's the part that I want to take back. I don't want you to feel that way. Everybody is important. You see some kids walking down the street at 10:00 o'clock at night it's the middle of August there wearing hoodies, hats all dressed in black is that suspicious yes or no? He said, no it's not yet. Is it illegal? NO. But it is something to watch. So, it's absolutely what you say in that moment that's going to depend on whether law enforcement comes out. Because we can't every call, it's even a little discrimination just because they have hoodies and black on. So, is he carrying a backpack? Are they sneaking looking in cars, walking slowly casing some of this stuff? Right now, in Land O Lakes area auto burglaries are crazy right now. New Tampa is getting hit as well. My point is...when you see something you say something. You get law enforcement out here, this is not tv. It's not like tv there is more of a process to go, we are not out there in two seconds, we don't have shootouts with people wherever one gets shot but the bad guy. These things don't happen. The biggest thing is your going to bring law enforcement into the community there, going to drive around for a little bit, they might see something other than what you called them for and ultimately if they don't find anything it's still a WIN. I don't want you to think that somebody has to go to jail tonight in order for it to be a win. Does that make sense Right? Jail is not the goal; she's going to be out of jail just like that. That's our legal system. That's not what we do, it's just how the legal system works, Law enforcement job is to identify arrest them based off what the law book says. From there it goes on to the state attorney office, and those are the folks who you have to have the conversation with. The laws are in place. Nobody in this room wrote them. But the laws are in place for a reason and we have to play by the same book that everybody else has to

play by. It's equally frustrating for us when we arrest people that we know are guilty. And then we find out the state attorney doesn't press on or that they plea out or something and nothing really happens to them. And then you see them back on streets or in your neighborhood a short time later and think what the heck happened, and what immediately happens everybody typically says law enforcement isn't doing their job. Not a law enforcement thing our job is to find them, arrest them, put them in jail, put a good solid case together here Mr. Attorney, Mrs. Attorney, it's all for you. It's up to them whether they prosecute them. SOOO what else is going on? Marcia Lamanna said U-TURNS traffic, illegal U-turns, Deputy Buzzetto said you're not going to like this, it's very frustrating, we don't have traffic violations like we used to, traffic is a behavioral problem. Who drives on the interstate? What is the speed limit on the interstate? Community member said 85-90mph. LOL, what is speed limit 70, what is the actual speed limit? Community 90! EXACTLY! It's 85-90 in the left lane if you're going slower than that you better get out of the way. US 19 isn't much better, it's not far off that, we know that the problem is we can't be on every street corner in every moment when every traffic violation happens, whether it be speeding, U-turns, stop signs, red lights. Deputies are out doing a lot of different stuff that we ever did before. It's totally different now, I can put my lights and sirens on in the left lane and people don't move. What do I gotta do? So, traffic is extremely frustrating. We try to get out there and do traffic when our work loads permit, the problem is 742 square miles and we can't be on every street corner when the violation happens. Moments like, illegal U-turns, running red lights, the speeding up and down the street and stuff like that are extremely frustrating. They go in every community across the United States. You are not the anomaly at all. A community member spoke up to say we had several deaths at the entrance. The deputy stated Typically

unfortunately you are getting a light because that's what it takes. It's up to the state when we put up a light. Marcia Lamanna "the problem is we will have police come straight down no lights, no nothing, they will park, and they didn't issue tickets. Deputy "So that I understand, that traffic violation I just saw, what you may not know is that I got a domestic violence call at that moment, and what I am going to do? Stopping this car didn't really hurt anybody or I am going to miss out on the possibility saving somebody from an altercation between being beaten by his or her spouse whatever the case may be. That's a lot of times, people don't understand that at the moment. It just depends on what the call is for and how ageist that traffic violation is. Marcia Lamanna "We would really like someone out here, like they did before, every so often they would sit there a little bit at time, whenever they could and Sheriff Nocco sent people in, were not getting anybody to sit there now. Deputy the light should be done by JULY, so right now what we have is some 30ish deputies and we're trying to fill the void of 30 some deputies that are currently in training. We are on call to call to call to call. All day long they are writing 4,5,6, reports all day long. It's extremely difficult to do everything all the time. I'm not making excuses; I am not up here to do that, and I won't. I am just telling you reality. You don't see the other side of that coin, I can see from your perception how you would view that. What I will tell you is I will come out here. I'll run a little radar on the street. I will check that as well. Unfortunately, when the cop cars out what happens? Everybody's on their best behavior.

Community member in the lavender jacket "the problem is not accepting traffic. We have to count on others to decide what's the traffic going to do by what they decide to do, isn't that a state highway, isn't that the states job?

I was told one time that I had to learn to be an aggressive driver, this has been created by engineers in the state of Florida, (she went on a lot here about how it is a pen and paper exercise and about how the state needs to correct it) and how the county doesn't make enough monies off the ticket to take care of it. The Deputy said "we don't make any money off the ticket Mam" she said well then maybe that is where something should happen. The deputy said the state is part of the problem, but the real problem is the person driving the car. She had more to say but the Deputy wrapped it up. "Okay we're done." The problem is driver behavior.

He went on to talk about driver behavior. Especially the younger drivers in a hurry to get everywhere. Community member from 5th Isle stated he was a former Delaware State Trooper, he spoke about how his state ran, it took 10 fatalities before we could get a stop sign. We are expendable, they rely on you to use your eyes and say okay this idiot is pulling out in front of me, I got traffic coming, what should I do? Should I speed up? Try to get ahead of him or do I try and be a little safe.

He asked the Retired State trooper asked if we have unmarked cars. The county does but not for traffic violations. So, he said we can't put an unmarked car at the entrance to make it easier for us to get to Walmart, if they see a cop a car parked here, they are going to be a good guy and not do a U-turn. He talked about how few cops there are for so many miles, what they take care of etc.... each officer has different duties, their primary directive is criminal first, traffic second. Deputy Buzzetto said "what would you want" then gave an example of telling someone in danger to wait while he writes a traffic violation. Deputy Buzzetto thanked the community resident for his evaluation. We are out on US 19 looking for human trafficking now, drugs, dealing with the homeless. I am going to have to tell in the gentlest way I know how, to an extent you got to get over it. We just can't control

it. The problem is the driver, who drives without a license after having it taken away 16 times. I promise you I will come out here once a month to do traffic stops. Sometimes you may see us in 5 or 6 cars at time that is us. Community member asked what day? LOL I'm telling you I will come out, but everyone will be on their best behavior.

Let me just speak real quick to the speed bumps the county doesn't like them because they slow down response time of firetrucks, ambulances etc. they do not handle those well. They pull a lot of water and slow them down a lot. And they are not cheap, \$15,000-\$20,000 a piece.

Ginny Humphries asked about cameras on our homes, if a crime took place and there is footage on that property, and we are connected in anyway to the police department how do we handle that?

Deputy, "So I am certified in crime prevention, for commercial and residential. So, cameras are **STRONGLY PREFERRED**, honestly it's probably the wave of the future anymore. If you walk down the street and somebody has a camera that can see you in some way, whether it is a ring doorbell, or a camera that is posted. They are highly suggested. They are a deterrent! You have seen on Facebook where someone breaking into a car looks directly into the camera. So, it is recommended. You can also register those cameras on crimereports.com When you register your camera, you are not giving law enforcement access to your camera, you're just saying I have one. Now we can drive around if there was an instance with auto burglaries here we can drive around and start knocking on doors. And say so and the house has next door been broken into so we can see your cameras. It is an excellent tool. Ring is pretty simple to put up. Debra asked if snowbirds should let the county know when they are away. He said here is the thing

with the Ring doorbell, you can see it on your phone nobody where you are. Partner with your neighbors and let them know if you are leaving. If you see something on your camera while you are away, don't call 911 because wherever you're at will answer but call the Sheriff's Dept.

And tell them hey someone is at my front porch. The cameras, ring doorbells are inexpensive, put them on the front porch, back porch, ring, nest whatever, I use nest and pay \$100 a year to store my videos for up to 7 days all year. But I also have a police car in my driveway so not many people come up to my door.

Frank asked for the website again, crimereports.com

He said you can go to crimereports.com and search your neighborhood etc. but you will no longer see victim information anymore. Chris Shumaker said he and his wife moved here 2 years ago and he is just curious as to how much crime there is here that actually happens in Leisure Beach. The Deputy said it is very low. Chris said his point at as far as a crime watch I think we already got it. He already knows many people here and seems like such a small tight knit community, that if something happens. If we saw something on 5th we would get on the phone and say hey what's going on over there. To me, even just a deterrent would be good, fake cameras...The Deputy said NO! they are a liability, a strand of three chord is never broken, that is where collectively as a community you can be stronger because everybody is watching out. You have a Facebook that is coming about and you can and should use that forum to let everyone know what is happening. Old school was to let me call the block captain and the block captain would call 2 friends, and those 2 friends would call 2 friends. We don't do that anymore. One post on Facebook can do all that and more. Post this is what I just saw and do not hesitate to call the Sheriff's office. Do not hesitate to make the call, but don't be offended if the call taker says sorry, we don't respond to that. Or were not going to get out here for another hour. You

don't know that we may be helping find a lost autistic child up the road. You're not supposed to know that. You're not going to know that. Your job is still to make the call. We may come by later, our presence of law enforcement in the community is the deterrent. Unknown, unpredicted times where a cop is going to roll down the street, just as a bad guy is going to break into a car. Right place, right time,

Real quick the reason fake cameras are a liability is if I see a camera but that is to provide security for me and my family. And when I find out that I got car jacked or robbed in front of your house, and you got false cameras up there. Somebody's attorney is going to say to me to sue you. That's the world we live in today. If I thought I was safe because that camera was right, there makes me feel safe. False cameras you are going to get sued guaranteed.

Debra asked if the Deputy could get us signs? I will speak to the signs. Community member said every call we make helps right because it creates a record correct? The Deputy said yes, every call has a number, an event number a report isn't necessary, the old school way was everything had to have a report now that information is within the event number assigned to it. Signs are great right? Clearly the U-turn sign doesn't work, the stop sign doesn't work, the no trespassing sign doesn't work, no soliciting doesn't work. So, signs are optional, signs are used by the people who obey them. However, with that said you can get crime watch signs for the community. They are \$60 from the county; I will get you the contact information on those. They cannot be posted just anywhere they have to be posted according to road and bridge standards. Certain amount of distance from the roadway, a corner and so forth. With that said and really had an issue with crime, I have done this before...put up the bandit sign basically it's the vote for me sign, the open house sign, so those signs that we have utilized are signs like "Leisure beach crime watch we report

suspicious activity. "Can you tell me where your crime watch sign is or where each speed limit sign is in the community chances are no. But if you see the push in the ground bandit signs with eyes staring at you basically saying we're watching you in each yard you would notice those. Those can be super effective but from what I can see you don't really have a problem here. If you had drug problems or something like that. Or auto burglaries etc. those signs run typically \$10 each I can get them for you and basically any sign company can make them. Harry makes those signs at his shop. Stop in and order one. He asked who lived on Beach Blvd, I said Erin does, He asked if the speeding was really bad, she not at her home but she lives towards the end, then Carolyn who lives on second and beach spoke up and told the deputy a story about how fast cars really do go coming Beach Blvd including giving him actual events that have happened from speeding. So, the Deputy asked I am only asking you is it really that fast a lot of times perception is the car is going fast and then when I come out with radar, they are doing not much over the speed limit So the speed limit is 30 in here, at what speed should do you think I should write somebody a ticket? Community answered 39, I know from looking around the room you don't do 30 going down the road you're doing more like 40 going down the road in reality right? Is that speeding yes or no? Yes, does it warrant a ticket? NO, does it warrant a conversation? Yes. And during that conversation I find out you have multiple speeding tickets. That changes things and what we do. There's a lot of ways to write speeding tickets. Most of the time what we want to do is educate and give the driver an opportunity to correct everything doesn't have to get solved with a ticket. We see your history every time you could pulled over. The bigger thing is this will that ticket make an impact will everyone get on Facebook and tease "Frank" about getting a ticket. It goes back to we are not going to write a ticket until it is a minimum of 10 miles over, 12 is better, 15 absolutely you earned it. Carolyn asked if she could

call it when someone is speeding the deputy but I'm not there, but the deputy said again he will set up his radar out here. But we don't want to set the precedent that at 8 miles over we are going to write you a ticket. And he went over again about the importance of educating the driver. If you go around doing 45 miles an hour, then we're writing you a ticket. Debra reminded the Deputy we had to still do nominations. Community resident on 5th isle south shared a story about how she heard gunshots and called the sheriff's department, but no one came out for an hour and 45 minutes. Deputy Buzzetto went over how she reported it, what did you say?

Dispatcher talks to law enforcement; you have to be clear when you call in what is going on and if you feel threatened. The average response time is 4 minutes. You will be swarmed with k-9, sheriffs etc if they feel you are threatened. Just saying shooting sounds in the area will not bring them out here. She talked some more about the incidence. Debra reminded the deputy we need to do nominations. The Deputy said be extremely specific say you're afraid, I am fearful it will make the difference.

(President Terry Gedan left at 11:37 due to her illness)

The Deputy stated he was being kicked out of the meeting. He said he hoped he gave you some valuable information and then passed out booklets about the sheriff's office.

Debra took the floor and announced Terry had to leave and said we would open the floor to nominations, Marcia Lamanna said she had some updates to share with us before we opened the floor to nominations.

Traffic Light at entrance to Leisure Beach -

Update Feb 19th from the Pasco County Construction and Engineering Inspection Manager:

Week of Feb. 22 - FDOT will be preparing the drill shafts to install the mast arms to house the traffic signals. They are moving along with their existing project plan. The goal now is to have the signal in the operational phase by early July.

Once the FDOT's traffic signal is fully operational, they will open the driveway connection from DiPaola Drive to Walmart, which has already been completed.

Dredging -

Update Feb 19th from the Pasco county Engineer that is responsible for this:

The contract is being processed for BCC approval. Please note that the "north - south" channel is new and therefore is not considered maintenance dredging and they expect it will be tough to get permitted. The consultant will confirm with regulatory agencies the feasibility of creating the "north- south" channel once the phase II of this project is approved by the BCC.

FYI - We do have a map of what was submitted.

The positive for Leisure Beach is that it is finally starting to move through the system.

They do not think they can get approved for the new dredging to Sea Ranch that was proposed. Getting maintenance dredging will be a lot easier.

Frank said the one going across to Signal Cove is not new dredging if you were at that meeting Mariano said it is an old canal and is not considered new dredging. Marcia said that was her information as of yesterday morning.

Debra- and just to keep everyone up to date we will be having Jack Mariano or code enforcement coming out to speak in April. Marcia said yes, she spoke to him this morning and they will still be putting it in, but it will be hard to get approved.

Then one other thing is,

Hotel on US 19 being built: -

Update Feb. 20th from Jack Mariano:

Jack called the owner on Feb. 20th regarding the "for Sale" signs at the property. They are still moving forward with the hotel build on 19 and the housing development behind the mall, bordering the west end of SR52. The "for sale" signs are parcels that will become "boutique type" retail stores around the Hotel complex.

Note: Many members (about half) are leaving the meeting at this point because it has run so long.

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Opened floor to Tim Kaiser for nominations:

He said it's the time of year for nominations and then next month we will have the official election.

Tim read our bylaws stating what requirements are needed to be nominated.

ARTICLE VI

Section 2. Candidates for each office and Executive Board Representatives must be Members In Good Standing at the time of nomination. They must meet two (2) of the following requirements:

Florida resident, property owner In Good Standing, a resident of Leisure Beach for at least six (6) months or more, and have been active for one year, (meaning: attending four (4) out of six (6) association meetings), before running for any board position.

He announced all positions are open for nominations we have president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and then we have 7 board member and then we want to create a new position of membership coordinator, and then possibly a Zoom administrator if people want zoom available,

At this time Terri has been serving as president if no one is willing to step forward and be president she is willing to do it again.

Jack LaManna stated he is a member in good standing and nominates Tony Holmes for president he is a full time resident, Tim said we thank you Tony and stated it has been a tough position to fill.

Do we have any interest in Vice-President? Frank, are you willing to serve again? I am willing to serve again if nobody wants the job, that's why I took it to begin with because nobody could or wanted to do it. So yes, sure I would do it again. Franks nomination was seconded.

Secretary - Debra are you willing to serve? Debra stated yes, she is willing to serve. Marcia LaManna nominated Debra and that was seconded.

Now for Treasurer, Ann wants to step down this year she wants and is willing to serve as a board member.

At this point Carolyn is interested in serving in the position of Treasurer. Is anyone else interested? Can I have a nomination for Carolyn? Marcia LaManna nominated Carolyn. That was seconded.

Okay so we have all the executive positions filled. Now for board members we have 7 positions. Is anyone here willing to sit on the board of directors? Marcia asked how many board members wanted to come back, Tim said Ann is willing to serve as a board member,

Kim Luis asked what is the role? What does it entail? We attend the community meetings, we attend the meeting with the president, vice president secretary and treasurer. We meet once/twice a month, to deal with problems in the neighborhood and talk about things from the community meetings, Kim asked when are the meetings typically? Under normal circumstances we get together around 5:30pm on Mondays once/twice a month. Right now, we are doing zoom calls. Kim asked at what hour? Tim stated at about 4:40 to 5:00pm in the afternoon. Again, that's up to whoever is President. Frank said we have a zoom meeting usually about a week before the general membership meeting and the week after and they usually last half an hour. So, there's two board meetings a month basically and then the community meeting. Right now, because of everybody's schedule it's like 5 o'clock on Wednesday, the President checks with the board to see what works best for them.

Marcia LaManna normally the board meets to go over what everyone is doing because she can't do everything. Everybody just participates and shares what needs to be done. Tim stated you know sometimes we have to contact the county, take care of projects around the area, for example Frank said right now I am vice president and the president needed somebody to look at signs, graphics, pricing etc. so, I am spending time during the week driving up and down the road getting pictures of signs and

stuff. Debra said she had been tasked with calling the Deputy to speak and look into county restrictions on signage. We all help out. It's not just attending meetings you will be asked to perform other duties from time to time. You are going to devote some time, it does take up a big chunk of your time, but I'm retired so not a big deal.

Mark spoke up and said Saturday morning meetings take up a big chunk of your time too. Frank agreed and said he should be home tiling his bathroom, Debra said she should be doing an open house. Mark said the meeting should be on any day but weekends, Marcia, asked if we don't fill these positions now can they contact the board later to volunteer?

(even more members have left now)

Yes, if you want to volunteer contact any board member. Tim said if you're interested contact me in the next week.

The lady in the lavender jacket asked if board members had to follow the same prerequisites as the officers of the board?

Debra said, when these nominations end Tim is going to make sure that everybody who was nominated goes by the bylaws, which is a member in good standing, the lady stated that as a member in good standing you had to obtain what to run? We stated "Paid your dues" attended 4 to 6 meetings, and be a resident of Leisure Beach. Marcia LaManna stated that we had to be flexible with the 4 to 6 meetings being attended because of COVID, because a lot of people did not want to come out to meetings." the only thing I can say is you're going to have to be flexible on that."

Kim Luis asked if more than one person can go up for one position?

Debra answered "Absolutely."

Kim said when they called each one it was first and seconded on most, I don't know how this works, does that mean that's closed and no other people do it. Debra explained no it just means that

Marcia seconded that nomination. Tim explained to Kim if two people wanted to be secretary then we would just have an election. Debra said right, we assign tellers and there would be an election if more than one person is running for the same position.

(room noise is getting louder)

Kim said she just wanted to understand the process.

Tony Holmes (president nominate) stepped up on the floor and said to Frank, I heard you say you would run if no one else did, I have one that I would like to nominate for Vice President Chris Shumaker.

Tim said Frank if you step down would you still be on the board? The retired state trooper from 5th Isle volunteered to be on the board.

Chris Schumaker will go for vice president, Tony Holmes said, (president nominee) I also nominate Melanie Holmes to be on the board. Debra said I am not sure she can do that, Marcia LaManna and Tony Holmes said yes she can. Marcia stated that you cannot have two people from the same household on the executive board, but the board member is fine.

Erin from Beach Blvd who moved here in November wanted to know if she qualified to run for the board, she understood completely if she didn't and told her we would look into it.

Lots of floor chatter now hard to keep up. Way too many conversations going on.

Melanie Holmes wanted me to know that she has lots of ideas to contribute about the sign and that she has graphic art experience.

Now everyone is up on the floor.

The lady in the lavender jacket stated she wanted the bylaws to change for running for office. I told her we are posting them soon and she can make suggestions, but she said that was too much and she just wanted to tell me.

Kim Luis asked me if we could get the meetings back to Mondays at Signal cove that Saturdays are extremely inconvenient. I told her I would bring it up to the board and as soon as possible we all wanted things back to normal and I understood her frustration. That Saturdays are a working day for me.

This meeting was never adjourned. It was very chaotic at the end.

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