

# MINUTES OF LEISURE BEACH COMMUNITY MEETING

NOVEMBER 09, 2020

LB Community meeting started on time at 7pm to a full house, standing room only. Vice President Frank started off with the pledge of allegiance and roll call of present board members. LB Treasurer, Ann, reported we have \$8,795 in checking and \$444.27 in PayPal. Three **new families** to the LB community were introduced. Topics discussed were:

**Patrol Car:** It is parked on Beach Blvd in front of storage building. We were told to decide “how important” the security car is and that in April paid membership community members would vote on whether or not to keep the security car. We were told the insurance was approximately \$3600 a year, plus maintenance and keeping drivers. Currently we pay \$60 a month for liability.

**Canal Water Quality-** Tim Kaiser reported he had recently taken samples for a Fecal Coliform test. The test is performed once a year during the warm weather time period. This year the water was tested on August 27. The test samples were taken from Bear Creek across from Jack and Marcia’s resident and at the 4th and 5th Isle canal right by the canal that divides Leisure Beach from Signal Cove. The water is tested by the Pasco County Utilities Environmental Lab at the Government Center on Little Road. A water sample below 600 cfu/100ml is considered safe. In previous years the Bear Creek sample was 40-60 ml. This time around we had 1,900 ML. The sample from the 4th and 5th Isle canal was 63ML. Ghelen is going to obtain another sample. The challenge is to get the sample to the Lab before 12 noon.

**Boat Parade** – Tony Holmes will be the lead for 2020 Boat Parade, Dec 11 - 12. The boats will line up at 5<sup>th</sup> Isle and Tower Canal for Leisure Beach on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Signal Cove boats will be Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. A combined party after Signal Cove boat parade in the Signal Cove clubhouse starts at 7:30pm. Bring a dish to pass. We are waiting on Signal Cove to confirm after party.

**Christmas Party** – It has been suggested to have a food truck set-up the west end of Beach Blvd and the community bring chairs to social distance and enjoy neighbors. Harry Wilkens, on Nautical, said he also know food truck owners and would contact them if we needed other food trucks.

**Canal Clean-Up** – We need a lead to lead the canal clean-up. Colleen Rediger reported that you did not need a boat to be the lead. She stated they do canal clean-up using their kayaks.

She also reported that group from Leisure Beach usually meet on weekends to kayak and everyone is invited to join the group.

**Commissioner Jack Mariano** – although late to meeting, spoke regarding; **Dredging**: Said the study came back and stated the old maps, where there were original channels they will be dug out as well as the rapids and “S” turn. There were different pots of money, including 1.4 mil to support the dredging, although community residents may have to contribute \$1,000 to be completed. There were many questions from the standing room only regarding dredging Hudson’s canals. Some rumor mills were stated that the new dredging plan did not include the “S” curve to get in and out of Hudson canals. Commissioner Mariano stated he sent in an exempt permits 40 days ago to the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) and it might come down to we need the Army Corp of Engineers approval. If we get approval dredging should began 60 day after approval. The new channel will run straight across Red Neck Riviera to Signal Cove. The survey is complete and we should start the dredging within 6 months and completion 18 – 24 months after start. **Sea grass** study on Hudson channels and were determined to get rid of them were too costly and they regrow back quickly. **Traffic Light** – at Beach and U.S. 19 has been ordered. It will be 6 months before delivery, which means the traffic light will not be completed until Spring 2021. The Wal-Mart **entrance** and Dipalo is almost complete and they are working on the **Rotary** at Beacon Woods Dr. **Beautification** – Pawn trees have been planted in the median on U.S. 19. **Water Tower** – request to have the water tower painted has been requested. **Golfs Carts** – golf carts – have been approved for Sea Ranch. Before they can be approved for Hudson, need to work with business owners on U.S. 19 to set up golf cart lanes and put up signage. **Homeless people** – a fence have been placed around the homeless hang-out at Bear Creek and U.S. 19. We were told to stop feeding the homeless, so maybe they will go to another place. It was suggested to remove the “Bus stop bench” in front of Wal-Mart because no one uses the bus stop except the homeless. If we see something, report to Sheriffs and Commissioners. **Boat Covers** – still not permitted, but LB residents continue to put them up anyway. It is recommended not to install boat covers. This issues will be discussed at the November 17<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting in New Port Richey. You may either come and give a 3 minutes speech for/against boat covers or you may email all the commissioners at: [countycommissioners@pascocountyfl.net](mailto:countycommissioners@pascocountyfl.net). Mariano would like to come back in 30 days to give update on dredging and traffic light. He will bring with him, large maps to show where the dredging would be.

Leisure Beach meeting adjourned at 8:45.