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Minutes of Citizens Association Dec 14 Meeting

JEKYLL ISLAND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monday, December 14, 2009

Attendance: Norman Haft, Co-President; Bob Lelli, Co-President; Larry Waldhauer, Treasurer; Gloria Zocchi, Secretary; Stan Jennings, Frank Mirasola, Steve Newell and Mindy Egan. Absent: Rick Hoffman and Richard Van Iderstyne.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Lelli.

Mr. Lelli had some items to report from the morning JIA Board Meeting. The complete minutes of that meeting can be found on JICANET number #77, dated December 24.

The minutes were accepted as written.

Larry Waldhauer gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of December 14 is \$15,356.61. Credits for the month were \$612 and expenses were \$144. Stan Jennings made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Steve Newell seconded. The report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Meghan Jeffries

There now are 98 individual members and 209 family members for a total of 516 voting members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lelli addressed the discussion about the JICA newsletter at the last meeting. Lelli feels that the purpose of the newsletter is to be informative, satisfy human interest, and cover matters not addressed elsewhere.

NEW BUSINESS

The latest news is the termination of the agreement between Linger Longer and the Jekyll Island Authority. The various components of the plan will be bid and contracted

individually. The biggest concern is the business district. Demolition of the stores and the Convention Center will start after Labor Day. It seems that the temporary trailers/stores will be placed in the parking lot north of Blackbeards Restaurant.

Co-President Haft addressed the Lease extension. It is meant to be affordable, understandable and logistically easy to read. If any questions arise from residents, Haft will be glad to address those questions by phone at 635-9519 or by meeting in person. It is his opinion that every resident, with few exceptions, should extend their individual lease. It was also mentioned that the termination of the agreement with Linger Longer was a positive move

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:

Stan Jennings stated that raising the yearly parking fee to \$50 is not a good idea at this time. Frank Mirasola agreed and stated that JICA should take a stand against this increase. There was no support for this idea.

Mr. Mirasola also had several business points about the leases:

*January 2011 is the final date to make decisions, but the Attorney General, who is running for Governor, may take quite a while to decide what to do. This is not a good thing when the clock starts running on January 2, 2010.

*There are many vague things in the lease contract.

*Assessed value, land value and estate value seem to be used interchangeably.

Mr. Haft disagrees with Mirasola. The "Fair Market Value of Leasehold estate", or the land value as determined by the Glynn County Assessors, will be the basis for lease rate calculations. Haft stated that the finalized document will be available in a reasonable time. It is important that residents obtain their current numbers about the lease extension from Marjorie Johnson at the JIA Offices if they haven't done so already.

Mindy Egan stated that people should be 100% sure of their numbers. There will be no floor and no ceiling for land-value changes made by Glynn County assessors. Howard Sculthorpe stated that it is the market value, not the assessed value or the appraised value.

Lucien DeBacker mentioned that there will be no safe deposit boxes in the bank when it moves to a trailer. Therefore, all residents should move their valuables to either St. Simon's Island or Brunswick.

Chuck McManus stated that the new leases will cost islanders up to \$100,000 or more. This should be looked into legally.

Peter Leininger said that Joe Iannicelli has long been suggesting an equal lease rate for both commercial and home owners.

Mindy Egan stated that people all over have a deep feeling for this place. There is a collective spirit of love. She wanted to know if there was going to be a legal review of this lease contract when it is done. Mr. Haft stated that of course there will be.

Bob Lelli mentioned that there is excited anticipation of what is going to happen. Things can be looked at definitely now. Trammel Crow is on target with their plans. That presentation to the JIA Board will probably be made by April.

Lucien DeBacker pointed out that the fire fee is 40% paid for by the citizens of Jekyll Island. If it was agreed to not use the fire department would the JIA absorb 100% of the fire fee?

With no further comments from audience, Co-President Lelli adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Zocchi, Secretary

Reminders of Previously Announced Events

- Arts Association January exhibit featuring photographer Carla Cook Smith and wood carver Earnest Shaver opens in Goodyear Cottage Jan 4 with artists' reception Sunday, Jan 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. As usual, admission to the exhibit and reception is free.
- Arts Association January program featuring pop and folk music group "Three of Us" at the Convention Center, Tuesday Jan 5 at 7:30 pm.

---and that's the news from Jekyll Island where history lives, nature abounds and we're bidding farewell to 2009!! Darrell Davidson, Interim JICANet Editor

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