

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
ONLINE VIA GOOGLE MEET AT 4PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. In attendance were Herrmann(vice-pres.), Greene(treasurer), Peterson(secretary), and directors Bolton, Bondy, Kluepfel, Sabol, Stephen, and Zingman. Dr. Graham Cox also participated.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--Buzz will add to Advocacy and Education/Outreach.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (AP, pp.2-3)--Bob made a motion, seconded by Buzz, that the Minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting be approved; all voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT (AP, pp.4-10)--Maxwell Schum donation—Terry reported that dues from twelve members came in at \$160; the \$500 donation from Kimberley Maxwell for the Schum donation is in place; and we have net assets of \$11,395.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--MRC SSR property, Guide Star rating--

1) Tim reported that he recently met with a member of the MRC re a house and property they own on the SSR. They would like to work with us on finding ways to save the house, as well as creating a possible boardwalk and walking trail.

2) We have now achieved "gold star" status under the Guide Star rating.

3) Two donations arrived from Network for Good (one for \$50 in Dec. and another for \$85 in Jan.). What does this group represent and why have they chosen to donate monies to us?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1)IRC/Powell-Ryall home office--Beth Powell heard from Dylan Reingold. Covid issues and computer hacking have held up negotiations on moving into our new office quarters.

2)Invasive plant workshop and field trips--Janice's recommendation that the workshop agreed to will be either in person or on Zoom; the 4 hands-on workshops will also occur as agreed to. Jane Schnee will not be able to participate due to health issues.

NEW BUSINESS--Copies of Silent Spring provided to City Council/City staff. Diana explained that the books she handed out were all stamped with "Property of SSR" and that they were strictly on loan, not gifts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Advocacy--Herrmann

SJRWMD permits--no report

ACOE permits--no report

City of Sebastian Comprehensive Plan 2040 first reading, Jan. 27, 2021 (AP,

pp.11-16)--Please see Buzz's Advocacy Report on p. 11 that outlines his presentations at the

Fellsmere City Council Meeting on Jan. 14th and the Sebastian City Council Meeting on Jan. 27th. We may have made some headway re our stormwater concerns and the health of the SSR with Mayor Dodd and the Council. (Mayor Dodd asked Development Director Lisa Frazer to consider issues raised by Buzz and a copy of his comments be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting).

IRNA Septic to sewer conversion cost estimates (AP. pp.17-21)—Discussion ensued, led by Mark and

Buzz. Owners are confused by procedures involved and how to be reimbursed. Dr. Cox suggested that we should create a simple document that explains to affected homeowners septic to sewer conversion.

*Education/Outreach--Bolton/Stephen

Peter Hinck, Fl. fisherman/sports writer--better known as "Palm Beach Pete" --will ask Julia to connect with him re his Facebook postings.

Canal spraying handout--updated by Tim for Julia to place on Facebook.

SRHS Schum award--Difficulties have arisen re handing out the award. Buzz wondered if we should send a letter to the principal asking how to proceed since we evidently missed the Jan. 5th deadline.

Update on ORCA--We now have two Kilroys in the SSR taking water samples. Mark suggested that while we appreciate the info collected, we need to understand what it all means. Diana contacted Missy Weiss at ORCA to find out how to interpret Kilroy readings. She also suggested that we inform our members on Facebook and in our next newsletter of the presence of the Kilroys.

*Financial--Greene--Fl. Dept. of Ag. and Consumer Services, Charitable solicitations reg. (AP, pp.22-23)--total expenses for 2020 = \$2835.34

*Governance--Herrmann, annual meeting/elections, March meeting—Covid issues have forced us to cancel the in-person March meeting; we will very likely have a virtual meeting; if no speaker is available, Tim can provide a presentation on gopher tortoises.

*Information--Glover, website update, etc.--Tim has added new photos for the Ansin Tract for June, July, and August to virtual trails tours pages.

*Membership--Herrmann--Excellent response to Buzz's membership renewal letter (AP, pp.24-25). Tim suggested we give new members a small gift, such as an inscribed FSSR keyring – checking into options.

*Publicity--Held--not present to give us update on Facebook stats.

*Volunteer--vacant

*Adjournment--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Diana, that the meeting be adjourned; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

**Next BOD meeting--March 9, 2021 at 4PM, online

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lynn Peterson
FSSR Secretary