

**POA Membership Meeting  
December 17, 2019**

**Called to order:** by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- All Board members present, except: Andrew Curtis (excused).
- Organizations present: Seniors vs. Crime, Foxfire Realty, Sally Love Realty and District Gov.
- November Membership meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by members present.
- Treasurer Report (Donna Kempa): Stated November income: \$23,737; expenses: \$22,880; net gain: \$857; operating balance: \$131,840. Expenses included renewal notice and shredding event costs.
- Membership Report (Bill Schikora): Stated enrollment is going well; many new members.
- Raffle: 3 winners of \$30 cash each.

**Announcements:**

- Cliff stated 2020 will be the 45<sup>th</sup> year the POA has been in existence looking out for Village owners' rights and interests. He asked folks to contact the POA if their neighborhood or group would like a presentation on the AED program or a presentation on the POA. He also mentioned the Vials for Life Program the POA supports and signing up for electronic delivery of the bulletin.
- Cliff mentioned the folks present that are running against the incumbent Sumter County Commissioners for the three districts up for reelection in 2020 and needing their petitions signed.
- Cliff stated the new POA website is going live December 26<sup>th</sup>, with a Villages phone book link.
- Cliff announced speakers for upcoming meetings: Mr. Stephen Kennedy, Sumter 911 Call Center, on January 14<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Dale Grafton, Coleman Prison, on February 25<sup>th</sup>; and, Mr. Don Henderson, Villages Hospital, on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Board and Officer Oath for Calendar Year 2020:**

- Len Hathaway had the Board of Directors affirm the principals (values and mission) of the POA through five statements and all present concurred.

**Member Questions:**

- Status of Lake Sumter bridge? Ans: Decision was to go with GeoWeb project to fix the issues, which cannot be started until the lake water level goes down 3 more inches.
- Spraying for mosquitos? Ans: Depends in The Villages on the county it's part of. Marion: does not spray; Sumter: contracted out based on mosquito counts in certain areas; Lake: on demand.
- Magnolia Plaza completion date? Ans: Up to developer; the POA or District are not informed.

**Speaker:** Richard Baier, District Manager, on "The District – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow."

- Targets: Enhanced communications and customer service and improved decision making.
- 17 districts: 13 residential (Chitty Chatty #13), 3 commercial (Village Centers)) and North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD). 17<sup>th</sup> of 412 large Florida communities; over 132,000 residents, 70 square miles and more developer owned property south of SR-44 than north of it.
- Capital project updates:
  - Brownwood wood shop (by public service building across from Eisenhower) – start next month.
  - Multi-modal path wayfinding signage - done.
  - Paradise upgrades – on hold until First Responder Recreation Center (CR-42) completed.
  - Parr fire station – 85% complete; Customer Service Center (at CR-468 fire station) – open; District Property Management South Annex (behind SR-44 fire station) – open soon.
  - Unit 56 stormwater piping project (District 4 sinkhole area) – ahead of schedule/under budget.
- Administrative updates:
  - Growth and expansion...expect if for a number of years still.
  - Updated Districts Board rules, policies and procedures – last update was 1998.
- Operations updates:
  - Fleet procurement/maintenance - \$1M in savings going to lease and county maintenance.

- Solid waste management/recycling – south of SR-44: good plan; north: modifying the plan (currently subsidizing recycling at \$900,000) to less recycle items and waste energy process.
- Updated purchasing manuals (decentralized to centralized control) – over \$10M saved.
- Environmental initiatives – postal center LED lighting, no plastic straws/styrofoam cups, etc.
- Financial/budgetary updates:
  - Amenity fees – deferral cap lifted to help future facility/area upkeep budgets.
  - FICA alternative plan - \$500,000 savings (win-win plan since over 50% are part-time employees).
  - Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) fiscal reserve policy updated – ensures Recreation Amenities Division (RAD) fund minimum balance.
  - Central Sumter Utility (CSU) acquisition – purchase approved by NSCUDD.
  - Sanitation Bond – refinanced, saving \$40M.
  - 54 funds within 17 districts – 1.25% budget reduction in 2019.
- Balanced scorecards produced and available at [districtgov.org](http://districtgov.org).
- Questions:
  - What is the budget process for savings? Ans: Zero-based budgeting.
  - U.S. only fleet vehicles? Ans: 50% U.S. & 50% foreign; follow federal/state purchase guidelines.
  - No pre-warning on Unit 56 storm water pipe issue? Ans: No, pipe collapsed due to sinkholes and there is no good predictor on when a sinkhole might develop.
  - Is there a water table problem with The Villages growth? Ans: Do not see one, and cannot predict long term degradation related to known soil conditions in this area.
  - What is the information technology exposure and cost? Ans: Minimal, under contract for backup system and ransomware protection. Not sure of cost in base contract for this function.
  - Why go to waste energy process, it causes toxic pollution? Ans: Waste energy more regulated than landfills, hence don't believe more toxic.
  - Why are residential bonds so high? Ans: It's based on per unit costs and set by the developer. Engineering reports available at County offices to show overall costs.
  - How many Brownwood lofts will there be? Ans: 279 rental units.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Reb Benson