

HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes (April 12, 2008)

Call to Order: Kathy Deuster called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Roll Call: Kathryn Deuster, Vice President, Janet Podell, Secretary; Mike Shettlesworth, Member at Large, John Dolan, Member at Large and Doug Allen, Island Manager. Excused absence: Fred Fath, President/Treasurer

Previous Board Meeting Minutes: **Mike Shettlesworth made a motion to accept the March '08 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Mike Shettlesworth made a motion to approve the minutes of Special Board/Water Committee meeting held on 3/20/08. Motion carried.**

Correspondence: Six pieces of correspondence were received during the month. Each was discussed as their topics arose during the course of the meeting.

Finance:

- **Kathy Deuster made a motion to pay this month's bills as submitted. Motion carried.**

See Island Manager's written report for additional details of the following areas.

Administration:

- Security on the island was discussed. There is a proposed plan to hire a Security company during seasonal and high traffic times. This proved to be successful in the past at the mainland ferry dock. Additional suggestions were brought forward from the membership such as the purchasing of a Radar gun, purchasing a flashing speed sign, or the installation of a permanent sign to be prominently displayed at the top of Ferry Street. The subject of fireworks violations was also addressed. It was stated that while regulations in Pierce County do not prohibit private fireworks, as a private community we have the right to impose restrictions. **Kathy Deuster made a motion that, budget permitting; we hire a security company to be on the island for the upcoming July 4th holiday weekend. Motion carried.** Flyers will be prepared for distribution by the ferry crew, and a notice will be published in the Beachcomber informing the membership of the plan to have security present on the island. **Kathy Deuster made a motion to hire security again during this year's dry dock. Motion Carried. Janet Podell made a motion that we order a sign for display at the top of Ferry Street that indicates speeding is strictly enforced and a \$500 fine for violators will be imposed. Motion carried.**

Legal:

- Recent discussions with the island attorney (J. Strichartz) indicated the need to re-visit our proposed Ferry Access policy for renters. Part time renters probably should not be granted the benefit of reduced ferry fees.

But full time renters should be granted these benefits. Further review is forthcoming. When resolution is identified it should be treated as a By-laws amendment.

- It was suggested that another By-laws change be enacted to raise the threshold for expenditures that require a membership vote from \$10K to \$20K. Further discussion forthcoming.
- The Island attorney (J. Strichartz) requested Board input for two delinquent accounts. In one instance a member is proposing to pay off their delinquency at a rate of \$200 per month. Without additional information, the Board was not able to make a determination at this time and requested more information. The second delinquent member has made a request that we waive the standard security deposit in exchange for payment of outstanding monies in full. Careful discussion followed and it was decided that since this member has a pattern of assessment delinquency, the Board felt that waiving the security deposit is not in the best interest of the organization. **Janet Podell made a motion to deny the request. Motion carried.**
- A suggestion was made by Kathy Deuster that new issues brought to the Board's attention during the month should not be held until the next Board meeting. She recommended that each item be forwarded to the Board members as they are received. This request did not require a motion to implement.

Land Use:

- A request has been received from a member to limb trees on HMC land that is in the periphery of their property. Kathy Deuster suggested that we treat this the same way as we handled a similar request two months ago. **Kathy Deuster made a motion that we proceed accordingly. Motion carried.** Also, the Roads Committee Chairman requested that the member tag 2 trees that are suspected of being rotten and pose a safety threat.

Transportation:

- Associated Petroleum agreed to assist in preparing a plan for HMC to take to the State Dept. of Ecology relative to the over-water fueling fees. The plan includes a provision that HMC assumes all liability in the event of a spill. It was suggested that we inquire about independently purchasing this insurance coverage before agreeing to the proposed provision. The State Dept. of Ecology, Insurance companies, and our attorney will be queried on this possibility.
- Dolphins and pilings at the mainland ferry dock, island ferry dock, and North Beach were addressed by Doug Allen. He is in receipt of a communication from an engineering firm that was contacted for a proposal. Doug noted that there is a 12-18 month permitting process if we choose to replace them. The proposal provided a rough order of magnitude of \$450K to \$500K but cautioned that this is just a preliminary estimate. While the pilings and dolphins have been repaired over time, they have never been replaced, and some of the material is 50 years old.

Rules & Regulations:

- The next Beachcomber will have Rules reminders.
- A hearing is being scheduled for the tree cutting incident from February. The affected party has indicated that they will have their attorney present at the hearing. If HMC wishes to have an attorney present Doug suggested using Mark Anderson who has been employed by HMC for other land use issues. A member in the audience suggested that this may represent a conflict of interest since Mark Anderson is also an island member. Discussion followed about the need to have an attorney represent the island during the hearing. The member was notified that the specific violations were: 1.) operating on road right-of-way without obtaining a road encroachment permit (Class C violation), and 2.) Vandalism of Island property (Class A violation). The total fine would be \$1100. The Board agreed that there is no specific requirement for an HMC attorney to be present at the hearing.
- A complaint was brought to the attention of the Rules Chairman that individuals were witnessed riding around on another member's property.
- The Rules Chairman was recently subjected to an angry confrontation by a person who she approached about a speeding violation.

Emergency Preparedness:

- Next committee meeting is scheduled for May 6th at 2:00 Pm
- There is a generator on the ferry that requires removal. It was suggested that Dick Mowry be contacted to help with removal. This generator will be used to power the Community Center during emergencies and extended power outages. Carole Crowley requested Mike Davis's help to bring a pallet to set the generator on after it is removed from the ferry.

Water:

- Mike Davis reported that a notice will be placed in the Beachcomber about new water issues being directed to him.

Parks:

- The subject was brought up about the rubber mulch being used as a cushioning agent at the playground. Tracy Anspach discussed this issue with the party who brought it to his attention and advised the Board that that party has subsequently withdrawn her concern. No further action will be required on this issue.
- The large maple tree at the Nature Park has been removed. There is available wood for anyone who wishes to have it.
- Tracy called for volunteers for the upcoming work parties. He will begin work at the North Beach this next week. South Beach – post holes need to be dug for the safety railing. More help is needed for this project. Lunch will be provided.

Roads:

- Alan Moren received quotes for new piping for filling the water truck. This will be installed following installation of the boat docks later this month.
- Alan also suggested that we start budgeting for a new water truck.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mike Shettlesworth suggested that HMC purchase an electronic reader board. He will look into the associated costs.

Boosters:

- First Booster's potluck will be May.
- Thank you to Terrill Chillson for getting the activities updated.
- A new telephone book to be published this year will include advertisements.
- It was noted that April 30th is HMC's 50th Anniversary
- There will be no Island Auction this year.

Beachcomber:

- The next Beachcomber will be the April issue. Inputs are required electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Wed. Apr. 16, 2008. The Beachcomber Editor is beachcomber@herronisland.org.
- A request for open Board position nominations will be included in the next publication.

Adjournment: John Dolan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell
Secretary