

# Creciente Condominium Association

Election Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
December 7, 2016  
10:30 am

In Attendance: John Grier – Chair, Cheryl Thompson, Sally Hadden, Kathy Luce, Bonnie Ridener, Becky Werner, Wilda Gastelu,  
Justine Davick, Manager  
Not in Attendance: Ken Kucharek, Wes Nails, Bonnie Roberts  
2 Owners also in attendance

John Grier called the meeting to order at 10:30 pm in the Creciente Social Room at 7150 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. He announced that the notice for this meeting was posted in accordance with bylaw and statutory requirements, and confirmed that a quorum was present.

This meeting is to discuss and define the process of counting the proxy votes and Board election votes at the Creciente Annual Meeting at 7p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Justine Davick handed out tally sheets for the proxy vote per building, one for the election of the Board per building, and a final tally for both the proxy issues and the Board election winners. One change to the proposed proxy tally sheet from the office will be that all four proxy votes will be tallied on the same sheet and the sheet/s will be per building.

As the proxy envelopes are received in the office, the staff will open the proxy envelope and put the proxy sheets into a notebook in numerical order by building. This will help to determine before the meeting if a quorum is likely to be present. The proxy votes will not be counted at this time. The proxy sheets will be put into a locked box which will be kept by one of the eligible committee members (Sally Hadden?) during the hours the office is closed.

Per Attorney Chris Shields the proxy votes, which are not secret, may be tallied by the unit number and the proxy votes may be counted before the meeting begins. But, any owner has the right to change his/her vote if it is done before the meeting Chair calls a close to all balloting at the Annual Meeting. The vote count will be done by the committee.

The election committee will meet in the Social Room at 1 p.m. on January 3, 2017 to count all four proxy votes and will tally them on a sheet for each building that has all the unit numbers in order and a place to tally all four votes.

Several adjustments to include some red or green printing were made to the proxy instructions to make them as clear as possible.

Present Board members, their spouses and any candidates and their spouses are prohibited from participating in the vote count. The 1 p.m. meeting will be noticed and owners may attend but may not interfere.

The election ballots may not be opened until the balloting is closed at the 7 p.m. meeting. Once the Annual Meeting Chair closes all voting, the eligible election committee will begin counting the ballots in the social room with the doors open to the hallway. Any owners who wish to be present may do so but must be quiet.

If an election ballot is identifiable in any way (signed or initialed) it will be declared invalid per state statutes.

All proxy votes and election ballots will be counted once by one group and that count verified by a different group. There should be 3 people for each building. Sally Hadden, Bonnie Ridener, Bonnie Roberts, Kathy Luce, Wilda Gastelu, Ken Kucharek, and Wes Nails will be the committee members present. Also helping will be Craig Luce, Elden Ridener, John Mastic and Gail Crane. Should it be necessary, the committee retains the right to recruit more people.

Although the instructions say to make an X on your choice, any mark indicating your vote preference will be accepted on the proxy and the ballot. Though, again, identifying marks on the election ballot will render that ballot invalid.

The sealed Ballot envelopes will be put into a separate locked box and kept by an eligible committee member during the hours the office is closed.

John Grier will make sure that the 1 p.m. meeting is noticed and that all members are reminded of it.