

South Seaside Homeowners and Voters Association July 19 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Whiteman. Jim Dellas led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. **Roll Call** - President Whiteman, Vice President- Jim Anderson, Communication Secretary- Judy Erdman, Treasurer- Arlene Nora, Recording Secretary - Pat Dolobacs Directors - Jim Dellas, Tom Drew, Bob Nora

Minutes from June's meeting were read. Correction noted. The bar on the dunes at Atlantic Grill happened last year. Jim Fulcomer made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, and Jim Anderson gave the second. Motion carried.

Communication Secretary Judy Erdman thanked the volunteers, those people displaying signs, and those attending the meeting. We need volunteers to hand out membership papers with fact and myth information. Alan Kehrier will head a group of members to make phone contact with previous members or members who have not paid dues. Signup sheet is on the back table.

Vice President Jim Anderson reported that he and President Whiteman attended a Seaside Park Council work session.

Seaside Park has answered over 300 police calls in South Seaside Park in the last year. The cost of this shared assistance has become an issue and there will be a meeting with Berkeley soon. Seaside Park is not compensated for this service. Berkeley also has a 5 year contract with Seaside Park to cover our needs. Going to Berkeley Council meeting and requesting crossing guards has resulted in the placement of three Seaside Park Police crossing guards.

Thanks was given to President Whiteman and Jim and Kathy Fulcomer for attending the Berkeley Council Meetings and addressing our concerns.

Treasurer- Arlene Nora presented the new budget and the full year income and expenditures. Report attached. Jim Anderson made a motion to accept and Tom Drew gave the second. Motion carried.

Special Business- Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Jim Fulcomer had the secretary read the proposed slate for Directors. Jim Dellas, Bob Nora, Tom Drew, and Bob Schwartz. There had been no nominations from the floor at the June Meeting. Jim made a motion to have the secretary cast one ballot for the slate. Don Michalowski gave the second. Motion carried.

President Whiteman reported that members who will be acting as witnesses before Berkeley's planning board have met with our attorney to go over their statements. Opra reports are still slow coming to our auditor. Once he has all his financial information he will complete his report. The police report sent was 348 pages long. When his report is complete, it along with our planner's report will be sent to our attorney to make sure all is ready. Then our lawyer will present the petition to Berkeley. The Council will have 14 days to look over and then send to

the planning board, which will have 45 days to consider, and then back to Council. If Berkeley responds negatively then we go to court. The majority of voters and residents of South Seaside Park want to leave Berkeley. We still need to contact people. Talk to your Neighbors about becoming members , paying dues, and commitment fees.

Question Period- Bill Schultz asked why Mayor Amato was not allowed to attend and felt that we need to respond to the Mayor.

Jim Fulcomer responded that only people who are allowed to attend our meetings are homeowners , renters, and voters of South Seaside Park.

Judy Erdman responded that our lawyer would be contacted Monday morning for guidance on how to handle the matter. The Mayor is more than welcome to address our members, as other speakers have, before the meeting begins. Usually a request is made before the meeting so an announcement can be sent out to our members or at least provisions can be made with advance notice.

Bill Schultz- How many members and registered voters do we have?

Judy- We have approximately 254 member households and 421 voters.

Bill Schultz stated that we, the officers and directors, have not done enough to push the association. He feels that people opposed to de-annexation will go to court and testify.

President Whiteman responded that we have had numerous mailings of letters, emails, post cards, and door to door deliveries of information and membership forms. We have been actively working to increase our membership rolls for the past three years.

Director Jim Dellas commended Mr. Schultz for going door to door to his neighbors asking if they were members. If he would give us a list of who he talked to, then we can let him know if they are members or not.

Jim Fulcomer welcomed everyone's comments. He stated that compared to 30 years ago we have many more members and that we are in a much better situation. **Beverly Ayre** feels that people in South Seaside Park feel we do not have a chance for de-annexation. She asked her neighbors to come to the meeting and they refused.

Jim Dellas asked if she knew if her neighbors had been approached by any one from the association.

Kathy Fulcomer stated that the Mayor will probably let people know he was not allowed to attend. We have every right as stated in our bylaws to deny him. She commended President Whiteman for attending the Berkeley Council meetings. She and her husband also attend the Council meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month.

Kevin Burvin commended the group for the work done to reach our goal of de-annexation. Joe Dolobacs said that no matter what you endeavor, there will be always be people who are going to profit or gain from another's work and money.

Maryann Meneghin suggested carpooling to go to the Council meetings. To help us reach out to each other maybe an activity could happen such as a block party.

Dan Materia said that a notice of the meeting placed in his door brought him out tonight.

Don Merker said people who have homes and vacation here do not see or know the problems. Maybe we should invite the Mayor and also the Seaside Park Mayor, but not at the same time, to attend a meeting.

Jim Fulcomer stated that there are real benefits to joining Seaside Park. He is on the Berkeley Board of Education. Our elementary kids would have to travel 50 minutes through approximately 7 towns to attend school. Berkeley is a K through 6 district. He was the lone nay vote for a \$28,250.00 raise for the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of schools receives a salary of \$178,250.00 . Seaside Park is no longer part of Berkeley School system so they do not contribute to Berkeley Elementary education costs.

Carol Lucanio said that if you want a copy of a police report, you must request one.

Sue Besumel stated that there is apathy among residents. She asked if Seaside Park could refuse us.

VP Anderson answered that if the court grants us de-annexation then Seaside Park would have no legal right to refuse us.

Paul Kaiser asked about our percentage in Berkeley's budget.

Jim Fulcomer answered that the figures are looking good.

VP Jim Anderson suggested approaching Midway Beach Condo Association to help bring more people from Midway on board.

Alan Schoenwisner asked if we could request to attend a Midway Association meeting to promote our organization.

We have stood outside of a meeting and handed out information to people as they left.

Jayne and Kerri Gillich suggested making up a flyer informing Midway residents benefits of joining us and leaving Berkeley. They volunteered to pass out the information .

Next Meeting August 16th. at 7:00 Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Tom Drew gave the second. Motion carried.