Board Briefs

Dec. 10, 2014 Meeting

- The board voted 3 to 2 to raise maintenance fees to \$1,000 a quarter beginning in 2015. Voting for the increase were Jerry Doherty, John Jensen and Bobby Kelly; Hal Bardon and Cynthia Knight voted against it. The proposed 2015 budget called for dues to be raised from \$925 to \$950, with approximately \$28,700 being transferred from homeowners equity to cover the remaining amount needed. Treasurer Hal Bardon argued against increasing dues to \$1,000, saying the budget was financially sound and by transferring the money the board was basically just refunding money back to the homeowners. Other directors, though, stated the homeowners equity funds should be viewed as a cushion should a "rainy day" situation present itself. The community is getting older and things are coming up, plus it has been eight years since a hurricane hit, they said. The last one was Wilma, and owners were assessed about \$1,000 because of the damage to landscaping, which is not covered by insurance. Homeowners equity is surplus funds left over at the end of each years.
- The proposed budget was not accepted as presented because of the decision not to transfer funds from homeowners equity to subsidize monthly maintenance fees.
- In a 3 2 vote, JSB Development was awarded the contract to renovate the clubhouse at a cost of \$67,330. This does not include remodeling the two bathrooms. Voting in favor were Bobby Kelly, Jerry Doherty and Cynthia Knight; Hal Bardon and John Jensen voted against it. Those who voted against it objected to the proposal being given to the board the day before the meeting.
- The board voted not to consider a third screen door option at this time. Cynthia Knight voted for it, while Hal Bardon, John Jensen and Bobby Kelly voted against it. Jerry Doherty abstained. Currently owners can choose from two options: one is a security door, the other a retractable screen.
 - The board voted to get more bids for repairing the pool deck, which is

cracking. Only one bid had been submitted for this project, which is estimated to cost around \$23,600.

Next Meeting: After the annual meeting which is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22nd.