

## **COOCVE Executive Committee Meeting**

**May 9, 2011**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by COOCVE President Steven Fine at 9:30 a.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

### **Minutes**

Joe Rubino moved to waive the reading of the minutes from April 11; Don Kaplan seconded. There were no changes to the minutes and they were approved by a show of hands.

### **President's Report**

Mr. Fine stated that he spoke with Ed Gallon who is home and making a good recovery. At the May and June 2010 COOCVE BOD meetings, we were well shy of a quorum and because of that, we suspended the July and August 2010 meetings. Today I am making a motion, based on last year's turnout, that we suspend the June, July and August COOCVE BOD's meetings; Ira Somerset seconded. Mr. Rubino stated that according to the bylaws, if a director misses three or more meetings, they should be suspended. The Committee discussed the issue and after a vote by a show of hands, the motion was approved (three (3) opposed, two (2) abstained).

. Mr. Fine asked that if anyone has petitions for the SW 10th Street wall to turn them into the office. Also, at the last BOD meeting a motion was presented requesting an allocation of COOCVE funds to support the claim brought against Ventnor H. This motion was overwhelmingly supported in favor of Ventnor H; however, when you view the meeting on the website, there were concerns raised whether there was an official quorum at the time the vote was taken. In all fairness to the residents of the Village, we will revisit this motion at the next BOD meeting (May) and proceed forward with a roll call vote. Mr. Fine stated that, going forward, any items that require a vote will be first on the agenda if there is a quorum present. For those interested in volunteering for the 2011 Nominating Committee, a sign-up sheet was available after the meeting as well as at the COOCVE office.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Master Management – Ira Somerset**

Mr. Somerset stated that many of the tall pine trees have been removed along Century Blvd. and oak trees are being planted in their place. It was suggested by Mr. Somerset that associations think about replacing any tall pine trees on their property because they can break

very easily and become dangerous during hurricanes. New carpet has been installed in the Activities Center – please be careful with food and beverages. MM is also working with the COOCVE Parking Enforcement Committee and submitted comments on the policy they are preparing.

**Recreation – Nancy Giordano**

Charles and Norma from Cen-Deer will be at the next Recreation Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 10 to answer any questions that residents may have. The new show season is in place, and there are no changes in the level of entertainment for the 2012 season.

**Civic and Cultural – Nancy Giordano:** Nothing to report

**Area Chairs:**

**Ashby – Joe Sachs:** Not present

**Berkshire – Naomi Redisch:** Not present

**Cambridge – Jim McLear:** Nothing to report

**Durham – Joe Rubino:** At the last Area Chair Meeting, I had asked Maggie Hutter if CVE could have a special phone number similar to the one set up for Wynmoor; she stated that there is no special number for Wynmoor. She then contacted me and stated there was a special number and implemented a number for CVE. The Customer Service number for CVE is 954-532-7215 and the contact person is Dennis Artney. Also, at the last Area Chair Meeting, it was mentioned to Maggie about not receiving Channel 98, and she was supposed to look into it. I have sent several e-mails and have not received an answer – perhaps MM can look into this?

**Ellesmere – Marjorie Campbell:** Can we get a copy of the sign-in sheets for the past BOD's meetings (Jan-April) for our areas so that we know who has not been attending? Mr. Fine thanked Ms. Campbell for the suggestion and stated that anyone can pick up copies for their area at the COOCVE Office.

**Farnham – Norman Kaplan:** Mentioned that he is not against having election meetings and providing minutes of that meeting to the COOCVE President but is opposed to providing minutes to the COOCVE President of every area meeting that he has. Mr. Fine stated that he does not want the minutes of every area meeting. Mr. Parness responded that it is stated in the bylaws that minutes are to be given to the COOCVE President and Area Chair President.

**Grantham – Fran Stricoff:** Mentioned that at the last BOD's meeting proposed changes to the bylaws were read and will be printed in the *Reporter* in the May and June issue and then

voted on at the June meeting. If we do not have a July meeting, we will continue to print the proposed changes in the paper until the next BOD's meeting and when a quorum is present, the proposed changes will be voted on.

**Harwood – Joe Rudnick:** Mentioned that the sprinklers in the Prescott area are not working. Mr. Fine suggested that he call Steve Kittredge at Seacrest.

**Islewood – Rhoda Jarmark:** Nothing to report

**Keswick – Phillip Norris:** Are there any laws in place regarding commercial vehicles being allowed in CVE? Mr. Fine stated there are rules, and they are in the documents. We have put together a Parking Enforcement Committee and they are currently addressing these issues.

**Lyndhurst – Don Kaplan:** Nothing to report

**Markham – Judy Olmstead:** Nothing to report

**Newport – Rita Pikar:** There are many undesirables living in our Village, including a pedophile. When a unit is being rented, does it have to be to someone over 55? Mr. Fine stated that units should only be rented to residents over 55, and they should be interviewed by the Board. Ms. Pikar stated that presidents are waiving background checks, Board interviews and forms are being received in the ID Office stating "waived." Mr. Fine stated that this needs to be addressed immediately.

**Oakridge – Jules Kesselman:** Thanked everyone for all their emails and cards and those who came to his wife's memorial.

**Prescott – Robert Gravatt:** Because the canals are very low, there are many dead weeds growing around the canals – who maintains this? Mr. Somerset stated that the grass up to the water's edge is the responsibility of the building. MM does not cut the grass in the water.

**Richmond – Cecile Baskin:** The East Gate sign going from West Drive to the East Gate is peeling and cannot be read. Also, is there any update with the golf course? Mr. Somerset stated that there is no new progress at this time – a suit has been filed and we are waiting for a response.

**Swansea – Bill Epstein:** We are still having difficulty with synagogue attendees parking in the Swansea parking spots. Can poles be placed on the property near Swansea A to stop cars from using that area? Don Kaplan stated that as long as it is your property, you can install poles. Is there any information on the church that is moving into the old movie theatre on Hillsboro Blvd.? Mr. Fine stated that he would look at getting information on it.

**Tilford – Basil Hales:** He recently had an issue with his remote, called Comcast and they told him to bring the remote to the store in Pompano Beach. Why is this? Mr. Fine suggested that he call back the dedicated number and let them know that the box is not working, not the remote.

**Upminister – Ann Rifkin:** Not present

**Ventnor – Charles Parness:** Ventnor area distributed petitions for the SW10th Street sound barrier. Mr. Parness stated that he is still waiting for a response from Maggie Hutter at Comcast regarding the box issue that was brought up at the last Area Chair Meeting.

**Westbury – Carmen Colon:** Not present

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Mr. Parness stated that at the last COOCVE BOD's Meeting, we recently had a vote regarding the Ventnor H dog issue and it was passed favorably. Because there is a question on whether there was a quorum present, it is going to be redone. Mr. Parness read the following motion:

Whereas, Section 12.1(p) of the building bylaws of every condo association in Century Village East documents states, "No UNIT OWNER shall keep or harbor any walking pet or animal on the CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY or within the confines of his unit." The Ventnor H Condo Association is involved in legal action regarding this bylaw. Considering the great amount of publicity this case has generated, we believe the upholding of this bylaw is important to maintain the quality of life in this Village, and it will change the presence of this Village if we don't do something about it. Section 3.1(d) the COOCVE Bylaws states, "To represent member associations, when legally and duly authorized, on matters involving disputes, arbitration and legal proceedings which may be necessary for the legal protection and enforcement of the rights and remedies of the associations." Therefore, be it resolved, the COOCVE Executive Committee recommends to the COOCVE Board of Directors legally and duly authorized the COOCVE General Counsel to act on behalf of Ventnor H regarding the dog issue and be it further resolved that COOCVE allocate a sum up to \$25,000 for legal fees for the above action. Don Kaplan seconded. The motion was approved by a show of hands (there were three (3) abstentions). This motion will then be brought to the COOCVE BOD's meeting and voted upon.

**Open Mic:**

**Fred Sherman:** Why is the reception on Channel 98 very poor? Don Kaplan stated that it is the quality of the analog service.

**Dan Glickman:** Two important issues were discussed today – the background checks and the dog issue. Both of these issues should be brought before the COOCVE Executive Committee and as part of this process, you should have received materials in advance so that it can be discussed. At last month's COOCVE BOD Meeting, I asked why the Ventnor H motion was not on the agenda; Mr. Parness stated that we don't want people to know in advance. Mr. Glickman stated that perhaps he mispoke, but the reason you want it on the agenda is so that COOCVE BODs and Alternates can attend as they feel it would be worthwhile. Mr. Fine stated that when directors speak under New Business, they do not always prepare us with what they are going to say.

**Judy Schneider:** Residents need to submit their intent to run for COOCVE office in August when many residents are not here. Please consider the timing of this as it narrows the field which is why you end up with last-minute nominations from the floor. Mr. Fine stated that is why we are starting the sign-up sheets now so that we can get more people involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVEN FINE, President