

APPROVED AS CORRECTED, AUGUST 20, 2024
TRAILER ESTATES PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP
JULY 16, 2024
MARK'S HALL
1903 69TH AVENUE WEST
BRADENTON, FL 34207

The Workshop Meeting was called to order by Duane Trotter at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Kathy Gregory, Todd Lombardi, Louis Nickels, Cindy O'Brien, Rod Smith and Duane Trotter present. Lori Dalton and Dottie Deerwester joined via Zoom. Russell McAlister was absent. Park Manager, Lee Morris, was present in the hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lenora Neal, 6619 CA – She does not think we should lower the limit for resident participation over the summer. She recommended maybe we could rent the hall.
John Good, 6913 Marlin Ln. – He voiced concerns about the planning project costing \$70,000 to \$80,000 just for a plan. He feels we should develop a similar plan from residents before spending \$70-80K for just a plan. He recommended maybe suggestion boxes.

Closed Public Comment

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Kathy, Treasure Barn (TB) Committee – She detailed a shopping trip to buy used clothing racks, etc. She stated they would better outfit the barn and increase safety.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS PRESENTED BY BOARD & STAFF

- 1) **Emergency Purchase – A/C Unit – Large Hall (Lombardi)** – Todd detailed the failure of A/C unit #4 and why it needed to be replaced at a cost of \$10,000 from the Reserve-Major Repairs. A discussion followed. Todd will bring this forward at today's Board Meeting.

- 2) **Reduce Resident Attendance Requirements for Classes in Off-Season – (O'Brien)** – Cindy detailed concerns about the difficulty with achieving a minimum of 10 residents per class. She recommended altering the Line Dance Instructor Contract. A discussion followed. Cindy will cancel Line Dance for the summer. Todd will present some numbers for hall rental to the board at a future workshop.
- 3) **Discuss Master Planning Presentation – Funding Grant Requirements (Morris)** – Lee detailed how during the planning groups it appears many grants have a matching component, often 50%/50%. He asked how we might fund our portion of the matching dollars? A discussion followed. It was agreed, knowing we have a path to funding prior to spending \$70,000 to \$80,000 for a plan will be required. Lee is to notify both companies of the pause placed on this project. Duane will schedule a Town Hall style meeting in season; maybe during a Coffee Break.
- 4) **Discuss Pottery & Ceramic Group Relocation (O'Brien)** – Cindy detailed an idea to move the Pottery and Ceramic group to use part of the old maintenance building. She detailed her reasons for making this recommendation and estimated the cost to be about \$3,000 for the 220 Outlets and A/C. A discussion followed. Cindy stated the current participation is about 6 residents. Todd detailed renovation needed and put an estimate closer to \$100,000.00. He recommended we not ~~we~~ discuss this until after the building is tented for termites.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 1) Rod – He stated most violation issues are grass and the need to mow the swales. He detailed how mowing every other week may not be sufficient with the amount of rain we are getting. A discussion followed. He indicated he does not write up grass until it is 10"-12". He stated hurricane season is here and residents need to secure loose stuff.
- 2) Cindy – She detailed the 2025 Annual Health Fair; including it having a new sponsor. She stated the Blood Mobile will be here 3 times next season and the dates are in the Tribune.
- 3) Louis – He indicated he is still monitoring the checking account with the fraud activity and feels we will be able to close it soon. He stated he is working towards tax season and the TRIM notices. He also indicated he

still has to analyze monies deposited from the county to identify seawall payments.

- 4) Dottie – She detailed upcoming events in July and reminded residents Bingo is played every Sunday and Wednesday nights.
- 5) Lori – None.
- 6) Todd – He stated the remodel of the large hall bathrooms and termite tenting the old maintenance building will begin soon. He again addressed the ongoing issues with the dumpsters and stated if residents don't know what dumpster to use they should use their curbside pickup. He also updated the marina boat slips.
- 7) Kathy – None.
- 8) Duane – He stated there will be 3 board openings to be voted on in December. He indicated the office is working to get candidate packets in the office; however, you can go to the Supervisor of Elections for Candidate packets.

PARK MANAGER COMMENTS

Lee stated the bathroom demo will start Monday and those bathrooms are expected to be closed through the end of August. He also stated the “Don't be Bob” posters will be removed everywhere except at the pool; this one is being left to help encourage seasonal residents to upgrade their fobs.

VIOLATION REPORT

Violation Report Lee stated this was touched on earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dalton, Secretary