

Don-Cesar Property Owners Corporation (DCPOC) General Membership Meeting

10 May 2023 / 6:00 PM / Don Vista

ATTENDEES

- Betty Rzewnicki, *President*
- Kevin Hughes, *First Vice President*
- Ed Chima, *Third Vice President*
- Mary Beattie, *Recording Secretary*
- Rebecca Purple, *Corresponding Secretary*

NOT PRESENT: *Mike Savage, Treasurer; Ken Folsom, 2nd Vice President*

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President, Betty Rzewnicki

Welcome

Betty welcomed all guests in attendance, about 30 DCPOC residents and thanked Mayor Petrila, Commissioner Chris Marone, Commissioner Ward Friszolowski and Jennifer McMahon for coming to the meeting to give updates.

Mayor Petrila

He thanked everyone for their support and stated that a comprehensive plan is being reviewed and there would be a workshop on May 23rd from 4:30-5:45 pm. He mentioned the Zamora Hotel plans as well as other hotels that submitted permits for growth and expansion.

The Mayor commented on the flooding issue and said another study is in progress. In his opinion there is no good answer and he is committed to the pursuit of finding other solutions to the flooding issue.

Betty was announced as his appointee to the Beach Stewardship Committee and he thanked her for accepting the position.

Commissioner Chris Marone

He expressed appreciation for being invited to the meeting. He shared his experience as a trial lawyer and how having lived here for years offers value when considering the “residents’ quality of life” on St. Pete Beach. A 2025 Resiliency Plan is being conducted by Mike Clarke to address the shifting sands. A sand renourishment plan for Pass-aGrile will take place in November.

Commissioner Ward Friszolowski

He thanked everyone for coming and appreciated being invited to the meeting. He shared that a Budget Workshop would take place on May 22nd. He said the City of St. Pete Beach is in a good financial position.

Revenue of \$780,000 was allocated to our area to address the flooding and to study the flooding in the low-lying areas of the subdivision. He mentioned the seawalls are a public/private partnership and ideas for that partnership should be brought to the City Commission. He suggested we may, as a neighborhood, want to make recommendations to the City. Betty commented, and many agreed, that it is taking a long time to get the flooding and seawall issues addressed.

The Commissioner was asked about when the digging and closing of roads would be done. He said that the sewer part is completed and the underground utilities are next.

Michael Welch was introduced as the Commissioner's appointment to the Beach Stewardship Committee.

Jennifer McMahon

Jennifer mentioned that Betty and her neighbors will be serving as a "template" for the design of a new living shoreline seawall. The grant application has not yet been approved at this time, but is expected to be approved shortly.

She explained the design of the seawall consists of transferable plants in the water, much like a berm. The current code does not address living shorelines, she stated. She met with the FDOT about the spillways from the Bayway and they are looking for a resolution.

M&N Update

Ed shared the need to install fences and gates at every access for security. The decision about gate codes or keys has not been made. The estimated cost is \$45-\$50k. There is a map of the fences and pictures on the DCPOC website. The installation of the fencing and gates is on hold due to the litigation with Hotel Zamora.

Rules/Regulations Update

Proposed Rules/Regulations will be posted on the DCPOC website.

Flooding Update

Betty encouraged all residents to pay attention to the Commission meetings with regard to the flooding issues. It is important to show up at the meetings and get involved to highlight the urgency of this issue.

Litigation Update

A response to the lawsuit will be prepared by Allison Doucette of Bartlett Loeb Hinds and Thompson PLLC

Meeting Adjourned

