

Baytowne Wharf Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes 4-27-2023

Board Members Present-Bill Liedholm, Sandie Bondi, David Ralph, Dawn Smith, and Yossi Biton.

Others present-Alan Meyers (BWNA) and David Bell (Gateway Association)

- The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. Bill Liedholm, Dawn Smith, Sandie Bondi, David Ralph and Yossi Biton were present. Quorum established.
- Meeting Notice was posted April 24, 2023 at 8:45 a.m., which meets the 48hr requirement for Board meetings.
- Bill made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 22, 2022. Bill seconded the motion with all members being in favor. Meeting minutes were approved.

Subject: Twelve Oaks Valet Proposal

- Alan gave some history of valet in the Village over the past few years. Specifically, there was a valet company that performed really well, but it was primarily due to the employees. Eventually those employees started their own company and did a fantastic job. For 2022, the owner got into a serious car accident right before season and wasn't able to run the service. The Neighborhood Association utilized the same company that provides valet for Hotel Effie and had less than desirable results. The previous company is once again working under the umbrella of Twelve Oaks Parking and has submitted a proposal to operate valet for the season. Alan explained that they reduced the licensing fee but are throwing in the Village ambassador days for free. Bill made a motion to accept the Twelve Oaks Valet proposal. Dawn Smith seconded the motion with all members being in favor.

Subject: Gumbo Recap/ Winefest Recap

- Alan gave the Board a brief recap of the amount of volunteer hours as well as the revenue and expenses associated with the Sandestin Gumbo Festival. The event ended up selling out with over 1800 guests partaking in the tasting of over 25 local area gumbos. Based on the participation of volunteers, Alan recommended donating \$4500 to Fisher House on the Emerald Coast and \$1,000 to the Sandestin Foundation for Kids. Dawn Smith asked, in the future, if more volunteers are needed, to please ask two weeks in advance. Alan agreed.

Alan recapped the Sandestin Wine Festival, informing the Board that we surpassed revenue goals as well as minimizing expenses. Since staff could not find a vendor to rent linens from, linens were purchased for the event, costing more. Bill offered for the resort to wash the linens in the future to help save on costs. Overall, there were a total of over 1400 volunteer hours. Total donations in 2022 was \$30k for Fisher House on the Emerald Coast and \$20k for the Sandestin Foundation for Kids. Alan recommended a 2023 donation of \$45k to Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and \$20k to the Sandestin Foundation for Kids.

Dave made a motion to donate \$45k to Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and \$20k to the Sandestin Foundation for Kids. Bill seconded the motion with all members being in favor.

Subject: Irrigation Timer Replacement

- Alan informed the Board that the two irrigation timers that control the Grand and Bahia areas are functioning, but the screens cannot be read so programming them is impossible. RCI (BWNA landscape vendor) presented a bid to replace both timers. David Ralph made a motion to replace the irrigation timers at a cost of \$5,245.30. Bill seconded the motion with all members in favor. Motion passed.

Subject: Pay for Self-parking

- David Ralph wanted to bring up the possibility of charging guests to self-park in the lower garage. David Ralph said he would like for himself and Alan to investigate some options and bring it back to the Board.

Subject: Miscellaneous

- Alan mentioned that the Gateway Association was having a special membership meeting to get an approval for the Gateway Board to pick new colors for the exterior of the buildings. The BWNA has 4 votes due to owning the Service Bay unit. Bill made a motion to approve the limited proxy, representing 4 votes for the BWNA, giving the Gateway Board authority to make an exterior color change to the buildings. Sandie seconded the motion with all members being in favor. Motions passed.
- David made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:18pm. Bill seconded the motion with all members in favor. Meeting adjourned.