

VPCA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10 October 2016

Location: Venetian Pools

Present: Chad Greer, Lisa Hill, John Hall, Vicki Ainslie, Catherine Moore, April Gabor, Jeffrey Roach, Carmen Villar, Pat Solomon (via FaceTime)

Absent:

Guest: Billy Gabor, Ed Funuchen and Flip Hager

President

Approval of September board meeting minutes; Catherine moved to accept the minutes, Jeffrey seconded, all present agreed.

Ed Funuchen presented some information on converting the pool from chlorine to saline. Upfront costs to convert to saline is about 20k with lower maintenance costs. It does use chlorine, but generates it a different way. It takes more electricity, so that would be a cost that would need to be taken into consideration. Our pool gets a lot of chlorine demand; the pool is very volatile with many bathers. Most saline pools are smaller pools; home pools, condo complexes and not usually larger pools like ours b/c of the much higher use at our type of pool. Lake Claire is saline.

Flip maintains saline is not appropriate for VPCA. Electrical bills go up; saline generates an increase in pH of 7.5 or 8, which is why it is more comfortable. With our current system, you add acids to try to lower the pH to a more acceptable level.

Initial cost to convert our pool to a saline pool would be 60k; cells are 16-18k about every three years.

Flip suggested how to manage pH better than we do. The board suggested further research to find some pools of our size and variable demand to see what options are out there.

Billy Gabor from Master Planning Committee (MPC) presented the committee report: Wants to have a tighter relationship w/facilities committee. This is the third season of being members, and has seen steady decline of the pool. Umbrellas and chairs, plumbing issues w/bath houses.

Proposes that we hire professionals to develop a master plan, voted by the members. Similar pool clubs have a facility improvement cycle every 10-years.

If we are going to spend significant sums of money, we should plan for improvements to do at the same time. Hire a highly qualified architectural firm, set up in phases.

They (MPC) asked an architectural firm to walk the property and that firm has put together a proposal. The Gabors saw a community pool in Charleston (Mixon Pool) that used utilitarian materials.

Flip suggested doing surveys to get the pulse of the membership to determine what the membership wants. Lisa brought attention to the committee that a Master Plan already exists and was presented to the membership a few years ago. Lisa will get the master plan that Todd Hill, Landscape Architect, designed and send it to us.

The master plan committee will pursue two additional quotes from design firms for a Master Plan.

Communications

- Discussed Web site upgrade to update the look and make the site more user friendly, especially for voting! Need to decide on what exactly we want so that we can request bids from at least three Web page design firms. Improved voting capacity topped the list. Updated look for the Web site as well.

Personnel

- Carmen will be meeting with Michael Purser to go over the duties of this position

Finance

- Budget shows ~\$15,000 more in income and we are currently under spending on expenses. However, the new pool cover is in this year's budget, but has not yet been invoiced.
- Amendment for the membership increase to 510 will need to be added to bylaws; must be signed by 2015-16 board members and posted on the Web site (member's only section).

Membership

- Nothing to report

Facilities

- Umbrellas are going back to company for repairs and they will get new poles that tilt.
- Furniture inventory is being done and those that need to be repaired will be.
- Roofs: we will be replacing all roofs at the same time.
- Add lights to dance hall and bath houses.
- Add changing stalls to the men's room
- Gate repair; repairing what we have. Add the back corner for V-oasis to the request for bid. John will send Pat the name of the fence company that did the V-oasis. There was discussion about investigating the ground surface type of the "space" playground (located at Springdale Rd. and S. Ponce de Leon Ave.) as a possible alternative to the existing mulch that is currently used at Venetian.
- Sewer lines: Flip is going to continue researching sewer replacement.

Activities

- Allowing kids on wait list participate on swim team and camp was brought up again.

Events

No new business.

Chad made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Carmen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Submitted by Vicki Ainslie, Communications/Secretary