

## **HOLGATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES**

**April 6, 2019**

**ATTENDEES:** Frank Benintendo, Eileen Bowker, Denise Brand, Bill Cannon, Marianne Hurley, Frank Lowry, Rand Pearsall, Ted Stiles, Bob White

**CALL IN:** Bill Hutson, Yanni Kaloudis, Dan Macone

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Rand Pearsall. A quorum was established. Eileen Bowker made a motion to approve the February 2, 2019, meeting minutes with a correction to the minute's discussion of Giant Clam design draft. Bill Hutson's motion to accept the design was seconded by Bob White, not Dan Macone. The motion was seconded by Dan Macone and was unanimously approved.

### **GREEN HEAD TRAPS**

- Bill Hutson advised Mayor Mancini recommended HTA invite a representative from the Mosquito Control Commission to the June 8 HTA general membership meeting, Bill will check with Angela Anderson to extend the invitation.
- Ted Stiles suggested HTA consider initiating a research study with Rutgers University and Stockton University to study mosquito, greenhead and black flies potentially with dragon flies being used to control these insect predators. Dragon flies have been identified around 2 freshwater spots in Holgate. HTA would then be able to offer an Educational Campaign on this problem, budget request is \$500 for the study.
- Ted Stiles advised a green head trap retrofit and a new greenhead trap design will be available by mid-May.
- Mike Pagnotta continues to offer purple martin bird houses on his lots at Island's End.
- Bill Hutson continues to work with Virginia Rettig, Forsythe Refuge, to have green head traps placed in the refuge.

### **BY-LAWS**

- Frank Benintendo reviewed changes to By-Laws. A By-Law Committee meeting will be held at 3:30 today to complete the changes.
- Goal is to have updated By-Laws presented at June 1 HTAT meeting and at June 8 HTA general membership meeting. Email and snail mail to the full membership is planned by mid-June.
- A full vote to ratify the amended By-Laws will be done at the September 14 HTA general membership meeting.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- Frank Lowry discussed the continued importance of bike and pedestrian safety.
- Signs made by HTA for walking/riding on correct side of the road that were installed the last few years were evaluated and additional notification needs to be displayed.
- Consensus is HTA should consider stenciling on walkway on roadside.
- Plan is to develop a stencil and paint the walkway in at least one location for evaluation by HTAT this spring.
- Discussed need to continue Community Watch activity, will review next HTAT meeting

## **DUNE PLANTING**

- Denise Brand reviewed there are 22 beach entrances, 8 have plants, 8 are bare, 3 are too narrow for planting and 3 are handicap entrances.
- It is too early in the season for evaluation of past planting appearances.
- Denise met the owner of Country Corner to discuss our dune planting project and has visited all the beach entrances with him.
- Country Corner has agreed to sell HTA with 3 weeks lead time at the price he uses for landscape companies and will deliver to each beach entrance. Estimate for plants will average about \$600 per entrance.
- Denise has established a list of all homeowners on each side of beach entrances so they can be contacted about a watering source.
- Key requirements to move forward with an early May planting date are: volunteers to plant, watering source, watering system and frequency, soil and gel to prep plant hole before planting. Dan Macone still has a supply of gel.
- Rand Pearsall and Denise will check each beach entrance after this meeting and evaluate which entrances to plant in early May.
- September/October planting was discussed but no specific plans were scheduled, this will be discussed at June 1 HTAT meeting.

## **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

- Dan Macone reviewed purchasing and installing purple martin bird houses on locations in Holgate, estimate cost \$150 - \$200 each.
- Dan will confirm cost to buy 4 purple marlin bird houses and the requirement to install the houses by checking with Angela Anderson.
- Osprey nests have been identified in 2 locations in Holgate.
- Dan recommended buying 5 holiday lights- 3 boats, 1 lighthouse and 1 snow flake, which would give Holgate a total of 11 lights. Decision is to review at June 1 HTAT meeting and consider splitting holiday light purchases over a 2-year period spending no more than \$3,000 each year.

## **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT**

- Eileen Bowker advised our current membership is 319 vs approximately 800 Holgate homes.
- Eileen writes all new homeowners about joining HTA.
- On Memorial Day weekend membership flyers and HTA applications will be at available at Bowker's Deli.
- Discussed HTA decal to be designed, purchased and enclosed with mailings to encourage homeowners to join HTA.
- Newsletters scheduled for May, July and August will all contain a membership application in nonmember's email or envelope.

## **NOMINATING**

- Bob White advised all officers and non-office holder Trustees have confirmed their intention to run for election for a 2 year term in 2020 and 2021 at the September 14 HTA general membership meeting.
- Slate of candidates: Trustees, Frank Benintendo, Denise Brand, Marianne Hurley, Bill Hutson, Frank Lowry, Ted Stiles. Officers, Eileen Bowker 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bill Cannon Treasurer, Yanni Kaloudis Corresponding Secretary.
- Plan is to have a May Committee Meeting to confirm the slate, announce the slate at the June 8 HTA general membership meeting, review the slate with Committee again July 15 or after and then vote at the September 14 general membership meeting.
- Petitions to run for officer or non-office holder Trustee must be received by the president by July 14 which is 60 days prior to the September 14 election.

## **AUDIT**

- Marianne Hurley reported the 2018 financial records' audit has been completed and all is acceptable.

## **TREASURER'S UPDATE**

- Bill Cannon presented the attached Treasurer's Report and 2019 Budget.
- Expenses and income are about equal, leaving a dedicated reserve of \$7,000 for beach crossover plantings and \$24,000 for general funds as of December 31.
- Need receipts for 2018 Fall BBQ, greenhead traps receipt received late so split between 2018 and 2019, beach entrances plantings were below budget, continue to underspend on community events.
- 2019 Budget is a draft being discussed at today's HTAT meeting. Adjustments will be made after the HTAT meeting based on Committee requests. Budget format organized to match committee reports for 2019.
- Bill Cannon reported membership is 319.
- January mailing to 500 non-members had a 15% response of over 75 new members, March mailing to 18 new homeowners produced 3 new members a 17% response.

## **HOLGATE ISSUES**

- Janet Road pump station: Rand Pearsall and Bob White have met with several home owners and Commissioner Ralph Bayard about specific concerns. A lengthy list of questions and concerns, by these homeowners was sent to Commissioner Ralph Bayard who is currently reviewing and he will reply very soon. Commissioner Ralph Bayard has assured the home owners LBT will work with them to improve the grounds surrounding the pump house when construction is completed. LBT has committed to landscape around the pump station enclosure and construction of a pathway to West Ave, which will also be landscaped.
- Rosemma dune bench: LBT has agreed to move bench back to original location.
- New Groin: Concern is beach condition and beach access. Rand Pearsall is working with Mayor Mancini to continue to groom the beach and level the beach access to eliminate steep cliffs on beach 1,2 & 3.
- Water meters: Meters must be installed by December 2021. Cost of meter will be \$350 each. Plan is to get information to educate members on reasonable cost for installation, \$300 to \$1,000 and remind members to complete installation by December 2021.

- Pagnotta Open House for HTA members: Saturday, April 20, from noon to 4 PM, at 5104 S. Long Beach Blvd. RSVP to [caryn@pagnotta.com](mailto:caryn@pagnotta.com) , refreshments will be served.
- Forsythe Refuge clean-up had a good turnout of 16 HTA people to help build a better relationship with Forsythe Refuge. Tebco Terrace, with Denise Brands help had 10 residents participate. Lorry's Island End Motel and Mike Pagnotta's End development also participated.
- Holgate Spring clean-up: Scheduled for May 18, need Chairman and volunteers.

#### **LAND USE BOARD MEETING**

- Denise Brand reported the Holgate Marina new houses proposal for several homes with many requested variances on Tebco Terrace was not approved at the February 13 LUB; A revision will probably be presented before LUB late Fall 2019 or Winter 2020.

#### **GIANT CLAM**

- Denise Brand advised Carol Jelich will start painting Clam now that weather is warmer and Carol can work in her garage.
- Location of Giant Clam will be in front of bath house in south parking lot, Denise and Ted Stiles will check with Andy Baran and Kyle Ominski to confirm location.
- Ted Stiles presented several base options and will when design is chosen. Cost will be presented at the June 1 HTAT meeting.

#### **NEWSLETTERS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION**

- Rand Pearsall stated he plans to do a monthly newsletter to members, if anyone has information to include send to Rand.
- Dune walkover options for installation of the dune walkovers prepared by LBT Construction and Zoning Department will be sent to Rand Pearsall for newsletter.
- Yanni Kaloudis, Corresponding Secretary, was directed to write to HTA members that have written comments and questions on membership application forms. Bill Cannon will forward copies of forms to Yanni.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Eileen Bowker discussed the option of holding community events in the south parking lot this summer. She will present specific ideas at June 1 HTAT meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE HTAT is June 1, 1 PM, at Rand Pearsall's house;**

**HTA General Membership meeting June 8, 10 AM, at Long Beach Township building.**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Frank Lowry, second Ted Stiles at 3:08 PM.