

*ALLIANCE OF PARK RESIDENTS, INC.*

MINUTES ----- BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2006

BAY INDIES, VENICE, FLORIDA

Call to Order -- 1:55pm By President Shirley S. Perry

Present --- Board Members, Shirley S. Perry, President, William Abraham, Vice-President, Henry Curran, Secretary/Treasurer, Directors - Robert Briggs, Anthony Pinzone. APR Members – Joseph Lehner (River Walk), Fred Carlsen & Ron Drabiski (Coquian Crossings); Public attendees – Glenn Eastman, Lee Shiffman, Merle Landau (Bay Indies).

Mrs. Perry welcomed those present and thanked them for attending. She gave a background concerning the organizing of APR. Bill Abraham read from the November/December issue of the FMO magazine from the President's Comments column, Charles Gallagher concerning the issue of rents and the expiration of "The Mobile Home Commission Law". Gallagher's point was that the rent situation is in the hands of the park owners. He made no comments indicating that FMO had no plans to ask for legislation to assist homeowners. Abraham made the point this inaction is why APR came into existence.

Perry advised that Director Leonard Jarvis, President of Colonial Mobile Manor HOA, Palmetto submitted his resignation, effective 11/9/06, due to park responsibilities. It was accepted with regret.

Treasurer's Report – Hank Curran – Period covered was from 6/12/06 to 11/17/06 – total revenue was \$1,097.00, which includes contributions of \$97.00 – Expenses amounted to \$393.46 – Check Book Balance as of 11/17/06 - \$4,343.35. Report was approved.

Membership – Hank Curran reported that as of 1/17/06 total membership are 4,946 (Park Assoc. – 4,644; Individuals – 302).

Perry noted that the recruiting efforts of Director Bob Briggs, who has worked continually in Varanda Springs and in the contacting of other parks in the area to sign up new members.

CALL (Community Association Leadership Lobby) was explained by Tony Pinzone. It is an organization within the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, PA, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. They have offices state wide plus in various cities in the US and do international practice. Being a member of CALL APR will receive their newsletters that inform members of new case decisions, legislation and/or other matters affecting APR and it's members. The cost is \$200.00 per year. It is worthy to note that CALL uses the same lobbyist in Tallahassee that Bay Indies HOA retained to help in their legislative efforts. It was approved that APR join CALL.

WEB SITE – At the present time APR's web site is linked through the web site of The Gardens -- [www.tghoa.org](http://www.tghoa.org) - reported by Bill Abraham. It was recommended that APR look to establishing it's own site.

Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws – because of a lack of a quorum this issue will be handled at the next meeting.

APR News Letter – We thanked Perry & Abraham for their effort to put together and mail out the first newsletter, dated June 2006. Perry emphasized that APR needed to keep the membership informed on a regular basis. It was recommended that a letter be published on a quarterly basis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Abraham & Perry believed that keep APR moving forward that officers be full time Florida residents – at least residing for 10 months. The discussion brought out that if such a policy was adopted that Pinzone & Curran would not be eligible to hold officer positions. It was pointed out that both these individuals a full time legal residents of Florida. The matter was tabled.

It was also recommended that two individuals hold the positions of Secretary & Treasurer. It will be handled under the discussion of the By-Laws.

APR structure – i.e., Board, Regional Directors, Park Representatives – to be discussed at the next meeting.

News Letter – Membership – Web Site – the responsibilities for these areas – to be handled at the next board meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING - During the discussion of the Steering Committee it was agreed that APR Officers and Directors be elected by the full membership at an annual meeting. When? Where? Pinzone advised that he would be willing through his affiliation with Marriott to look for possible sites in the Orlando, FL area. This being a central location for the current membership. When – APR's anniversary date is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A good date would be in the later part of March.. Pinzone was requested to follow through.

DUES - Can APR cost wise properly service individual membership at \$1.00/person. Current Park Association membership is \$1.00/lot site. Item was tabled.

LEGISLATION – Pinzone gave a report concerning the report on the Mobile Home Relocation study Report by the Florida Senate Committee on Community Affairs. The Chair of the committee is Senator Mike Bennett R-Bradenton. The report is dated October, 2006. Pinzone considers this report to be one of the best researched and presentation by a legislative committee. Page 5 recommends that park home owners associations be given the right of first of right refusal in both solicited and unsolicited bids. They also recognized APR as a valid constituency representing home owners in mobile home parks. To date the committee has not scheduled hearings on this report. Pinzone will closely follow this item and keep APR advised. (This report can be downloaded through – [http://www.flsenate.gov/data/Publications/2007/Senate/reports/interim\\_reports/pdf/2007-106ca.pdf](http://www.flsenate.gov/data/Publications/2007/Senate/reports/interim_reports/pdf/2007-106ca.pdf).)

RESIGNATIONS – Vice-President William Abraham read his letter dated 11/17/06 in which he advised that he must resign his position with APR for health reasons. He fully supports APR's purpose and goals.

President Shirley Perry also read her letter dated 11/17/06 in which she also stated that she must resign for health reason. She has been diagnosed with cancer. She to fully support APR. (As of 2/20/07 Shirley is under hospice care.)

Both resignations were accepted with regret and were effective immediately.

Hank Curran, Secretary/Treasurer and Directors Bob Briggs & Tony Pinzone are the remaining officials of APR. Curran assumed the meeting Chair and requested that Abraham & Perry to leave the meeting room. A discussion followed among the Officer & Directors plus the two Park Associations representatives. It was the consensus that APR is a viable organization. That a Board meeting be scheduled as early as possible at a central location. At this meeting new Officers & Directors could be appointed to carry out the business of APR and the terms would extend to the time of the election of Officers & Directors at the annual meeting.

Submitted – Henry Curran, Secretary/Treasurer – Interim President