

LMOA Planning Committee
Minutes for meeting held Thursday March 4, 2010

Members present:

Burt Marks (chairman)
Ted Makranczy
Doug Licks

Sharon Beeler
Carol Brown

Members absent: None

Guest: John Platt

Meeting convened at 3:05 p.m.

1. There is no working session with the BoD currently scheduled.
2. Our current Plan version 3.4 with email updates will suffice in lieu of a work session.
3. Carol Brown attended a semiannual meeting for committee member orientation and exchange of information between committees.
4. Burt plans to visit the Storm Water Management Committee and will probably try to join and act as liaison with that committee.
5. LMOA plans to post committee meeting minutes on the LMOA web site in the future.

Old Business:

Burt asked for an update from members on what action items from the current plan have been completed:

- a. There were none reported for Beautification and Learning.
- b. Enlargement of the swimming area at Beach 3 has been completed.
- c. The Eagles Nest food service contract has been awarded to the owners of the Dogwood Restaurant. They have taken over management of the facility.
- d. Remodeling of the Marina office by volunteers has been largely completed. Problems remain with the A/C unit. These are being addressed.
- e. Safety and Security reports three deliberators have been installed at various locations around the community
- f. There were none reported for Assets and Resources.
- g. The broadcast committee is evaluating the streaming of video of LMOA activities on the Internet.

New Business:

1. Burt would like the committee to work on a post mortem of the work to update the plan in 2009. The aim would be to write a document on how to produce the plan.
2. Much of the committee and staff input was not very helpful last year. It seemed to lack new ideas.
3. Carol stated that other committees did not understand we were asking for new input.
4. Mike Harrison has been monitoring progress on eighteen items the BoD has been working on.
5. It was suggested we exclude certain controversial items from future public meetings soliciting member input to the plan. For example, much time was taken discussing deer management in those meetings last year without much progress or new information on which the Planning Committee can take any action.
6. John Platt expressed the opinion that the plan was well presented by Burt before the BoD
7. Ted suggested we work on a clearer definition of goals, objectives and action items. This is to prevent establishing as action items various objectives which may be "on-going", and impossible to determine when they have been achieved. For example, "Continue improvements to the golf course" is an action item. He feels that action items should have a beginning and end with measureable results. He suggested we conduct some research on the planning process to see if useful definitions can be found. He stated he would contact Denny Avers, the previous Planning Committee chair for suggested references.

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 - b. Burt will take Amenities
 - c. Sharon has Safety and Security
 - d. Doug has Assets
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9. We need additional members. The committee needs at least 5 and not more than 9 members to function.
10. John Platt reported that the improvements to the Marina which were originally estimated to cost about \$250,000 were now estimated at between \$700,000 and \$800,000. Consequently, plans have been severely cut back and much of the work has been performed by volunteers.
11. John also wants the committee to focus on capital improvements for which several years would be required to accumulate funding, rather than shorter term, non-capital items such as deer management. The emphasis should be on creating a 5-year financial plan.

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