

FINAL

DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
May 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the Minutes of the 2010 Fall Meeting of Members were approved.

An agenda and financial report were distributed and the current status of membership was discussed.

The President announced that the annual FIA meeting would be held on July 30, 2011 in Ocean Beach. Homeowners are invited to attend.

LOU PENNACHIO

Bob Spencer and John Lund eulogized past DPA President Lou Pennachio for his decades of service to the community. Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the DPA will donate \$1000 to the DPMA for a plaque in memory of Lou.

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

The President reported on developments at the Marina, including the funding of capital projects such as electrical and water upgrades. Although the matter has not been legally finalized, Ken Stein is beginning operations at the Marina. It was noted that the DPA had no input on the new Marina rates but

that Ken Stein had had meetings with all interested constituencies.

There has been no definitive answer from the Town on disposal of brush cuttings. Brush is not to be deposited on the dunes. The garbage company will pick up brush if broken up and placed in plastic garbage bags.

SIGNAGE

The President reported on plans to work with the Town in installing appropriate signage throughout the community. Among other things, accurate and visible signage is necessary for fire, police and emergency personnel.

GARBAGE CONTRACT

The President reported that our garbage contract is up for renewal this year and that the DPA is working on this issue.

Recycled cans are available from June Haskins.

POLICE

The President reported that our coverage would remain the same as last year, without reduction.

Homeowners were encouraged to make sure their houses are well marked with reflective numbers so that police, fire and other emergency workers could access their homes as necessary.

Members were reminded to be especially clear about their location on Fire Island when making 911 calls, particularly on cell phones which do not identify one's current location.

NOURISHMENT PROJECT

The President reported on the status of our five year monitoring program, Erosion Control District taxes and the like. The President expressed the belief that the current level of ECD taxing would end after the six year period approved by homeowners.

The President reported on the FEMA/SEMO sand replacement project, which is estimated to have a cost of \$3-\$4 million. It is anticipated that FEMA would fund 75% of the costs, SEMO 12.5%. The community -- together with the Town of Brookhaven -- would be responsible for the remaining 12.5%. The cost to DP/OR property owners is anticipated at \$300,000 to \$400,000, before cost sharing, if any, by the Town. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Bishop are all working on securing funding for beach repair.

The President also reported on the need for a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement ("PEIS"). The PEIS is anticipated to cost approximately \$2 million for all participating communities, and would cover all projects over the next 30 years, including the FEMA/SEMO project. The cost breakdown is currently estimated at approximately \$60 per house, on average, for a house with a \$3,000 assessed value. The communities are working with the Towns of Brookhaven and Islip

in anticipation of the Towns advancing the 87.5% of costs that would ultimately be reimbursed by FEMA/SEMO.

The members expressed their thanks to President John Lund for all his efforts on behalf of saving our beach.

FINS

The President reported on the status of the General Management Plan preparation by FINS. The PEIS will be incorporated into the Plan. The communities have a good working relationship with FINS Superintendent Soller, a longtime Fire Island resident.

FIMP

The President reported on the status of efforts to finally complete the Fire Island Montauk Point renourishment program. All federal agencies are in basic agreement on a program. The next step is to secure approval from New York State, including the Department of State and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

FIA

Suzy Goldhirsch, President of the Seaview Homeowners Association, has become the new FIA President. Longtime President Gerry Stoddard remains on the FIA's Executive Board. DPA President John Lund was reelected as Vice President of the FIA.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed Bylaw Amendments, having been properly circulated to the membership, were approved.

INSURANCE

Gerry Benson addressed the meeting. The federal flood insurance program has been approved through 2016. Rates will rise, with increases potentially as high as 20% per year. While there will be some additional coverages, in Gerry's view they are not significant. Gerry reminded homeowners that a separate policy is required for each structure.

FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Mary Parker addressed the meeting. The Commissioners are sensitive to budget issues and taxing at appropriate rates. Taxes are used to maintain equipment and fund improvements to the firehouse, including a new floor on the equipment bay, painting, refurbishing of the sheds and roof work. The siren system, which dates from the 1980's, is scheduled for a potential replacement next year with a modern digital system.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Pete Hutchins addressed the meeting. The Chief thanked the community for its financial support and announced

that the DPFD will host an open-house on Saturday, May 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with refreshments.

The DPFD is available for safety inspections. Homeowners should check their extinguishers, smoke and CO2 detectors, as well as their electrical boxes. In the event of a call to 911, homeowners are reminded to make clear that they are in Davis Park, Fire Island. Homeowners should clean brush on their property, which poses a fire hazard. The DPFD is always looking for new members. The Chief invited homeowners to come to the next Fire Commissioners meeting on June 11, which will be attended by FINS Superintendent Soller. Finally, the annual lottery will be held on August 28th.

MOSQUITOES

Vector control will continue fogging on Tuesdays this summer. Homeowners are advised to place mosquito magnets on the southwest corners of their property. The DPA again is offering homeowners rebates of \$50 per machine, with no limit on the number of machines per house.

DAMMINIX

Carole Kulman reported that the first treatment took place last week. There were 201 participants this year, an increase from last year. The second treatment will take place in late July or early August.

LANE HOUSE

It was reported that a permit for construction of the house had been secured originally, but it was not known whether the permit has been renewed annually. Bill Mauck has reached out to Code Enforcement with respect to the property but they have not taken action.

DPMA

President JoAnne Benson thanked the community for their generous donations and support of the refurbishment project at Bedside Manor. Joanne described the repairs undertaken through funding provided by the sale of bonds, donations and plaques. If anyone has furniture or lamps to donate, please call JoAnne.

HORSESHOE CRABS

The members were reminded that these benign creatures are endangered and medically valuable. They are currently mating and family, guests and renters should be cautioned to leave them undisturbed.

BEAUTIFICATION

Committee Chair Linda Spencer addressed the meeting. Volunteers are needed for the Town of Brookhaven plant-in on June 4th from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Linda thanked the members for their continued financial support.

GARBAGE PICKERS

Members are encouraged to help beautify the community by picking up garbage. The DPA is taking orders for five and six foot garbage pickers. Pickers will also be provided to walk liaisons for loan to homeowners.

SCHOOL BUDGET

The annual vote will take place on May 17. The budget would require a slight raise in taxes but the effect would be similar whether or not the budget passes. The DPA is recommending that voters approve the budget.

FERRY COMPANY

Restrooms at the terminal have finally opened. The ferry company has completed a ten year lease, with a five year renewal option, with the Town of Brookhaven. Suffolk County has renewed the ferry company's license for two years.

DPA EVENTS

The July 4th Parade will take place on Monday, July 4th. This is a DPA event where the Fire Department provides much needed help and support. Additional community volunteers are needed. The parade is now fully funded thanks to June Haskins for including parade donations on the dues notice.

The Swap and Shop event will be held in the Fall this year. Arrangements are being made for the annual swim in early August.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sue DeVito is spearheading efforts to reach a compromise with the Casino Bar on the noise level from bands on Sundays. Please see Sue if you wish to get involved in this effort.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.


Secretary