

## **ARPOA BOARD MEETING**

### **8/29/01**

**Members Present:** Larry Beers; Walter Bigelow; Mary Gibb; Mike Sala, and Donald Walsh.

**Non-Members:** Mike Bowman, Toby Johnson & Tom Sinnott

#### **Presidents Report:**

Security – The question was raised again regarding the visibility of the police patrolling the community. Few Board members or residents have see police cars patrolling. Recommendation made that the President send a letter to Officer Camm requesting more patrols and in police vehicles.

Web Site – is up and running.

ARPOA Charter – Update provided by Tom Sinnott. Mr. Sinnott met with the County (Ms. Kirby) three times and she has been very responsive to our needs. Final language of the bill was not available for the Board’s review but will be presented soon. He informed the Board of the need to develop a petition that the residents would have to sign approving the revised charter. Approval would also require 51% of the property owners for this to pass. It was noted that each resident who is an owner of the property must sign the petition. The President was advised to generate a letter to the Community that will provide an advance notice that a petition will be forthcoming.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer was not available but the President provided a status report. The Board was informed that the auditor is currently reviewing ARPOA’s records. In addition, as recommended by our auditor, ARPOA has paid back-taxes on earnings generated from the Community’s private CD.

#### **Public Works Director:**

Mr. Johnson has had two contractors in to provide an estimate & bid on the shoreline project. We are on target to get the project underway in January.

#### **New Development**

Mike Bowman provided the Board with an update on the status of John Miller & his intentions to develop the 30 acres. The developer is called Lake Ogleton Asso. To date technically little has been “officially” submitted to the County for their review. However unofficially the developer has been submitting various documents to County for review. It was noted that in our last meeting we authorized Sager Williams to notify the County that he was the attorney of record for any new development. Mr. Bowman presented a scenario of how ARPOA could deal with the developer and the possible purchase the property, in lieu of it being developed. He noted that a Charitable Land Trust, could be established and the Trust would borrow money under the ARPOA tax base to purchase the acreage. Donations to the Trust are an offset to taxes. Mr. Bowman did however note that before any negotiation take place its encumbered upon the Board to get an

assessment of the property. The Board asked that Mike do further research to determine the tax write off issue presented. The President asked for approval from the Board to proceed with getting an estimate for the cost of a property assessment.

**New Business:**

Toby Johnson informed the Board that John Coche has volunteered to take over the position of Public Works Director. A motion was made and approved to accept Mr. Coche as Toby's replacement.

The President informed the Board that Brian Lee, Vice-President had sold his house and was leaving the Board. Walter Bigelow volunteered to take on the duties of Vice-President.

A question was raised regarding the policy on Board members not attending meetings and should that policy be enforced. It was noted that the policy of missing three meetings has seldom if ever been imposed. However given the current circumstances it is not appropriated or fair for members to miss more than 3 meetings. It was recommended that the President contact and inform the absent member that its in the Board's best interest for him to resigned and that he can be reappointed to the Board once his personal situation allow him to participate.

Mr. Walsh raised the question as to the possibility of constructing a fence and the posting of no-trespassing signs along Claiborne Rd. This request came from 2 residents along Claibourne. It was noted that the constructing of a substantial fence would be cost prohibited. It was suggested whether the property owners would be willing to accept something less at this time. Mr. Walsh would check and get back to the Board.

Speeding within the community was also raised and it was noted that the City of Annapolis recently purchased a radar type machine. Mr. Walsh volunteered to contact the City and determine the machines availability.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2 at the President's home.

Donald Walsh