

CAC Meeting minutes 10/15/15

In Attendance: Les Purcell, Gary Miller, Steve Lind, Donna Hickey, Herb Roe, Audrey Wahl

Meeting called to order @ 4:05 pm

Approved Sept. minutes, give to Theresa

Discussion

Sept. minutes approved

Old Business

New applicant, Gail Lynch submitted application to the CAC to Les. He will process

Keno; Steve asked if there was a reason given as to why his Keno idea was rejected. Discussion about different establishments that had Keno and then removed it because of the amount of time it took away from serving the bar customers. Majority of the CAC in attendance agreed that Keno is not a good idea at this time.

Meeting with Bob Thompson was discussed. Les informed the CAC that he, Gary and Donna met with BT to get a better idea of how the County rules on parking spaces and seating numbers works. The county has very strict rules on how many seats are CAPABLE of being served food based on the number of parking spaces. That includes the seats in the upstairs banquet room EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO EVENT in that space. The mere fact that there COULD BE service in that space means the seats are counted in the total available. The outside seating MUST stay within the parameters established by the county which is basically under the second floor balcony. If tables are moved outside of that space, the county can take action against the Cove for not following its guidelines. The committee had a long discussion about why the county would impose these rules even if the same total amount of seating was not exceeded. Apparently it is just easier for the county inspectors to make a quick count and verify our compliance if all seating is within a particular area. Les conveyed Bob's comments that too many residents are contacting the county to complain about Cove issues and it makes it very difficult for him to negotiate with the county if those officials are irritated by all of the interference. Bob suggested that everyone should settle down and let the process move along without interfering.

Audrey asked if the Tiki Bar can be retrofitted for 3 sinks so that frozen drinks can be made. This in response to the County ruling that without a 3 sink configuration for cleaning the blenders, no frozen drinks can be made. We will followup with Jerry to find out if that is a possibility.

The “drink rail” suggested in our BOD report was discussed. BT has said he will look into the idea but has to feel out the county to make sure that space will not be counted in the “service” area. Our recommendation was that the rail be fairly narrow so that it would be primarily used as a place to set drinks and enjoy the view. Further discussed adding plants and a seating area in the space between the bar rail and the Tiki Bar.

New Business

Steve explained why he feels it is time to look into leasing out the YC building and the rest of the CAC explained why they feel that now is not the time to consider doing that. Steve was adamant in his opinions as were the rest of the CAC. The difference between a “leasing agreement” and a “management contract” was discussed along with the problems with both. The recent article in The Progress by Tom Stause was discussed. Tom’s article also advocates leasing the property to a private individual or group. Steve made a point of the difference between him and Tom is that Steve’s idea would be to make sure the Cove stays open all year while Tom’s position is that the new Lessor could close for the winter. Steve Also said that he was going to write a rebuttal to Tom and that it would be published in a future edition. All of the members present except Steve feel that Jerry needs time for his ideas and management style to come to fruition. There was some concern among a few members that if the Cove is not more successful over the next year, there may be more calls for alternative measures to be considered.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Next meeting is Nov. 19th