CAC Meeting minutes 1/19/17

In Attendance: Les Purcell, Gary Miller, Herb Roe, Audrey Wahl, Suzanne Auwater, Lew Furman, Donna Hicky, Gerry Horn

CAC Liaison Dave Stevens

Meeting called to order @ 4:05 pm

Minutes from previous meeting approved. Copy to be sent to OP for publication

Prior to this meeting, Les and Gary met with Brian to find out what changes were going on at The Cove. We were told that Jerry Lewis was "let go" and a new Food and Beverage manager will be hired. During our discussion we were informed that the entire bar staff and most of the wait staff for a total of 12 employees were also "let go". No official reason was given. We were informed that 14 new people were hired to take their place including a new floor manager. Apparently there will be at least one more floor manager hired as well. Training of the new staff is currently being done. The downstairs is being renovated, painted and new decorations installed. During that process, the Cove will be closed. Presently, all of the windows allowing a view into the Cove have been covered so that the public can not see the progress being made. There is a soft opening being planned for the weekend of Feb. 2 & 3 and a grand Re-Opening is scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday.

Discussion

New Staff

The Committee was shocked at the announcement that all (most) of the staff was fired, especially since a number of them had been employed at the facility for a while and had become friends with many of the members and regular customers. There was a lot of concern over the fact that no reason was given.

Communication

Dave Stevens informed the Committee that going forward, all communications will go through the liasion and not directly with the facility managers. When questioned about the Committee being uninformed of what is going on, Dave commented that the Committee's yearly report to the Board was one of the best submitted, and was well read and some of the ideas are being implemented.

It was suggested that the Liasion give the Committee a heads up on what is happening so that we can make suggestions and answer questions from the public. Otherwise, what purpose do we have as a committee?

New Business:

Changes/additions

Dave mentioned that the "Bar Rail" along the wall by the water that we suggested is still going to be installed as well as a fenced in "Pirate Ship" playground and a pergola for the bands. There was some discussion about where the playground was going to be and some concern by several Committee members about it being placed near the Adult YC pool. There was also some concern about a permanent structure being built on the patio near the water that will, to some extent, block the view from the building.

Public Works has been expanded with additional personnel which we hope will mean more attention to general maintenance at all of the OP Clubs and facilities.

Dave mentioned that the proposed new budget (that is still being worked on) is aggressive for revenues from the various Clubs with a projection to break even at the Cove.

Country Club & Terns Grill;

First floor is being renovated and plans are that the upstairs will be later this year or early next year.

Beach Club

Bathrooms are in the process of being renovated. Efforts in the works to keep it open later in the evenings. Offer associate memberships to OP to allow public in? Liquor license, parking and noise issues could be a problem.

New Menu at Cove

To be introduced at the soft opening in early Feb.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20

Next regular meeting on Feb. 16th @ 4pm