

**Laffites Cove Nature Society  
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Laffites Cove Nature Society held a Board of Directors meeting at the Galveston Country club on December 12, 2009. John Strom, President called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. Directors present were John Strom, Gary Poltorak, Grant Rice, Chris Cahill, Mort Voller, Phil Glass and Scott Weaver. A quorum was established. Susan Gonzales with CKM Property Management was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the meeting held in October were reviewed. Upon motion duly made by Chris Cahill and seconded by Grant Rice, the Board approved the October minutes with the correct of the spelling of invasive plants.

Susan Gonzales reviewed the financials and answered questions. Collections were reviewed. The annual budget and assessment for 2010 was discussed. Motion by Grant Rice and seconded Mort Voller the budget for 2010 and the assessment of \$181.12 was approved as presented.

Mort Voller gave an overview of the tree removal, stating the most dangerous to people or property will be removed. After these are done LCNS may come back to remove a few more trees. Larger debris is being left for habitat.

Wetlands Ordinance covers wetlands setbacks, on line mitigation, the entire Island, covers upland wetlands. This Ordinance has gone to Planning for discussion. A second public hearing has been requested. Part of the Ordinance state setbacks need to go back to 2001. Many of the Ordncances will be revamped by the City of Galveston according to Bill Broussard.

Chris Cahill reported on FEMA funding. Chris has been speaking with FEMA, their position has been that is the City's property but it is the Association responsible for maintenance therefore LCNS is not qualified. Chris is attempting to get FEMA to understand the roles of the LCNS and that the trees fall under the City of Galveston.

Susan Gonzales will follow up on the Binnacle Canal permit #10260. Send information on Permit #10260 to the Board. Discussion was held concerning whether the canals have silting in. There has been some silting in but not enough to cause problems in egress and ingress.

Scott Weaver recommended that the depths should be measured periodically to verify any changes in the depths of the canals. Scott Weaver stated we need to find out what the cost would be to prepare "B" for later budgeting. Reserve "B" would need a berm built and placing spoils would need to have a way to drain the spoils. Upon motion duly made by Gary Poltorak "to allocate money to prepare reserve B". No second was received motion was tabled.

It was recommended that an estimate should be obtained to dredge the cut at Jibstay and cuts to Pirates Cove. Shiner Mosely looked at that area, looked at three beneficial use projects. This was done by PPOA and there should be records on this from Shiner Mosely. Scott and Gary will discuss this with Marty Baker.

Susan Gonzales gave Nature Preserve Signs to Mort Voller. Additional map signs are being done by C. Blume Signs.

Gary gave Susan a list of Property Owners who are to be notified that a survey will be done for "D" and letter will state that 4' of debris and trees will be removed and a new fence will be installed. A new survey will be done.

John Strom resigned. Upon motion duly made by Scott Weaver and seconded by Gary Poltorak, the Board accepted the resignation of John Strom as Director.

Jim Murphy was introduced as a recommended Director to fulfill the outstanding term of John Strom. Jim Murphy purchased his lot in 1995 in Laffites Cove. Upon motion duly made by Gary Poltorak and seconded by Grant Rice, the Board appointed Jim Murphy as Director to fill John Stroms term.

Discussion was held on the Officer positions. Upon motion duly made by Grant Rice and seconded by Gary Poltorak, the Board approved the appointment of Chris Cahill as President. Upon motion duly made by Scott Weaver and seconded by Chris Cahill, the board approved the appointment of Jim Murphy as Treasurer.

Corps of Engineer/Nationwide Permit – no further update.

Discussion was held on the Jet Ski's as to resolution. Susan stated the Pirates POA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) formed a sub-Committee to examine each issue and bring back recommendations to the ARC. The LCNS would like to have a representative at the ARC meeting. Upon motion duly made by Chris Cahill and seconded by Grant Rice, the Board approved that Gary Poltorak will be the liaison on the ARC for the Jet Ski issues.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Put date on PPOA website. Send a save the date notice for the annual meeting, two Directors are up for re-election, anyone interested please let us know and your name will be placed on the notice and proxy. Please provide a ½ page biography.

Website for LCNS is being developed. Discussion was held as to what should be put on the website.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Susan Gonzales, Recording Secretary