



COVAR CORNER

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Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information
Open Letter to all Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors

August 2018

The monthly COVAR Board meeting was held on July 11th. The following is an excerpt from Cindy Brown's meeting minutes. Cindy is the Secretary on the COVAR Board.

There are currently three sub-committees within the COVAR organization. The following are highlights of their monthly reports.

Drainage & Flooding Committee (Lead - Lynne Cople/Debra Lehman)

- A meeting with the Club, COVAR, SIPOA and the Town is scheduled for July 31st. Sealoft, Treeloft, and Tarpon Pond representatives are invited to the meeting to discuss issues within their communities.
- The Club has submitted requests for permits to clear Crooked Oaks #4 pond and for a new drainage ditch on Ocean Winds 17 and 16.
- SIPOA Study - In 2016 a study identified and prioritized drainage pipes in need of repair. The Study can be found on the SIPOA website at - <https://sipoa.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/stormwater-rehab-program-report-final-7-28-16.pdf>.
- SIPOA finished re-lining 9,500 linear ft this year - next round of repairs scheduled for 2020. It will take approximately 8 years to complete all repairs while managing the budget impacts.
- Steve Hirsch is a good resource to review any drainage issue and offer suggestions including support from SIPOA, if practical.
- The Club has been involved with SIPOA on these issues which is very helpful because it affects property owned by both entities

Beach Front Association/Regime Committee (Lead - Allan Keener/ Gary Quigley)

This new subcommittee held its first meeting on June 19th. Representatives from Spinnaker, Pelican Watch, Sealoft, and Beach Club Villas

met to discuss common issues. Invited the Atrium and Dolphin Point to participate, but without success at this time.

Illegal Unauthorized Parking is one of the issues discussed. SIPOA has recently published a policy to enforce unauthorized parking on these properties if one or two authorized individuals are identified to report violations. Security/Safety committee is monitoring this policy, its implementation and enforcement.

Trespassing on private regime property is another issue principally for the Beach Club and Pelican Watch Villas. SIPOA security will respond to this just as with single family home trespassing. Security will issue a citation to violators if "no trespassing" signs are posted on all property access points including beach side access.

The subcommittee is requesting representatives from the COVAR Board to work with SIPOA on the following issues/suggestions:

- Provide COVAR status of any study on island on beach parking issues
- SIPOA post a new sign at Boardwalk 9 as authorized beach access
- Resolve major safety issue when cars park in front of fire hydrants on Pelican Watch Villas property
- Would SIPOA and Owners consider opening community center parking lot to non-owners?

The Club is opening up 40 new parking spaces at the Island House area for 2019. They will use land adjacent to the Ocean Winds putting green and the grass hill currently used for seasonal summer parking.

Handicap parking is now available to anyone with a handicap card or license plate.

Communication Committee activity (Lead - Lori Leary)

Three committee members contacted each COVAR President to update contact information and offer to

be a direct conduit to the Regimes and Associations (VAR).

They are asking for ideas on how to communicate with the villa owners and not just with Presidents.

There is a recommendation to establish ways for the Regimes and Associations to communicate with each other to coordinate mutual projects for economies of scale and benefit from each other's experience.

Regime and Association Property Standards

SIPOA has a subcommittee chaired by Lynn Crane to standardize the format for VAR Property Standards. COVAR will work with Lynn and Katrina Burrell representing the ARC to roll out the format to the VARs. Some VARs already have ARC approved standards and it is the goal that each VAR have such approved standards. This conceivably would be easier to achieve if there is a standard format. COVAR will ask Lynn and Katrina to attend one of our COVAR meetings to discuss progress, etc. Need to make sure that Town and ARC are in sync with standards so an ARC approval will not result in a Town denial. Having approved Standards helps speed up the approval of requests when submitted to the ARC and Town.

New Town Rental Property Ordinance for reporting Business License number

- A new Ordinance is to have a Business License number for Rental Property in all commercial advertisements which becomes effective 7/21/18. The Town will monitor this activity. There is a Tideline Q&A on this new Ordinance. This includes both printed and electronic commercial ads.
- Allan Keener and Gary Quigley will update COVAR Publication 2 for all new information on the topic of rental property tax and licensing rules.
- There is a need to determine and

communicate what all the Town rules are on rental property and how they are enforced.

Update of Beachfront Management Reform Act (H. 4683)

As reported in the SIPOA Board meeting on June 18th, a decision on oceanfront setback lines has been pushed to 2024. Appeals have been halted.

SIPOA Nominating Committee

The SIPOA Nominating Committee met with COVAR representatives to discuss Regime and Association Owners that would be interested in joining SIPOA committees, Board and Nominating committee positions. COVAR members should consider volunteering to be informed and have a voice. In order to consider running for a Board position it is preferred that the candidate first have experience on SIPOA committees and have the skill set to fill the open positions on the Board. New Owners should consider volunteering for Committees in 2019. A form will be included in the Annual package for Committee participation interest.

Future COVAR Meetings

The following are potential topics to be announced in future COVAR meetings. Please submit other ideas to Debra Lehman at DebraKLehman@yahoo.com.

- Tutorial on Gate Access software
- Lynn Crane and Katrina Burrell on Property Standards
- Update on Drainage and Flooding
- Guest Speaker on Scams/Security via phone, text and email

The next COVAR meeting is on August 8th - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Lake House in Osprey 2. The agenda will be communicated via eBlast to COVAR Presidents and Tidelines for all Owners. ▲