

Natural Resources Committee

2005 Annual Committee Report

February 20, 2006

Membership:

Bruce Caverly – Chairman
Henry Browder – Vice Chairman
Ray Beal
Guy Yates
Bob Case
Paul Newall
Lynn Sackett

Board Liaison:

Greta Wolfe

Staff Representatives:

Steve White – Planning & Inspections Director
Brenda Pate - Secretary

The Natural Resources Committee in 2005 was stable with 7 members attending almost every meeting. Greta Wolfe remained our Board liaison representative for the second year.

Different members attended each of the Newcomers meetings and presented an overview of the NRC and its function, policies and guidelines regarding Common Property.

2005 was a busy year for the NRC. We began the year by going through all our governing documents, **The Charter, Policies and Procedures** and updating them with current names and processes that have change and been improved over the last 3-4 years. This was done with a lot of assistance from the P&I department staff and all NRC members. The BOD approved these changes and additions in July.

Besides handling the normal functions under our charter, covered later in this report, we began developing our **2VI (Village Visual Image)** sub committee membership with people from different functional disciplines. Currently we have 14 members from the NRC, PWC, GAC, ACC, PW, PR, P&I, Public Safety and administration departments. We have begun to develop the first 2 of 3 (East Gate redesign & Trash & Litter) programs and recommendations. We hope to be able to present our suggestions and recommendations to the BOD at the May 2006 retreat.

The first phase of the **Forest Management Plan** for Common Property was completed. This was the pilot program of 8 subdivisions and after completion was reviewed and visited by members of the BOD and several interested groups within the Village. All agreed that the finished result was as expected and no negatives were expressed by anyone.

Subsequently, we have recommended to the BOD and received approval to proceed with phase 2 of the FMP to begin thinning in the next 8 subdivisions in the same vicinity as the first phase. Steve White, P&I is working with Bill Walker and Anthony Timber for implementation.

At the request of several interested groups, Ray Beal and myself have made several presentations on our Forest Management Plan. Our objective is to make sure our residents understand that we are responsibly managing our valuable renewable resource with no adverse affects to the Village.

We continue to work with the ACC and Lakes and Water Management Committee on issues of common interest and have had good cooperation.

During the year we routinely handled resident requests to clean up common property (Class I), cut trees on Common Property (Class II) or dredge lake bottoms around boat docks (Class III) permits. The following is a summary of permits issued with pre and post inspections completed.

NRC Permits Issued January 2005 to December 2005

Class I Permits - 10
Class II Permits - 15
Class III Permits - 3
Complaints - 3
Total of all permits and complaints handled in 2005 - 31
Total of all permits and complaints handled in 2004 - 25

Deer Incident Reports and History

2000 – 25
2001 – 16
2002 – 21
2003 – 21
2004 – 33
2005 – 35

While we had an increase in deer incidents in 2005, our deer count does not indicate a marked increase in deer population over prior years. This increase most likely can be attributed to a number of factors;

- 1.) Increase number of residents and traffic on our roadways
- 2.) Expanding population base at the east end of the Village
- 3.) Incidents were evenly spaced out throughout the year.

We will loose 1 members of our committee in April 2006. Henry Browder has completed 3 years. Currently we have 2 candidates to replace Henry.

In closing, the committee would like to sincerely thank Brenda Pate, our secretary, Sam Harper, our complaint investigator and Steve White, Planning & Inspections Dept. Director for all their help and assistance during this past year. Their prompt handling of agendas, meeting minutes, permit request submissions, complaint resolution and replies to residents has been exceptional.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Caverly

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Chairman, Natural Resources Committee
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This report submitted to: POA Board of Directors

With copies to: NRC Committee Members
Brenda Pate, Sam Harper, Steve White