

I would like to read a statement for the purpose of transparency regarding an issue of a serious nature that took place in August of 2014.

Last month the Land Use Committee (LUC) mistakenly sent a draft list of Member properties to the Board. The LUC had not finalized the list at the time. Claudia, with concurrence of the Board, had previously asked the LUC to generate a list of abandoned trailers and buildings on the island. From this request the LUC generated a list of 17 properties for review and consideration by the LUC. This list contained Members' names and the suspected regulatory violations regarding their property. Later it was discovered by Janet Podell, Mike Graham, myself, and Pat Zazzo, that this list was released by Board Member Dianne Degood to Members outside of the Board. The Board had not had time to discuss this list privately or make any decision before its release. Board Members, under our Bylaws, Article 5.4, are to use good judgment while performing their duties as a Board Member. Part of this judgment is to protect the privacy of its Members personal information and issues. There is an inherent and expected trust by our Members that personal information would be safeguarded by the Board and HMC office personnel. There is a process in place that HMC uses regarding complaints or other issues of a personal nature in dealing with its Members. This process is that the full Board discusses the issue, makes a decision and the individual Member is notified through the Island Manager if warranted. Members also make special requests of the Board regarding personal issues and again the full Board makes a decision and the Island Manager notifies the Member of that decision.

There are some Members that feel that every issue brought to the Board should be made available to all Members. This concept would violate the expected privacy of Members regarding issues of a personal nature. One may ask what constitutes a personal nature. Examples would be financial difficulties that a Member may be in temporarily and they request payments be allowed for assessments. A Member is going through a divorce and requests a spouse not be allowed on the island. Member complaints against their neighbors brought to the attention of HMC or a Member requesting that the Board talk to another Member regarding unwanted advances. There are many examples of situations that arise that do not impact the Membership in general and should not be released for open discussion by HMC. I'm sure that the majority of you would not want your sensitive information that you brought to the Board released.

The Board made a decision this morning regarding the LUC list as it was not fully discussed. It has been the Board's policy in the last few years that if an issue is brought to the Board and it does not impact HMC then the Board does not consider the issue as a HMC issue and takes no action. If the full Board had the opportunity to discuss and review the list the vast majority of properties would have had no action taken. For those that have impacted HMC the Board would have followed the process, the Member notified and allowed to respond.

Because this list contains private information and was released without Board authorization several rumors have been generated as a result. These rumors have created animosity and fear with some of our Members. I would like to put to rest the rumors that have been reported.

1. No Member has been turned into any regulatory agency from this list.

2. The full Board did not discuss or take any action on this list prior to it being released.
3. The full Board did not authorize the release of the list.
4. The HMC office has taken no action regarding this list.
5. HMC has not even considered suing anyone on this list.
6. HMC and the LUC have not, nor are planning on calling the county regarding the boat pulls on North Beach. This is a rumor without merit.
7. Only Carolyn and Claudia have access to the HMC office area. No other Member or Board Member has access, keys or alarm codes. There are numerous Members that do have access to the Community Center back door. This access is controlled by the office and is granted for those Members needing authorized access for such things as community events, repairs to the building, building cleaning and meetings. Personnel with Community Building access do not have access to the HMC offices from inside the building. The interior office door is locked and alarmed also.

Pat Zazzo, Janet Podell, Mike Graham and myself regret the action taken by Dianne DeGood as it violated our trust in her to keep Member information and Board correspondence private until such time that the full Board could discuss the information and make a decision. Also the release of this information generated unneeded stress, animosity and worry by some of our Members for no reason. At this time Janet Podell, Mike Graham, myself and Pat Zazzo will not exercise Article 6.10 of our Bylaws which legally allows us to remove a board member by a majority vote of the remaining Board Members. We do ask that all Board Members sign confidential agreements at this meeting.