



# BAREFOOT BAY RECREATION DISTRICT

**Quarterly Townhall Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 7PM**  
**Building A**

## **Welcome**

The Barefoot Bay Recreation District Board of Trustees held a Townhall Meeting on October 28, 2021, Building A 625 Barefoot Boulevard, Barefoot Bay, Florida. Mr. Maino called the meeting to order at 7PM.

## **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Led by Mr. Maino.

## **Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Maino, Mr. Grunow, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Amoss, Mr. Morrissey. Also, present, John W. Coffey, ICMA-CM, Community Manager, Mackenzie Leiva, Management Analyst, and Cindy Mihalick, Administrative Assistant to the District Clerk.

## **Discussion of Charter Cap**

Mr. Maino provided an overview of the Charter Cap to the audience. He stated that the BOT is attempting to raise the cap from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to support projects, including the NRP program.

Elaine Vanberschot-1196 Waterway Drive-asked how to educate residents about the Charter Cap and suggested an article be written in The Tattler. Mr. Maino suggested that BOT members who are in favor of raising the limit do presentations to larger clubs about the Charter Cap and the proposed term limits.

Sue Amoss-901 Jacaranda Drive-voiced her concern on how residents would be affected if the Charter Cap was raised.

Mr. Nugent spoke in favor of educating the community.

Mr. Grunow stated that \$25,000 was the cap provided in the original charter that created Barefoot Bay Recreation District in 1984, and is now the equivalent of \$64,000 today. Mr. Grunow also suggested that the cap should be raised to \$75,000 and the NRP Program has become self-supporting.

Hurrol Brinker-554 Tarpon Drive-spoke in support of meeting with clubs to educate the community about the Charter Cap and Term Limits.

Dick LePage-1037 Royal Palm Drive-spoke in favor of raising the Charter Cap and suggested that the house on the golf course next door to him was a good candidate for the NRP Program.

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Mr. Maino stated that the Charter Cap and Term Limits would not be on the ballot until November 2023.

A resident voiced an issue about not being able to vote due to having another residence in New Hampshire. Mr. Maino responded that a resident must be a registered voter in Florida to vote in the referendum.

### **BOT Referendum**

Mr. Maino stated that Trustee Grunow and State Representative Randy Fine created a new bill that will change the terms for our five members of the board. If the bill passes, BBRD will have staggered elections where two trustees would be elected for three-year terms (two trustees in year A, two trustees in year B, and one trustee in year C), with a maximum of two 3-year terms. Therefore, a majority of the BOT is never elected in one year. The new term changes will eliminate a possible 60 percent turnover of the board, which can undo the work of the previous board. State Representative Randy Fine will take the bill to the Legislature. If it passes, there will be a referendum in Barefoot Bay in November 2023.

### **Audience Questions**

A resident voiced his concern about the beach project taking so long. Mr. Maino stated that Mr. Repperger is attempting to obtain a waiver for the building that was purchased in December 2020. The waiver will eliminate the FDEP requirement of 40-foot pilings. Mr. Maino also stated that the BOT b passed a motion that the building will be placed even if it is necessary to proceed with the pilings, and he is hopeful this will be resolved in the next few months.

A resident commended the NRP Program and stated that Barefoot Bay is looking good and has noticed that residents are taking responsibility for their properties.

Joe Klosky-960 Barefoot Blvd-spoke about the beach project. He stated that it will take time to get the permits and search for a contractor and will take some time for the project to come together.

Elaine Vanberschot-1196 Waterway Drive-asked for a status for the Steward Medical Group urgent center. Mr. Maino responded that the lease contract has been signed and the delay was due to changes in Steward Group legal counsel.

A resident asked if the urgent center would have a circular driveway. Mr. Maino stated that it will not be a circular driveway and the entrance to the building will be off Buttonwood and will be separate from the shopping center parking lot.

A resident asked if the fencing near the sewer company would be extended. Mr. Maino stated that the ropes have been put up to discourage parking in the area and are two thirds of the way down the block.

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### Trustee Remarks/Responses

None.

### Adjournment

Mr. Amoss made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

  
Jeff Grunow, Secretary

  
Stephanie Brown, District Clerk