

July 6, 2016 Council Meeting Overview:

I'd like to sum up the council meeting for those waiting for results. There were approximately 30-50 representatives for our cause in attendance throughout the night. The session continued for more than 6 hours and the Munyon's Cove address issue was nearly last # 24. Approximately 12 people gave commentary including Mr. Lozman and Taylor, along with those on this site and neighbors. Hopefully they will chime in with their comments. Kudos! Those who spoke on our behalf did so very eloquently, on the perils of developing the cove.

You can watch the session on RBTv 18. I presented 764 petition signatures against this motion during my presentation. After which I also described the dangers of his houseboat being unmonitored while at anchor over submerged utility cables.

There was some dissention among some of the Council members who were obviously not overly supportive of his request, and their frustration was evident in dealing with this issue and its unknowns. Dawn Pardo was again our Champion in calling out the need or necessity for the action of assigning the address to Mr. Lozman. Due to a current lawsuit pending by Mr. Lozman, some information was not clear to the audience, and apparently the upcoming closed door session was warranted to discuss the lawsuit, and not in order to vote on the subject of his address. That should be on record.

With that said, nothing was achieved to grant an address in last night's session. Jeff Gagnon was requested to provide the Council the criteria for issuing an address in RB, to be presented in a workshop session. It appears a site plan and building permit is needed to request an address and Mr. Lozman has neither. Addresses are not issued for vacant land.

There were several untruths told by Mr. Lozman and Taylor, including Mr. Lozman suggesting that others had cut down his mangroves and certain permits were eluded to, that don't appear to be accurately presented.

In conclusion, we may or may not have thwarted this issue in the future, but regardless, it was evident, the other 4 council members were not expecting our solidarity and it spoke volumes.

What a great experience and I thank everyone who made it happen. 764 signatures in 9 days!!! Singer Island Strong; I am really proud of our community.

I thank Dawn Pardo, SICA and Draga, COASI, and Mike, Matt, and our many neighbors for championing this issue on our behalf through social media and walking the pavement. Thank you Meike MacGregor for posting the anonymous letter which kick started our fight, as well as Marie Davis and Bill Contole for interpreting the legal mumbo jumbo in our defense; Mike B, thank you for our media updates and articles as well.

It seemed like the Mayor and Council took notice of the strength in numbers we showed, as well as the 80 emails they admitted to receiving on this subject recently. Great Job, I feel we accomplished more than expected for Phase 1 of this fight, and we weakened their position.

As a final note, we were somewhat threatened in the session, and heckled upon leaving the session by the 2 opposing parties. ☹

Semper Paratus,

Capt Lori