

MINUTES OF TIERRA VERDE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Date: June 4th, 2014

Location: Island Grille and Raw Bar

Call to order: A general membership monthly meeting of the Tierra Verde Business Partnership was held at the Island Grille and Raw Bar on June 4th, 2014. The meeting convened at 11:59 AM, Bob Mueller, President, presiding.

Attendance: 22 Members and Guests

Introduction of the members and guests in attendance.

The next general meeting will be a Cocktail/Social Event from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Billy's Stonecrab and Steak on July 2nd.

Introductions of all guests and members.

Our Guest Speaker was John Andes from Score, Pinellas County, which is a nonprofit dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow and succeed nationwide. They provide free confidential mentoring services and free or lo-cost workshops on business planning, advertising and marketing strategies, leases, trademarks and navigating local government licensing and regulatory issues. Amazing that you can get this help for free. Visit: <http://pinellascounty.score.org/>

Doug Izzo from the Beaches Chamber of Commerce spoke about the upcoming "Taste of the Beaches" on July 19th, 2014. The Chamber is also seeking volunteers to assist at their welcome center. doug@tampabaybeaches.com

Paul Murray, Tierra Verde Community Association gave an update on the construction and barriers at the North end of the island which is to replace the seawall along the eastern side of the Bayway and relocation of lighting along this stretch.....which brought up the age old question of when might we be seeing evidence of a new bridge which is forecast for potentially for the end of the 5 year period beginning in 2015 which would put it potentially into 2020...hopefully, maybe.

Laurie Laurenty briefly talked about Dog Waste Stations for the island and will be further investigating costs, permits, and maintenance requirements.

Erin Clem is focusing on Tierra Verde Home Based Businesses and will have further information at the next general meeting.

2nd Annual Oktoberfest discussion was led by Bob Mueller. Flyers are being prepared and the event is scheduled for October 18th. Would like everyone to reach out to anyone you know that would be a willing participant as a vendor. The cost of space for a vendor is \$50.

Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for 12/6/14 which is a weekend that does not conflict with the Annual Christmas Boat Parade so that Tierra Verde can participate in a larger manner this year and be involved in the parade event.

2015 Car Show is always in the planning stages and the event, previously held on Easter Weekend, is being considered for the weekend before in an attempt to satisfy the residents who return to the North on the weekend of Easter. Some of these residents would like to participate. Discussions will be ongoing regarding the pros and cons of changing the weekend.

We all wish Rich Gonlin well in his quest and hope to see him back with us soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Steinhauer
Secretary

Date of Approval