

## **President's Message - May 2018**

Bay Point Residents,

During the May Board meeting we addressed two resolutions that needed to be handled properly for our community which I know is everyone's desire. The board package contained two letters from our attorney John Townsend.

One opinion letter addressed reinstalling the sirens in our security vehicles. I think a summary of Mr. Townsend's opinion letter was simply passing a motion or resolution without addressing the sirens in the vehicles when they leave our private property and travel on public roads would not have been a proper thing to do. I feel it is my job as President to ensure we do things correctly. While I personally had no objections to sirens in our vehicles, I did object to passing a resolution that violates Florida Statutes. An amended motion passed, we have installed sirens that can easily be removed from our security vehicles when exiting the confines of Bay Point property, as prescribed in Florida Statutes.

The second opinion related to the resolution regarding the Bay Point News. Again, in summary I believe Mr. Townsend's opinion was the board is within its rights to contribute financially to Bay Point News. However, as was the case when we previously negotiated with the Editor of Bay Point News and Calendar, we should have an agreement with Bay Point News to protect the interest of BPCA, its officers, and directors. While we did not reach an agreement with both parties last year we certainly have a starting point for an agreement. We have submitted to Jane Moore an agreement for her consideration.

Our RFID system continues to have bugs that crop up almost daily. I have reached out to Gorrie-Regan at their headquarters in Birmingham and have been in contact with the COO, Mr. Clay King. I believe I have the attention of Mr. King and I have been assured all resources necessary to give BPCA a quality product will be deployed. I am committed to this board and our owners to stay vigilant on this until we are satisfied.

The Association has been notified that Mr. John Townsend, our lead counsel with Becker & Poliakoff, is leaving the firm to join Dunlap Shipman. While we will continue to be represented as part of our retainer agreement by Becker & Poliakoff, I will appoint a committee to analyze our legal requirement needs and recommend to the BOD a plan of action for future legal representation.

Our effort to complete our agreement with BPWC has been stalled for some time. We have made great progress in the last few days and I am cautiously optimistic BPCA and BPWC are close to a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.

Ed Helms, President

Bay Point Community Association