



**CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES**  
**May 21st, 2023**  
**General Membership Meeting**

**Recorded by Angela Smith**  
**Secretary**

Prior to the meeting call to order, Davida, 2022 Homecoming Queen, performed 'Home' from The Wiz and Amy Schreiber gave an introductory speech.

Meeting called to order at 10:20 am.

Present: John Adams, Kay Davis, Eddie Fraser, Sue King, Daniel Nardicio, Amy Rosen, Gary Sacks, Denise Samide, Amy Schreiber, Angela Smith

Absent: Julien Dorcelien, Ken Wong

<b>Review of minutes of meeting of September 2022</b>	Motion to approve from Tim Arnold - Minutes accepted as written.
<b>Budget/ Treasurer's Report</b>	Sue King gave the Treasurer's report (attached) – we are in a solid financial position with \$41K in the checking account and \$250K in the savings account.  The Walk Post Project has generated \$51K in revenue with approximately half in expenses, there are 36 walk posts still available.
<b>Membership Update</b>	Eddie Fraser reported the number of CGCAI members are 319 and Eddie and Amy Rosen will be available outside following the meeting to sign up members.
<b>Community House Update</b>	Eddie Fraser reported on all the repairs completed in the community house over the winter including cement board replaced on west side, sheet rock, ceiling repair, interior painted, broken window in the dressing room replaced, and the generator has been installed.
<b>Committee Updates</b>	Each Committee chair provided an update on their committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Climate Change – Denise Samide for Ken Wong:</li></ul>



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- June 4, Talk and Walk with former FINS park ranger, Kelsea Sucena, trans / non-binary educator and artist, about native species and how they can help mitigate the negative impact of climate change.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension person talking about their research on restoring the Great South Bay.
- Aug 4 or Aug 11, presentation with Kate Boicourt, NY-NJ director of the Environmental Defense Fund, the nation's largest organization working with all levels of partners to combat sea level rise. Will share how CG can join a team of communities trying to do something about sea level rise. Everyone will want to join this presentation/town hall event.
- Sometime during the summer: 2023 hurricane season update.
- We are always looking for people to join the climate change committee -- we want to be the pioneering community on Long Island that looks ahead regarding the inevitable.
- Beautification – Todd Eriksson, Daniel Lobitz, and Tim Arnold:
  - Presented the walk post project and showed an example of one of the new posts to be installed June 2023. The posts are black locust, laser cut, branded with CG 2023, then waxed. The white text of the walk name is reflective. Tim thanked the beautification committee and the community for their support of the project.
  - Dan Lobitz updated the membership that the Memorial Fund donated \$12K to fund the 'Ocean Walk Promenade' project to improve the main walk from Dock to Ocean.
- Transportation – Amy Schreiber:
  - Amy updated the membership on the struggle to get off-season boats and the attempts to negotiate with the Steins. The Cross Bay Zipper was not an attempt to hurt Sayville Ferry but rather to help Cherry Grove. Amy thanked Diane Romano, Daniel Nardicio, and Gil Neary (Pines) for their help.
- Post Office – Gary Sacks:
  - Gary thanked Betty and all the volunteers (Irma, Lorraine, Paulette, Allison). PO Box rules were outlined. The Post Office was made for letters and not 70 Amazon packages – if people don't pick up their packages within 5 days they will be returned.
  - Gary reminded the membership to buy stamps as this is the Post Office's primary revenue source.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The celebration of 100 years of the CG post office will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at noon. Troy Files stated that a bronze plaque along with a new post office sign will be unveiled, and there will be dignitaries in attendance plus pizza and prosecco, you can also purchase a special commemorative stamp.</li> <li>○ Carl Luss mentioned that in order to complete a change of address you need to go to a brick-and-mortar post office or get a card from Betty.</li> <li>● Communication – Amy Rosen:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The shared calendar is on CGCAI.org, the calendar includes fund raisers/benefits, special events but not weekly bar events. Amy Schreiber – we are also working on shark updates with FINS. As we don't want lifeguards we have not received shark updates but now working with FINS to get communications via a new app called Zello. CGFD will place purple flags at end of each walk when there is an alert.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Property Owner's Association Report</b></p>	<p>Tim Arnold reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Boardwalk painting: Tim thanked the community and APCG for all the work that has been done over the years. Tim had spoken to Town of Brookhaven and they agreed to do 'touch-up' of new boards etc. but ended up doing the boards throughout the Grove.</li> <li>● Beach Warden: The Town of Brookhaven hires the beach warden and as of the meeting we do not have a warden to clear the beach garbage.</li> <li>● Garbage Pickup: Schedule is on CGCAI website and POA will be making magnets with a QR code that links to the garbage schedule. Clean-up Day is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>● Dock updates: Tim thanked Craig Williams and asked members/businesses to pick up deliveries as soon as possible. Tim thanked DEI for donating a flag for the dock.</li> <li>● Amy Schreiber thanked Tommy Tush for painting the Cherry Grove sign on the dock, which required touch-up following the winter.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fire Department and EMS Update</b></p>	<p>Craig Williams, CGFD provided the following update and reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is an emergency rope at the end of each walk on the beach.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reminded members to check their fire extinguishers, can get rid of on June 3rd big trash day, also check CO2 detectors. Fire extinguishers have been donated – members were asked to check under their seats for a red ticket.</li> <li>● Craig introduced the new firefighters: Sandi Davison, Todd Eriksson, Lynn Spinnato.</li> <li>● If appliances are put out for garbage pickup, please do not block the walk.</li> <li>● CGFD pancake breakfast will be in October and boot drive will be day of Miss Fire Island.</li> <li>● Question: Lithium batteries for e-bikes and e-scooters – CGFD have 2 battery packs to house lithium batteries.</li> <li>● Question: Signage for cigarettes – Amy Schreiber answered that Ken Woodhouse is putting out buckets of sand by pet stations and signage for those will be worked on. Craig mentioned that there are fire extinguishers in the hose houses, if you need to use one, please call 911 to let them know so it can be replaced.</li> </ul> <p>Steve Williams, provided the following update and reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EMS began last week and will run through October 29th, 2023, and asked that people call 911 for emergencies.</li> <li>● There is new legislation from NY Senate that volunteer Fire Departments can start charging for services. CGFD will NOT charge for any EMS services in Cherry Grove.</li> <li>● If anyone is taken off island, Exchange ambulance will charge your insurance, but not the patient directly, although you may be charged a deductible – although you will not be chased down for that deductible payment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nominating Committee Announcement</b></p>	<p>Angela Smith gave the update on the nominating committee:</p> <p>We have two positions up for reelection this year, Sue King, Treasurer and Kay Davis, Director. Both would like to continue serving. Our recent e-mail communication request for nominating committee candidates received 3 responses, these were voted on by the CGCAI membership: Gerri Losquadro who received 92% in favor, Michael</p>



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	<p>Moran received 84%, and Fidel Patino received 90% - this is enough to confirm them as the nominating committee.</p> <p>CGCAI will send out a communication to the membership with information on how to apply to run for a position on the board.</p>
<p><b>Other Community /Associations updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● APCG – Thom Hansen (Panzi): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ APCG has a great working relationship with CGCAI, and CGCAI will be taking over the concession sales. Panzi thanked Ken Woodhouse for all his work at the CH.</li> <li>○ Introduced the current APCG board including new Director Matt Freeman. The Nominating Committee will be working on new board members slate to be announced in June, including a new Treasurer.</li> <li>○ Panzi asked that people please join APCG as they need to raise money. Shows this year will be Cherry Grove centric, no outside performers/comedians. Homecoming Queen will be held Memorial Day weekend – Hope Springs Eternal, Porsche, Sugar B Real are running – all contestants must be current members of APCG.</li> <li>○ There will be a 75th gala show on Labor Day weekend including Bella, Demi, Good ‘n Plenty, Philomena, Rose Levine and Panzi - Rose and Panzi will be performing a duet at the Tribute to Rose show. The APCG calendar is being sent out in the next couple of weeks and Panzi thanked A Summer Place for sponsoring the calendar.</li> <li>○ Panzi thanked The Memorial Fund for donating money for the new theatre curtains. There will be a toast today for Bruce Michael. Other events during the 2023 season include Sky High Tea Dance on the CH roof – Greg Scarnici and Robyn Bird, Fisher Film Festival, and Fidel Patino will be hosting a fundraiser for APCG at his home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● APCG DEI – Kay Davis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DEI has changed its name from DEI Committee to the DEI Project.</li> <li>○ Kay thanked BaBEC for flag donation for the dock.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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- DEI is working with COBE on summer events including Open House at the Community House at 6:30 pm on May 27th, Juneteenth, LatinX weekend, Trans weekend and more discussion events throughout the season.
- APCG CG Archives – Troy Files:
  - Celebration of 100 years of the CG Post Office will be held at noon on June 3rd. The Grove Hotel will be putting archival photos of Cherry Grove into all its rooms. Roseland film was shown in NYC over the winter. Please donate any photos, house signs etc. House Blessings will be June 4th.
- Sheila Morgan Director of Development for APCG works on grant funding:
  - Rainbow Connection was born out of the foster kid program that Todd Joseph and Sandi Davidson ran. Queer kids come together with older adults from the Grove to work together and create a show.
  - APCG will be producing an all-black/brown production of Bar Bilbao, Tuesday June 13th in Manhattan (Tickets can be purchased on Red Eye) and June 18th/19th in the Grove.
- Memorial Fund – Richard Shack:
  - The current value of the endowment fund is \$390K, we have donated \$12K to the Beautification Committee for projects, Beautification Committee will be replacing the 4 notice boards in the Grove. If anyone has ideas for a community project, please email the Memorial Fund. In Memoriam will be held on Labor Day at noon in the Community House, Roland created and funded the In Memoriam book. The Memorial Fund is in its 34th year.
- Dune Fund – Don Hester:
  - The Dune Fund last year received donations totaling more than the outgoing expenses. Don thanked the artists and Cherry's who held fund raisers in 2022. Don reported that our dunes are the strongest in Fire Island and therefore do not need assistance from FINS.
- BaBEC – Tomik Dash:
  - Tomik introduced Victor Jeffreys and Devin Domingo. BaBec was formed in 2020 after the Community House was vandalized. BaBEC's mission "BaBEC develops and implements initiatives and activities to promote Black and transgender equity as well as a sense of belonging among



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	<p>LGBTQ+ Black people and all people of color in Cherry Grove, Fire Island Pines, and surrounding areas. We will do this by building coalition with value-aligned people, businesses, and organizations on and off-island.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BaBEC is now a membership organization and currently has 35 members who are called accomplices. Tomik introduced Devin as their new board member.</li><li>○ Victor reported on Juneteenth – 12 events planned in the Grove and the Pines including MX. Juneteenth Fire Island Pageant 6/17; The Dragon Sisters 6/18; Beach Solidarity March 6/18 at 1PM – marchers from Grove and the Pines meet in between Grove/Pines. BaBEC has been contacted by the Governor’s office and a proclamation will be read on the beach.</li><li>○ BaBEC is taking donations – text BABEC to 71777.</li><li>● Thermacell – Dr. Tirado:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Walk Captains will be distributing Thermacell week of June 1, then again in August – this is not harmful to pets, it is simply Frontlining the mice. Suffolk County is still doing vector control. If you have water collecting anywhere, get rid of it tarps, plant holders, drill holes in garbage can lids, handles, bottom of cans. Make sure you spray yourself, there are plenty of natural repellants/sprays.</li></ul></li><li>● Walk Captains - Rhonda Wade:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Board walk painting this year has been completed this year by Town of Brookhaven.</li><li>○ Thermacell can be paid for outside at the membership table today.</li><li>○ Anyone who wants to become a walk captain should let Rhonda know.</li></ul></li><li>● Garden Club – Peter Chace:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Garden Club provides a forum for people to learn about gardening. The Garden Tour will be held on July 4th weekend.</li><li>○ Funds raised go to the upkeep of the Community House and the Doctors House gardens.</li></ul></li></ul>
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<p><b>Other Business/Questions</b></p>	<p><b>Ice Palace – Sam:</b> Daniel Nardicio and Sam are the new lease owners of the Ice Palace. Sam thanked the Island Breeze and Cherry’s for holding Ice Palace events over the past weekend, they are very confident that they will open Memorial Day weekend following the architect’s report/town assessment.</p> <p><b>CGC Benefit – Angela Smith:</b> The Cherry Grove Cares event to benefit the Lynn Lewis Foundation and Red Door Community will be held on May 28th at the Ice Palace and will be hosted by Ginger Snap and Wanda Sykes.</p> <p><b>Artists – Susan Ann Thornton:</b> Friday, June 9th will be the Dunes Fund fundraiser and June 10/11 will be the Artists Tour.</p> <p><b>Northwell – Eddie Fraser:</b> Doctors House will be open through Labor Day. They may provide 2nd doses of Monkey Pox vaccines.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM - motion to adjourn from Diane Romano.</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00AM in the Community House</b></p>