

LEISURE WORLD COMMUNITY CORPORATION
LEGISLATION AND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 22, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.
Sullivan Room – Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul M. Bessel, Chair; Edwin Cohen, (M15); Jay Harding, (M17B); Abbott Roseman, (M20A); Philip Marks, (M20B); Robert Conn, (M24) and Richard Murphy, (M27).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deanna Antrim Spencer, (MM); Herb Fine, (M14); Edmond Psaltis, (M18); Stuart Tattar, (M19A) Carl Jacobs, (M23); and Sumner Katz, (M26).

FOR MANAGEMENT: Tim Coursen, Assistant General Manager and Joan Griffin, Trust Assistant

VISITORS: Marian A. Altman, Chair LWCC; Senator Leonard Teitelbaum, (M21); Earl R. Golden (M20B); David Kipping, (M21); and Steven Kline, (M23).

1. Call to Order – Mr. Bessel called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of Meeting held January 25, 2010 – The Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Meeting held January 25, 2010, will be approved at the next meeting.

3. General Manager's Report – Mr. Coursen reviewed the General Manager's report for the month of February, responding to questions.
4. Report on the Legislation and Taxation Advisory Committee's visit to Annapolis on February 18, 2010 - Mr. Bessel reported that nine (9) persons from Leisure World visited the Capitol in Annapolis.
5. United Seniors of Maryland (USM) – After discussion upon recommendation by Mr. Bessel the following was agreed:

Leisure World should join United Seniors of Maryland (USM) at a cost of \$100.00 per year. This is an organization with a very good reputation for representing the interests of seniors in our State, and it would be helpful to Leisure World for us to have a voice and participate in USM. Legislation and Taxation Advisory Committee will be Leisure World's contact with USM.

6. Status of Bills in Maryland Legislature of Interest to Leisure World.

Senate Bill #945 – Condominium and Home Owners Associations – Governing Documents – Overriding Restrictions Against Rental Homes.

House Bill #472 - Residential Property Procedures Foreclosure Mediation – Mortgages

Leisure World should support proposals in the Maryland General Assembly to require mediation before bank foreclosures, and an amendment that would allow condominium associations to obtain up to 6 months past-due assessments when a unit goes into foreclosure.

House Bill #763 – Clothesline

Leisure World should oppose bills in the Maryland General Assembly that would require Leisure

World mutual not allow clotheslines in our community.

Senate Bill #813 – Maryland Communities for Lifetime Act.

House Bill #300 – Fairness in Taxation for Retires Act.

House Bill #1300 – Common Interest Community Managers – Licensing and Regulations

House Bill #1396 – High Rise Buildings – Mobility Impaired Individuals and Senior Citizens.

7. Count Council Bill #42-09 re: CCOC – This bill will be discussed in the March meeting of the Committee.

8. Setting Priorities of the Legislation and Taxation Advisory Committee, and Future Plans for the Committee and Sub Committee

The Leisure World Community Corporation, Board of Directors should authorize the Legislation and Taxation Advisory Committee to take positions and make statements on legislation on behalf of Leisure World when time is of the essence, with coordination by the Legislation and Taxation Advisory Chair with, and approval by the Leisure World Community Corporation Chair and/or Vice Chair.

9. Any Other Business or Comments from Members of the Committee

Updates of the Sub Committee meeting will be placed on the web site under Meeting and Sub Committee Meetings.

In regard to a question regarding the meeting be held at 3:30 p.m., it was agreed that this was the convenient time to schedule them on the calendar.

Mr. Bessel thanked Senator Teitelbaum for his assistant and suggested that he become a member of the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Paul M. Bessel, Chair