



I want to thank the current board for their time and commitment in 2008. We have seen many improvements in communication over the course of this year:

1. All documents from board meetings are now published within one week instead of 1-2 months from our previous years.
2. We now have a newsletter by the Island Manager sent monthly to keep our Owners better informed. This has really improved the information flow to all property owners.
3. Through Town Hall meetings, we have taken steps to create an open platform that hopefully will ensure all Owners to feel their

interests are equally being addressed in an open, reasonable and fair way.

Our Board, along with our residents, has worked hard and made significant progress in providing a “value added” service to our Island. We still have some issues on how we, as a community, treat one another’s interests fairly.

The following is my platform as a Board member that determines how I make decisions.

- a. All owners, their interests, and their guests should be treated respectfully and equally. We must recognize the diversity of our Island including our permanent residents, our absentee residents, our investor owners, and our owners who will build, etc. As a Board we must be inclusive, not exclusive. We must make decisions as fair and reasonable as possible. Every owner should feel they are recognized and have representation and a voice.
- b. As a community we have more things in common than we have differences. For example we all care about our Island. We care for its beauty and the quality of life it affords us. Most of us care deeply about our fragile environment and feel we are caretakers of this beautiful place. And on an economic level we care about our common property values, and most of us share a will to protect what we share in common.
- c. On the other hand our owners have diverse interests. Our Owners consist of 600+ different but similar individuals and families. Because we are diverse, I feel our Board should be made up of its constituency and that all issues can be heard, represented, and voted accordingly. For example, we are not a community of permanent residents. In fact less than 10% of our Owners actually live here year round. That means that over 500 of our Owners live elsewhere and their interests for Harbor Island may be different. As a Board we are responsible to include the interests of all Owners.

Ron and I are full-time residents of Beaufort, living on St. Helena Island, so I am accessible to address the needs of the Island at all times. As a professional licensed property manager, I understand that I work for the interest of owners. My philosophy is simple – look after the owner’s interest and their property. With my MBA degree, I offer my educational experience, along with my work experience as a great resource to enable better decision making.

I care about helping make a visit to this island a pleasurable experience for everyone who comes through our gate. I want our friends and guests to feel “welcomed” on this piece of paradise. But, that is often not how it occurs today. I want to change the attitude of Security to work ‘for the homeowner’, providing a pleasant enjoyable experience to all who enter our gates. Interestingly, the vast majority of people who own on Harbor Island discovered the island as vacationers first. The vacationers contribute over \$100,000 to our bottom line, saving ALL owners about \$169/year.

I have served on the Rules committee this past year. We were given two objectives: 1) to consolidate all of our rules documents into one document without repetition and 2) to make recommendations on changes, which we believed was to remove rules that are unenforceable. I have attended the regular board meetings monthly and reported to the owners my view of the “minutes” and what transpired to attain those results. My goal is to keep folks informed such that every owner can make informed decisions when votes are required, plus I want as many owners as possible to be involved in caring for this island. One suggestion I made recently was to have a phone line in the conference room so that board members could call in if they could not physically make each meeting. I often hear the board members complaining that not enough owners will participate. But, here is a very inexpensive solution. This would open up opportunities for owners who want to be involved, but live too far away to participate. I have had several owners offer their time and experience if we could offer this service. And the only cost is a phone line and a phone with speaker capabilities (at most \$50/month or less than \$1.00 per owner per year).