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RE: Chautauqua Institution Trustees Meetings November 2-3, 2012

Following are my notes from the recent sessions held in the Colonnade and Bellinger Hall with most of the Trustees and senior staff in attendance.

As CPOA President, I enjoy observer status at these meetings. The four Trustees who were selected by the CPOA board and then elected by property owners represent us well and, along with other Trustees who are also property owners, promote a fair hearing of concerns which impact quality of life on the grounds.

Items of interest to property owners are the only ones I report here, though I was privileged to hear about program elements and other interesting matters.

Architecture and Land Use Draft Regulations

Bob Jeffrey and his committee are preparing a draft of the ALU regulations, hoping to bring more clarity and definition to the document and to simplify it as well. The Trustees may see this draft soon with possible votes to follow sometime in 2013. In addition to sessions held during the 2011 and 2012 seasons, there will be opportunity for public comment once the draft is available on the Institution's "On The Grounds" web page.

2012 Capital Improvement Projects

Hedding from Bellinger to Elm was upgraded and the wiring to support full operations at Elm Gate installed as well. This and similar road rehabilitation projects are funded from the real estate transfer fees.

A new security camera will be installed as soon as this month. A similar camera is being installed at Bryant Gate, allowing that gate to be opened during the day in the off season. Funding for these projects is part of the Institution's Capital Improvement Plan.

The "On the Grounds" tab (<http://www.ciweb.org/on-the-grounds/>) is updated periodically to display project status and other items of interest to property owners, including a link to the CPOA website at www.cpoa.ws.

Stormwater Management and Shoreline Rehabilitation

In the current phase of the multi-year Stormwater Management program, wetlands will be engineered along Highway 394 at the base of the golf course watersheds. According to Doug Conroe, Director of Operations, in 2012 the Institution was "...going through state required environmental impact analysis procedures that included historic district archeological reviews. The formal go ahead to proceed with design work was finally given during late August. Thus we are now at the beginning phase of moving forward with the project. During the winter, design work will occur on the two golf course wetland and four on-grounds ravine projects with construction work likely to start immediately after 2013 season close. Work might occur yet in the Spring but given the state review process that is involved we are not expecting Spring work at this time."

In addition, thanks to generous donors, a plan to diminish erosion and to add native vegetation along the lake shoreline will be completed in time to commence actions there before the 2013 season. Owners who did not attend last season's shoreline talks with Doug Conroe and Dean Gowan should continue to follow the CPOA reports on this project and the "On The Grounds" web pages at www.ciweb.org. Lake views preservation is a part of the important charge of this shoreline rehabilitation plan. Reducing nutrient

flows into the lake and repairing shoreline erosion is the chief outcome expected. Restoring native habitat is also a desirable outcome and will be incorporated into the action plan.

Amphitheater Project

The Amphitheater Project is currently in design development phase. Commencement of the project depends on full funding through philanthropic dollars, and major donors are currently being sought.

Chautauquans who enjoyed the 2012 Thursday presentations by Charlie Heinz have asked how they might participate. Opportunities to donate to the endowment fund necessary for building maintenance will be announced once the full project cost is ascertained.