

TIME FOR TRUTH

I am requesting that the PIPOA Board of Directors, upon the advice of our attorney, instruct our ED to proceed with collecting CAM fees from *ALL Owners within this association* who have not yet paid their dues. Our attorney can advise the office on the details of how far back to go based on dates of ownership and statutes of limitation.

Where is there justice or fairness in funding the PIPOA purely on the backs of regular Members, while an ELITE class never even receives a bill? There are three vacant lots within the same subdivision that stand side by side. Two of those owners have been forced to pay their dues, while the Elite one has not even been billed. It doesn't take an attorney to see the inequity of that. What happened to our duty to uphold the rights of all of our Members?

Over the last two years, Nick Colosi and I went up to San Antonio on several occasions to seminars designed to educate POA Board Members. While there, our attorney advised us to COME CLEAN with our Members and bill ALL members of the PIPOA as we are mandated to do by our governing documents. He reminded us that backroom, handshake deals were invalid. We promptly shared this information with the PIPOA leadership. The result was inaction and criticism. I was told, "Why can't you leave it be and just let things float along?" Unfortunately, this is a pattern I've become all too familiar with.

Five months ago, I asked if the statements for CAM fees had been sent out to ALL of our Owners for all 8,446 lots and led to believe they had been billed. Last week, I discovered the statements had never been sent!

In December of 2019, when the pressure was on about these "Elite" members, two subdivisions owned by one of our largest Elite Members were suddenly removed from our website. I asked, "Who altered our website?" and "Who authorized this?" The PIPOA office was mute on the subject and within 24 hours the website reverted back to the older version.

Such changes required an authorized person with technical skills and passcodes to make such changes. Obviously, this was deliberate and ordered by someone. In June of this year, these same changes were done again. At the Board Meeting, when I asked, "Who authorized this? Who did the work? How were they paid?" Members watching saw that my questions, were met with wide eyes, shrugs, hesitation, discomfort, and silence. Are we seriously expected to believe that no one at the PIPOA has any knowledge of who changed the PIPOA website?

The bigger question is: Why would the PIPOA deliberately use our website to conceal some of our subdivisions from the rest of its Members? Hiding subdivisions. Hiding the lack of authority to levy fines. Hiding from Board Members that fines were still being levied even when we knew we didn't have the authority to do so. Hiding attorney opinions from the Board. What happen to the promise of transparency and bringing our association up to professional standards?

You all need to know that I am not alone. There are other Board members who are lobbying to fix these problems. It is time we do so. Chief Floyd Simpson used to tell our officers, "When you mess up, fess up, - and then go clean up your mess."

It is time that the PIPOA fix its mess and uphold the rights of ALL of our Members.