

A PLEA TO DO THE RIGHT THING

We are in the final stages of the most significant issue that the land owners and residents of Lockwood Folly will ever confront. The Country Club and the POA boards gone to great lengths to present the **facts** and to ensure their members have as much information as possible to make an intelligent decision on the community center. Independent groups, both for and against the project, have contacted many non-resident owners in an attempt to ensure they have the same information. The POA board has provided **everyone** the opportunity to voice their opinions. Individuals have addressed the pros and cons of the community center. It's all been said: we can do no more. **The time has arrived to make our decision.**

All of you should again review the presentations and other documents provided by both boards. The boards have made good faith estimates of the project's cost, as well as future costs if the project is not approved. These estimates are based on the best information available. They are not fabrications. No one has lied or kept anything from the community

Some things beyond the control of the POA board have changed. A fixed rate loan may no longer be available for us. However, The LFCC has had an adjustable rate balloon loan since its inception and it has been to their benefit. With today's low interest rates and with a cap, such a loan can be better than a fixed rate loan.

I have heard many reasons for not approving the community center but the least persuasive and most ridiculous is "I don't like the design". We have had an architect present his opinion on the design and while he thinks it could be better; at least he is willing to accept it. A draftsman took issue with the design and submitted a revision to it. Since his changes are not being accepted, he has indicated he will vote no on the

community center. Is this common sense? Can anyone be so self centered that they would jeopardize the future of Lockwood Folly because of their ego?

I see only one valid reason to disapprove the community center and that is personal affordability. While I believe we have turned the corner in this recession, and many indicators support my thinking,

NEW YORK (Reuters) – “Stocks gained on Tuesday, after strong housing and consumer confidence data. Consumer confidence increased more than expected in August, the Conference Board said, while the S&P/Case-Shiller home price index rose in June for a second straight month. A rebound in home prices as well as stronger consumer spending are seen as critical for the economy to bounce back from its worst recession in decades.” (Paraphrased by me)

I can accept this reasoning. There is no disgrace if this is the truth, but please do not hide behind fallacious arguments. A very good friend of mine once said to me, “The day I can no longer support the club is the day I will leave Lockwood”. I don’t want them to leave, they will still be my friends if they must vote no.

Up to this point, those who have differing opinions about the community center have behaved commendably in discussing them. There may have been some heated discussions but there has been no name calling or other outrageous actions. But recent letters in Opposing Views have crossed the border of decency by questioning the integrity of the POA board. I find such action appalling and feel those involved owe the board an apology.

Before you cast your vote, I ask all of you to look into your conscience and see if you are doing the right thing. There will be no second chance in our lifetime. If the timing is not right and \$36 per month, (\$1.25 per day) is too much today, how can twice that be acceptable in the future? Please, do the right thing and vote **YES** for the community center.

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