

## 2009 – 2010 Proposed Budget

As CRRA Treasurer, I submit a proposed budget of \$4,737,991 to the Board and request the Board's approval of this budget.

Due to the state of the economy, we have eliminated many items from this budget that would not be removed in a more normal economy including:

- A. Contributing only \$102,808 to the reserve account which is less than 15% of the annual contribution recommended in the study
- B. Eliminating all funding for salary increases (\$100,000)
- C. Eliminating budgeting for any paving in this year (\$261,000 proposed for 3 miles)
- D. Postponing many projects that are now delayed for at least one more year

For the same departments as included in last year's budget, this budget actually reflects a decrease in projected costs. But, unfortunately it also reflects decreases in some of the projected revenues including impact fees and dues revenues from villas.

This proposed budget results in a \$12 dues increase to \$567 (\$113 for villas). This proposed budget is not supported by the budget committee who "voted" on Saturday, January 31, 2009 for a budget resulting in \$0 dues increase by a "vote" of 9-8. However, with the uncertain state of the economy and my resulting strong concerns about both projected dues collections and projected villas revenues, I cannot agree with the committee's recommendation and am therefore submitting this proposed budget of \$4,737,991 and request your approval.

One additional note is that if collections are significantly less than projected in the budget's first quarter, then we will be required to make even further cost reductions which, unfortunately, will reduce service levels for at least the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Reece  
CRRA Treasurer  
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