

## SBCL EVENT HOUSE COMMITTEE

On July 21 the following email was sent to Karen Lasley, Zoning Administrator, and Councilwoman Barbara Henley:

At its membership meeting on June 20, 2015, the Sandbridge Beach Civic League (SBCL) unanimously passed without objection the following motion: The Sandbridge Beach Civic League, in keeping with its purpose of promoting the "betterment" of Sandbridge Beach as a "residential community", requests assistance from the City staff and City Council to investigate houses being rented for events, which are not compatible with a residential community, to determine what may be done to alleviate this problem.

The following committee was established: Bill Brown, Chairman; Jim Belcher, SBCL Board; Cheryl Caloras, Vice President SBCL; Joan Davis, President SBCL; Richard Dyer; Neil Lowenstein; Wade Malaby; Catherine Miller; William Snyder; Dave Watson and Donna Watson. The committee members communicated by email and then met on July 14. From these discussions we have prepared a list of questions and problems that are attached.(1) We reserve the right to add to these lists in the future.

Please review and get back to us with your answers or any questions you may have for us. Also, let us know how you would like to proceed.

We look forward to working with you to reach an amicable solution to what is a growing problem in our residential neighborhood.

On August 11 Karen Lasley responded that she and Bill Macali, City attorney, had met with Mayor Sessoms and Councilwoman Henley on August 4. They had asked for input from the police about the number of noise and parking complaints generated by event houses in Sandbridge. She and Bill Macali have researched how other areas have dealt with this problem and are working on a draft code change, which they will present to Sessoms and Henley. They will then bring it to our committee and the realtor group for input before presenting it to the whole community.

(1) Due to a lack of space in the newsletter, the problem list and questions posed to the City may be found on the civic league website. [www.sandbridgebeach.org](http://www.sandbridgebeach.org)

Bill Brown