

## **THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

The Architectural Review Committee held a meeting on this date and time in the Clubhouse of the Ocean Gallery, 4600 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080.

Gayle Krug called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

### **Call to Order**

Gayle Krug

Marcia Johnston

Vickie Bonanno

### **Absent**

### **Proof of Notice:**

Notice of the meeting was emailed to the membership on May 1<sup>st</sup> and posted on all official bulletin boards of the association in accordance with FS718.

### **Approval of Minutes**

With the minutes distributed to all Committee Members, Marcia Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026, meeting as presented. Vickie Bonanno seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed. (See Exhibit A)

### **Old Business**

**Request to display a Thin Blue Line flag in the common area-** (See Exhibit B) The ARC revisited the request because the Village Las Palmas President expressed concern that it was not on the original agenda for the April 22nd ARC meeting. At that previous meeting, Vickie Bonanno stated that she views the Thin Blue Line flag as identifiable with the American flag, which is protected under Florida Statute 718.113 for condominiums. She also noted that Florida Statute 720.304 for Homeowners Associations permits First Responder Flags, including those representing Law Enforcement Officers, to be displayed. Vickie Bonanno made a motion at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to display the Thin Blue Line flag respectfully. Sherri Johnson was asked to notify the OGPOA of the approval and ask that they consider flags as an agenda item at their next meeting.

Chairwoman Gayle asked Sherri Johnson how many complaints had been made regarding this flag. General Manager Sherri reported that only one recent complaint has been made. Before the vote was taken, Marcia Johnston recused herself because her husband submitted the request. Vickie Bonanno made a motion to grandfather the Thin Blue Line flag, which has been displayed for two decades. Gayle Krug seconded the motion and then opened the floor for comments. After the comments, Vickie Bonanno repeated the motion to grandfather the Thin Blue Line flag to be flown at 65 Village Las Palmas, as it has been for the past two decades. Gayle Krug again seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed.

When Chairwoman Gayle Krug opened the floor for comments, Jane Kitson, Village Las Palmas 77, stated that she also displays a flag when she is here and removes it when she leaves. The bracket holding the flag was already installed by the previous owner, and she had received approval from former General Manager Scott Simmons to fly her flag. She asked whether this was an issue. Chairwoman Gayle Krug clarified that the board is only making a determination on the specific flag included in the current request. She asked that each individual association review its own flag policy. For transparency, Chairwoman Gayle Krug read two emails she received the previous evening regarding the flag under discussion. One email expressed concern that the flag could be viewed as somewhat political and noted that allowing it might lead to additional holes being made in the structures. The second email

acknowledged that the first email raised valid points and stated that clarity is needed to maintain consistency. Vickie Bonanno clarified that the Thin Blue Line flag is not political; it is a First Responder flag, recognized by Florida Statutes 720.304 for Homeowners Associations.

### **New Business**

None

Vickie Bonanno moved to adjourn, which Marcia Johnston seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed. The adjournment was at 10:14 a.m.