

Unfortunately, there has been a great deal of misinformation shared recently as a part of the challenges to the Community Agreement candidates. Some of this may be due to lack of knowledge of what has actually happened; some might be lack of any previous involvement in Village workings. Either way, the Community Agreement Party believes that correct information is critical for all residents. Below are some specifics that have caused concern.

FICTION	FACT
<p>Community Agreement Party “Current trustees are now <i>suddenly</i> calling themselves the Community Agreement Party” <i>Bruce Chester, FABGC Estates candidate</i></p> <p>“It seems like it’s just a marketing plan that they want to be known as the Community Agreement Party.” <i>Terry Digan FABGC Central Candidate</i> <i>FABGC Zoom event, February 3, 2021</i></p>	<p>In fact, the “Community Agreement Party” is a specific designation that has been used every year for Trustee candidates selected through the POA facilitated process.</p> <p>Resident electors from each village section meet and designate candidates for village public office to run with other designees on a slate of candidates under the banner of the Community Agreement Party, an independent body under NYS election law that has traditionally fielded a slate of candidates for GC Village public offices. Such candidates traditionally have been selected under the terms of the Community Agreement.</p> <p>It is not a “marketing plan”. Again, some basic understanding of how the Village works should be required of a Trustee.</p>
<p>Resident Volunteers “We need a return to the practice of using the expertise of residents through the use of board-founded committees.” <i>FABGC platform</i></p>	<p>There has never been a departure from the practice of using the expertise of residents. Every board and commission in the Village is comprised of resident volunteers. This includes Architecture Design and Review; Recreation; Ethics; Library; Environmental Advisory; Planning; Zoning. Each consists of experts from their respective fields who donate their time and perspective to Village issues and decisions. Each committee has regularly scheduled meetings that are all open to the public.</p> <p>As another example, the BOT recently approved a “Traffic Calming Study” to be done on Cathedral Ave, as the result of a resident-expert committee.</p>
<p>Village Knowledge “Who hires the Village Administrator?” <i>Terry Digan (central candidate) “Cosmo, can you answer that? I don’t know the answer.”</i> <i>Cosmo Veneziale (mayor candidate) “I don’t know the exact particulars. I don’t know.”</i> <i>Audience question and FABGC candidate response, FABGC Zoom event, January 27, 2021</i></p>	<p>As the most senior Village paid position, this selection is a key responsibility of the BOT. The Village Administrator is a paid position. When the position is open, candidates are interviewed and selected by the Board of Trustees. As the most senior Village paid position, this selection is a key responsibility of the BOT and the most important personnel decision the BOT must make.</p>
<p>Regarding the Casino - “The Trustees have not responded to our request for a single meeting in person. Complete silence.” <i>Resident Comment, Jan 7, GC News.</i></p>	<p>The Casino lease has been extended until 2022 to allow for continued discussions. Trustees have been involved in discussion and review of the current facility to allow for a fact-based discussion on the state of the building and how to move forward. Please see comments in the GC News from Trustees and Casino Board, both confirming the progress that has been made.</p>

The right information matters. Vote for your Community Agreement Candidates.

Bob Bolebruch, Candidate for Mayor
Steve Makrinos, Candidate for Trustee from Western POA
Rich Catalano, Candidate for Trustee from the Estates POA
Yvonne Varano, Candidate for Trustee from the Central POA
Mark Hyer, Candidate for Trustee from Eastern POA