

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2010

St Boniface Church, Meeting Room F

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Ramirez called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Deet Jonker, Joyce Kouba, Catherine Luckner, Bob Schennum, Bob Tripp, Peter van Roekens, Bob Waechter. Excused: Matthew Burnett, Paul van Deventer, Gayle Wardner.

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba

January and March minutes were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Tripp

Bob reported that SKA had \$143,000 in its treasury.

4. SHERIFF'S REPORT – Sheriff Tom Knight

- Sheriff Knight discussed his strategic plan and provided crime statistics for Siesta Key, including a comparison of 2008/2009. These numbers are from the County GIS. He discussed the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy, which is an 8-week course. Traffic is the public's number 1 concern. The County participates in the Silver Alert, which helps track elderly people with dementia. Peter reported that the noise in the Village is significantly improved. The Sheriff's Department relies on a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation to keep the police boats running.
- Statistics for March: 13 noise violations, 1 assault, 2 batteries, 48 underage alcohol
- This has been a relatively quiet spring break.

5. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT (15 Guests)

Cheryl Gaddie, President Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce, reported that there are new entrance signs to the Village, the annual SKCC golf tournament will be May 10, the SKVA Easter Egg Hunt will be April 3, Siesta Fiesta will begin April 24th, and there is discussion of a new sand castle event

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TURTLE BEACH – Ron Flynn - No report

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens

- Big Pass marks 1-6 have been removed from shoaled channel. Tomorrow new marks will be placed at the outer end of the Western (straight out) route. Peter surveyed it this morning again and there is 6'+ at MLLW. Check <http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/Visitor-Info/Navigational-Items-of-Interest/Big-Pass-Information-405.html> for more details.

- Peter has scheduled a presentation of the Inlet Management Study by Cliff Truitt at the SYC Boaters' Breakfast. This presentation will discuss options but will not present recommendations until after the presentation to the BCC. There is major concern that local boaters as well as Sarasota City and County need access without going 15 miles north to Longboat Pass or the same distance south to Venice Inlet. Marina Jacks, Max Marine, and all of the local clubs are focused on how to resolve this access issue.

ADOPT-A-ROAD – Peter van Roekens

Peter will coordinate with SKVA to schedule a mutually agreeable date for the next trash pickup.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – John Lally

- Due to budget cuts, John will not get additional help; level of service may be temporarily reduced due to Countywide cross-training
- John provided a new Homeowner's Guide to County Codes.
- A new citation/warning form for noise infractions is pending approval by court clerk; the fee schedule has been approved.
- Training on noise monitoring will be held this month; most Village establishments have purchased hand-held monitors.
- John is working 20 illegal rental cases.
- Some new businesses have not applied for a certificate of occupancy.
- All fences on Siesta Key must have a permit; John is working several fence violations; construction fence on Ocean Blvd. Went to court.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT – Gayle Wardner (No report)

ZONING – Lourdes Ramirez

- The Beach Access Ordinance prohibitions on private land are being reviewed. Owners want to have opportunity for pets, cooking, smoking, sports, glass containers, etc. on their property.
- Flood Prone Ordinance – The County has asked for Vern Buchanan's help in getting FEMA to answer questions.
- Post-disaster Redevelopment will be part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

MEMBERSHIP – Deet Jonker (No report)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Peter talked with the Siesta Key Chamber and Village Association about jointly buying a board for the Junior Lifeguards. SKCC and SKVA must obtain board approval. They thought this was a great first step to working together. Next year they will look at budgeting for two boards. SKA could support other

items separately, if so approved. Peter asked SKVA and SKCC to think about other things that we could do jointly. The Board voted to support joint purchase of one board for the Jr. Lifeguard program and to offer a Jr. Lifeguard Scholarship.

- The Board voted to support the May 1st Pelican Press Sand Castle contest with a donation of \$450.

9. ADJOURN – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting. .

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association