

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2011

St Boniface Church, Room F

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Catherine Luckner called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Beverly Arias, Ann Kaplan, Joyce Kouba, Peter van Roekens, Michael Shay, Bob Tripp, Joe Volpe, and Bob Waechter. Excused: Deet Jonker, Helen Clifford, and Gayle Zentz.

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba

Bob Tripp moved, with Ann Kaplan seconding, to approve the July minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNITY REPORTS

SKA was honored to have in attendance our Interim County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lewis. Mr. Lewis has a distinguished career which also includes 27 years with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department with previous responsibility and leadership for Siesta Key Officers.

Parks and Recreation, Jr. Lifeguard Program – Robert Martini, EMT, Senior Lifeguard and Program Coordinator. Mr. Martini is a decorated EMT with commendations for numerous high risk lifesaving events. It is noted, *with audience applause*, he participated in a Big Pass Boater rescue this afternoon (8/4).

- The Jr. Lifeguard Program is 3 years old and is now conducted at Siesta Key, Lido, Casey Key, Venice and Turtle Beaches. Kiwanis donated a trailer to transport equipment between beaches.
- 2011 attendance included 72 children, ages 9 to 17. This represents more than double increase since 2010.
- During the program, attendees are First Responder certified for 2 years and receive CPR training. Continuing workout is available at 5 p.m. on Sundays.
- Sarasota Jr. Lifeguards placed 5th in the SE regional lifeguard competition. SKA donated \$250 to the **United States Lifesaving Association, Sarasota Chapter. This organization provides training and purchases equipment for the Program.**

Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Osborne

- Vehicle burglaries have subsided. Abandoned tents at the beach are being removed by the County.
- A long-time kayak thief was apprehended.

- Suspects were arrested on charges unrelated to multiple car burglaries noted in the previous month. Since the arrests, no additional car burglaries have occurred.
- There are still no suspects in the vandalism and fence rail damage occurring in the Village and at Treasure Boat and Ocean Boulevard. SKA Officers met earlier in the week with the Siesta Key Sheriff's Office to discuss concerns and efforts to mitigate the problems.
- Catherine thanked the Sheriff's Officers for their additional assistance, joining with FWC Officers re/ wildlife protection/nesting from vandals on Siesta Key beaches.

Siesta Key Village Association (SKVA) – Russell Matthes

- SKVA is working to get the older individual news boxes removed and is adding an additional 'condo News Rack.'
- The JWM maintenance contract ends August 15th. The County will provide maintenance services for the Village until a new contract is granted. JWM is not renewing their bid for the contract. Services provided include landscaping, garbage pickup, lighting, fencing, and sidewalk surfacing.. Siesta Key Village Maintenance Corporation will then continue oversight of the services.
- SKA and SKVA in conjunction Sarasota Code Enforcement and Zoning will begin a noise management project. This starts with collecting a noise baseline reading to establish a normal background noise reading for SK Village. Subsequently, readings will be taken at various locations in the evening. The goal is to determine locations of excessive noise and ensure reliable enforcement of the noise ordinance.
- The County will replace the wooden Fence rail at Treasure Boat Way and Ocean Boulevard with possibly one of metal. Commissioner Patterson reported that the wooden walkway will be replaced with composite material.
- SK Chamber of Commerce reports the Crystal Classic Master Sand Sculpture Contest will be November 11th to 14th.
- Sandfest will be November 4th with a 70's theme.

Code Enforcement – John Lally

- John provided an updated County Referral Guide. **(SEE GUIDE ATTACHED TO MINUTES) This is current as of 7/26/2011 and not yet online at the County website. A link to the Guide will be posted on the SKA website.**
- Parking for pay in residential zones remains a problem; John is enforcing this as much as possible.
- Illegal rentals in residential zones continue. John continues to collect data and to assist residents who report illegal rentals. Problems with illegal rentals can be reported to code enforcement. Ordinance language has created some confusion regarding allowed rental period, but has been interpreted as once per month in RSF zoned

neighborhoods. Catherine asked for recommendations for residents to follow in reporting such rentals. One action is to keep a log of the frequency of change outs (different car tags), take pictures of posted ads which clearly advertise short term outside the code. Talking with renters about their stay can also help.

- All of these can be sent to the Code Enforcement Officers. Code Enforcement can ask for rental records to determine if the frequency is more than permitted. Ann Kaplan thanked John for being “the best code enforcement officer since she has moved to the Key.” Bob Luckner thanked John for posting a recent citation and for assistance with an overgrown 3 parcel vacant lot on Siesta Key

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens

Big Pass remains unchanged with a 6.0’ controlling depth at MLLW; details at <http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/Visitor-Info/Navigational-Items-of-Interest/Big-Pass-Information-405.html>. Measurement will be taken again in about two weeks.

ADOPT-A-ROAD – Peter van Roekens

The July 9th pickup in conjunction with the Siesta Key Village Association and Bay Island Association was successful (as reported in both The Pelican Press/Observer and The Village Buzz) with a record turnout of 15 volunteers and pickup of 20 bags of trash. Pickup now includes Siesta Drive, so more volunteers are needed.

5. Grass Roots for the Troops – Gerry Tausch

Gerry provided information about her volunteer organization which provides items to deployed troops, military families, and veterans. Michael Shay moved, with Joe Volpe seconding, to donate \$250 to the organization; the motion passed unanimously. Handouts about the project were provided.

https://www.grassroots4thetroops.org/Home_Page.php

6. COMMUNITY COMMENTS/DISCUSSION (21 guests)

Nancy Deckard, of Gulf and Bay Club reported their condominium fire alarms not working, even though certified by the Fire Marshall. Apparently wires had been cut during renovation; however, the certification did not uncover the malfunction. Their alarm system has been totally revamped. Her stated concern was if other home owners or Condominiums might have this problem. They may be unaware they are not properly linked to the Fire Department. Joe Volpe will contact the Fire Marshall regarding the alarm certification process.

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- According to Joe Volpe, the County is reviewing two bids for radar speed signs; the procurement is scheduled for September with the signs installed by early October. Joe is working with County staff on the flooding/drainage problem on Higel.
- Michael Shay happily reported that two anti-littering signs were installed, one at Ocean Boulevard and Higel Avenue and another at Ocean Boulevard and Treasure Boat Way. He acknowledged County Traffic staff who worked with him on this project.
- All Siesta Key canals are designated as “idle speed.” Speeding boats can be reported to 365-TAGS; a recording will ask for the Florida boat number, incident being reported, date, and time. A letter will be sent to owner of the boat. Dave Thomas, new member of the Environmental Committee, expressed concern for the safety of Manatee pods which are in the canals. Because visiting boaters may not be aware of speed regulations and Manatee activity, he felt that additional signage is needed. He proposed a Manatee alert sign at the canal entrance and additional signs along the canal. Commissioner Patterson suggested that posts could be placed against sea walls at property lines. She will follow up with staff. Bob Waechter recommended working with the Save the Manatee Club which provides very nice signs. Bob encouraged everyone to report Manatee sightings because most of the data on Manatee locations is from citizen reports. Beverly Arias asked whether the boat rental businesses provided renters with information regarding Manatees. Nancy Deckard said the Freedom Boat club includes information about Manatees in their two-day training. Catherine Luckner will contact Natural Resources for additional assistance.
- Catherine Luckner indicated no additional news regarding the Beach Park Plan design. Commissioner Patterson concurred. The decision regarding drainage pond size and placement will be made prior to the September 12 BCC meeting..

8. ADJOURN – President Luckner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association

SEE ATTACHED CODE ENFORCMENT REFERRAL GUIDE

SARASOTA COUNTY REFERRAL GUIDE

UNIT	TYPES OF VIOLATIONS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE	FAX
SARASOTA COUNTY CALL CENTER	ALL	MAIN LINE	861-5000	
ANIMAL SERVICES (SO)	ANIMAL PROBLEMS / LOOSE OR STRAY ANIMALS	MAIN LINE	861-9500	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS (PDSBC)	BUILDING WITHOUT A PERMIT, STOP WORK ORDERS, SILT SCREENS (can be Building or Land Development – Charlie Richison 861-6615)	MAIN LINE – NORTH MAIN LINE – SOUTH	861-6841 861-3029	861-6029
CODE ENFORCEMENT (PDSBC)	BUILDING WITHOUT PERMIT, UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR ACTIVITY, SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY, ILLEGAL SIGNAGE, ACCUMULATION OF DEBRIS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, OVERGROWN GRASS / WEEDS, INOPERABLE / UNLICENSED VEHICLES, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, NEWSRACKS	MAIN LINE – NORTH MAIN LINE – SOUTH	861-6403 861-3280	861-6018 861-3282
CONTRACTOR LICENSING (PDSBC)	UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS (NORTH AND SOUTH)	BETSY BOLLINGER	861-6126	861-6711
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (HHSBC)	COMMERCIAL & PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, PRIVATE IRRIGATION WELLS, PUBLIC DRINKING WATER, GROUP CARE/DAY CARE, FOOD SERVICE, INDOOR AIR, BIO-MEDICAL WASTE	MAIN LINE SEPTIC	861-6133 861-6635	
FIRE PREVENTION (ESBC)	APPARENT FIRE HAZARDS, BLOCKED HYDRANTS, DRY OR PILED HAZARDOUS TRASH, EXIT DOORS BLOCKED, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS STORAGE	MAIN LINE	861-2290	
HAZARDOUS WASTE (ESBC)	ABANDONED DRUMS, CONTAINERS OF PAINT, CAR BATTERIES, ETC., DUMPING OF MOTOR OIL OR OTHER CHEMICAL WASTES	MAIN LINE	861-1530	861-1300
NATURAL RESOURCES / POLLUTION CONTROL	WATER QUALITY / WASTE WATER, OPEN (TRASH) BURNING, ODOR/DUST COMPLAINTS, POLLUTION COMPLAINTS, ASBESTOS, NOISE (MACHINERY), FLOWING PIPES, DUMPING OF OIL & FUELS, POOL DISCHARGES	MAIN LINE	861-6220	861-6270
PUBLIC WORKS (PWBC) formerly Neighborhood Response Team (NRT)	DRAINAGE, SIDEWALKS, POTHOLES, TRAFFIC SIGNS, SINKHOLES, COLLAPSED OR DAMAGED PIPES, RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS, PRIVATE STORMWATER VIOLATIONS, NEWSRACKS	MAIN LINE	861-0818	861-0545
RESOURCE PROTECTION (ESBC)	UNAUTHORIZED SHORELINE ACTIVITY (WETLANDS, BAYS, CREEKS, RIVERS, CANALS, AND/OR BAYOUS), UNAUTHORIZED SITE CLEARING, TREE REMOVAL, EXCAVATING / FILLING, STOCKPILING, HAULING & BURYING DEBRIS, UNAUTHORIZED GULF / INLET ACTIVITY, BOAT DOCKS	MAIN LINE	861-6113	861-6479
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	VEHICLES PARKED IN RIGHT OF WAY, NOISE COMPLAINTS (MUSIC & DISTURBANCE OF PEACE ISSUES)	MAIN LINE	861-5800	
SOLID WASTE (ESBC)	GARBAGE COMPLAINTS, RECYCLING BINS & DUMPSTERS, ILLEGAL DUMPING, ABANDONED APPLIANCES, UNPREPARED YARD WASTE AT THE CURB	MAIN LINE	861-6758 OR 861-6755	861-6735
TRAFFIC PROBLEMS (PWBC)	INOPERABLE STREET LIGHTS, MISSING STOP SIGNS	MAIN LINE	861-0978	861-0972
UTILITIES (ESBC)	TANK TRUCKS FILLING AT FIRE HYDRANTS, STEALING WATER, NO WATER METER	MAIN LINE – violations MANDATORY SEWER CODE ENFORCEMENT (MINDI HERBERT OR MORGAN HICKEY)	861-6790 861-0629 (MINDI) 861-0623 (MORGAN)	861-0603
	WATER RESTRICTIONS – ONCE PER WEEK:			
	Even addresses (ending in 0,2,4,6, or 8) may only water on Tues Odd addresses (ending in 1,3,5,7 or 9) may only water on Thurs	WATER RESTRICTIONS VIOLATION CALLS	861-6790	
	Property under 2 acres can water before 8 am & after 6 pm			
	Property over 2 acres can water before 10 am and after 4 pm			
	The maximum amount of water applied is limited to three-quarters of an inch in each irrigation zone, once, on each allowable watering day.			
	Common areas with no address, such as median or roadside plantings, clubhouse, or recreational areas may be irrigated only on Tuesday.			
	TOLL FREE // 497-7394 FOR ENGLEWOOD & SOUTH COUNTY	RESIDENTS		