

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2008
St Boniface Church, Meeting Room F

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Ramirez called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Matthew Burnett, Ron Flynn, Deet Jonker, Ann Kaplan, Bob Tripp, Peter van Roekens, Bob Waechter, Gayle Wardner, Nancy Wilson. Excused: Art August, Joyce Kouba, Catherine Luckner, Bob Shennum, Paul van Deventer.

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba (Lourdes Ramirez)

The November minutes were accepted

3. TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Tripp

Income \$355, expenses \$4734, assets \$113956. The November Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. SHERIFF'S REPORT – Sgt. Scott Osborne – No Report.

5. LIFEGUARD REPORT – JR Ayers

November saw 8000 people on the public beach based on periodic counts by lifeguards. This seems to be a slight drop in beach attendance

6. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT

Why has the beach access at Columbus been taped off for about a year? SKA will research.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADOPT-A-ROAD/VILLAGE – Peter van Roekens

Next trash pickup is December 13; meet at Village Café at 8 a.m. for free breakfast and 9 a.m. to begin pickup. Trash pickup being paid for by the Village Association is excellent.

MIDNIGHT PASS – Bob Waechter

Bob felt that the recent Herald Tribune article was extremely troubling because it indicated that the individuals at the permitting agency are predisposed to deny the Midnight Pass permit.

TURTLE BEACH – Ron Flynn

- Consolidated dumpsters, creating additional parking places.
- Fixed up RV park office.
- Future plans: replacing north and south fences, lifeguards, shelter at boat ramps, concession, beach volleyball area, fishing pier by pavilion, first aid station.

- Status of the deteriorating house at the end of the island is unknown.
- Ron recommended inviting a County Parks representative to the next meeting.

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens

- The peer-reviewed Inlet Management Plan should be back to the BCC in January or February including results of peer review and recommended alternatives.
- November Big Pass studies show that the channel is slowly moving southeastward and is becoming difficult to navigate.
- Once the channel shifts sufficiently, Mike Solum will replace missing marks and add one. These will be opposing marks in a gate, which will make the transit safer for deeper draft boats.

VILLAGE PARKING – Bob Schennum

- The proposed revised parking ordinance will go to the Planning Commission Feb 19 and to the BCC in March.
- County Staff has reviewed several parking proposals for the Village. Deet inquired about Treasure Boat and Ocean Blvd. Commissioner Patterson suggested that parking at that location might only make sense with trolley service. Others felt that walking to the Village from that location is feasible. Deet recommended a 3-story parking garage. No source of financing has been identified. Ann was concerned about disturbances from a parking structure in a residential area.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Gayle Wardner – No report.

TREE CANOPY – Ann Kaplan

- Meeting on Monday with FPL, County Tree Advisory Council, CCNA, CONA, SKA and other interested parties to propose specific tree trimming improvements. Hope to get FPL to cooperate with recommendations voluntarily.
- Oak trees have been removed from Village and plant areas have been bricked over. Commissioner Paterson was told that olive trees would be planted.
- Demetra McBride, County Forestry Manager, indicated that the canopy roads already trimmed must be downgraded due to the loss of canopy.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT – Paul van Deventer – No report

ZONING – Lourdes Ramirez

- Zoning code updates are waiting on staff.
- Post disaster development plan is a long time away.
- Finalized Gulf Beach Setback Code is available on the web.

- No update on Hyatt or Hub.
- Looking into nutrient loading for the drainage project.

MEMBERSHIP – Deet Jonker

Mailing is being printed and should be sent around the first of the year.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Blood bank desperately needs blood.
- January meeting will be held on January 8.
- DOT will work on the Midnight Pass/Higel intersection next year.

10. ADJOURN – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association