

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2009
St Boniface Church, Meeting Room F

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba

The November minutes were approved.

3. SHERIFF'S REPORT – Deputy Binkley

Issues of note include:

- Suicide in the Siesta Beach parking lot.
- Kayak thefts in 8000 – 9000 block of Midnight Pass Rd. The Sheriff's Department is reminding public to secure kayaks. A flyover of the Jim Nevell Preserve yielded no sightings.
- Theft of boat equipment in Siesta Isles.
- Alcohol related arrests at Pub Crawl. All establishments were in compliance with the noise ordinance.
- Four-way stop in the Village seems to be getting better.
- Coasters were given a warning for noise violation.
- Valet parking appears to have decreased parking violations.
- Peter noted that the Sheriff's had done an excellent job ticketing speeders on Ocean Blvd. In addition, after Deputy Binkley reported that they had been out in force for the recent pub crawl, Peter reported that he had heard nothing that night which certainly represented major progress.
- Joe Volpe would like to see the 20 mph speed continued on Ocean Blvd. north of Treasure Boat because cars now increase speed rapidly after the Salty Dog.

4. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT (9 Guests)

- Ann Kaplan reported that the new landscaping in the village looked terrible since the junipers were replaced with tiny plants that are now being overgrown by weeds.
- Janet Kaplan thanked SKA for its work on behalf of Siesta Key residents. She stated that many condo owners were not aware of SKA and suggested that SKA visit condo association meetings and inform them of what we do.

5. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADOPT-A-ROAD/VILLAGE – Peter van Roekens

Turnout was light for the Adopt-A-Road pickup on Saturday November 14th. where 9 bags of trash were picked up. Several member of Terrace East participated as well as SKVA.

TURTLE BEACH – Ron Flynn

- Turtle Beach's renourished beach area has been increased but additional parking has not been increased accordingly.
- A public hearing on Turtle Beach improvements will be held next year.
- RV spaces which were forward of the Gulf Beach Setback line have been changed into a picnic area open for public use.

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens

Big Pass route remains unchanged since April 11th of this year. Even more amazing is that the marks are all on station even after the heavy weather we have had. For details check <http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/Visitor-Info/Navigational-Items-of-Interest/Big-Pass-Information-405.html>.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – John Lally (Lourdes Ramirez reported)

- Valet parking complaints regarding the Hub and Blue Smoke have been cleared up. They are now in compliance
- Illegal commerce at the beach has been stopped
- Street vendor requests for permits have increased

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT – Gayle Wardner

Gayle is putting together a nominating committee.

ZONING – Lourdes Ramirez

Parks Ordinances

- The BOCC will decide park uses.
- The Parks Department will coordinate with the Zoning Department to determine whether a new use complies with zoning.
- The Parks Department has authority to allow non-conforming use after a public hearing for such use.
- No date is set for final public hearing.

Flood Prone Ordinance 2008-084

- Public hearing will be December 8.
- The ordinance gives County building officials authority to reject appraisals.
- FEMA has rejected revisions recommended by Casey Key. Comments can be made regarding FEMA construction rules on the FEMA web site.
- There is concern over what is allowed on lower floor and whether it can be air-conditioned.

Beach Access Ordinance

- Hearing will be December 9.
- The County attorney's wording will probably not be accepted.
- The hearing will probably only consider signs or barricades beyond vegetation line.

MEMBERSHIP – Deet Jonker

Deet is working on the new membership drive.

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Deet Jonker reported that Siesta Isles residents have a problem accessing Beach Road, particularly during season. The association is requesting and recommending 3-way stop signs at Beachway Drive and Beach Road and will be asking for SKA's support.
- The County sent a warning letter regarding cutting of sea grapes and mangroves to the Siesta Key Marina.

8. ADJOURN – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting. .

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association