

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 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, Ann Kaplan, Joyce Kouba, Catherine Luckner, Bob Tripp, Paul van Deventer, Peter van Roekens, Bob Waechter, Gayle Wardner, Nancy Wilson. Excused: Art August, Matthew Burnett, Bob Schennum.

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba

The January minutes were accepted

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Bob Tripp

Total current assets are \$11230. The January Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. SHERIFF'S REPORT – Sgt. Scott Osborne – (Deputy Binkley).

- No new crime trends have emerged.
- The department is gearing up for spring break.
- Trash and crime have not increased due to sale of beer at beach.
- Extra personnel will be added for increased traffic for Siesta Fiesta.
- Pedestrian violation has been increased to \$149.
- The Sheriffs briefed the beach ambassadors on glass and dog ordinances.

5. LIFEGUARD REPORT – JR Ayers

January 2009 beach attendance was 103,710. Statistics: 1 rescue, 1 major first aid, 154 minor first aids, 99 glass, 46 pets, 37 boats. Four lifeguards are planned at Turtle beach. They will be on duty every day for six months and weekends only for six months, same hours as Siesta Beach.

6. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT (22 Guests)

- Paul Blacketter reported that Benderson has removed all trailers from the site at US 41 and Stickney Point, with 30% materials recycled. No dates are set for public meetings, however, Blacketter assured that SKA and neighborhoods will be involved in the design of the project. A trolley to the island is being considered.
- John Lally reported:
 - The Sea Spray Resort will have 8 short-term and 8 regular rental units.
 - The Hyatt removed beachside banners; the sales trailer is not allowed.
 - The Hub was cited for tables and chairs on the right of way.
 - Some village businesses have increased outdoor seating. This is not allowed due to parking requirements.
 - 9240 Midnight Pass needs to be secured. The County will board up one unit. Unfinished projects must be completed or demolished.
 - Debris and vagrants have raised concern at the Sea Horse Tapas Grill.

- 304 Treasure Boat Way dredging permit and dock work is being monitored.
- Pam Truitt, Truitt Consulting, and Cliff Truitt, Coastal Tech Corp., reported on Roberts Bay Spoil Island restoration
 - Commissioner Patterson provided background information that the harm done to the islands by the Intracoastal Waterway dredging previously made them eligible for a Corps of Engineers grant to restore them. However, because residents opposed removing non-native trees, fearing loss of privacy and scenic view, the County dropped the proposal and, subsequently, the Corps lost the funding. Recently, spoil island restoration was one of the projects included for the local sales tax renewal. Due to the previous objections, the County hired the Truitts to hold six meetings to get resident input and to report findings to back the Board.
 - Benefit of restoration is that this is an opportunity to correct environmental wrong, improve water quality, and create a useful habitat such as improving sea grass beds, mangrove stands, and bird habitat.
 - The first meeting with the Freeling/Flamingo neighborhood met with objections to restoration of Big and Little Edwards Islands.
 - Nora Patterson indicated that the County might consider restoring one of the southern islands as a demonstration and asked for input from SKA.
 - Cliff Truitt stated that since the Corps is no longer involved, Sarasota has more flexibility in the restoration; not all islands need to be treated the same. No plans have been drawn, as that is not part of the Truitts' current contract.
 - SKA will consider the issue at the March meeting.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADOPT-A-ROAD/VILLAGE – Peter van Roekens – No report.

MIDNIGHT PASS – Bob Waechter

The DEP issued a letter denying the Midnight Pass permit. They regarded the pass as a new, rather than existing pass and invoked a rule that would not allow dredging of passes that were not initially open. The BCC voted to withdraw the application.

TURTLE BEACH – Ron Flynn

- The County resurfaced Blind Pass Road and parking areas with crushed shell.
- The north fence has been replaced.
- The dumpster has been fenced.

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens

- Mike Solum added marker #18 off Bird Key, which will help keep boaters off the shoal there. Marker #20 has also been approved by the CG but not yet installed. Mike has also replaced marker #10 and straightened #12 near Sarasota Yacht Club.
- Mike is reviewing the data we sent him around the shoal marker in Big Pass, which clearly shows that missing marker #6A needs to be replaced and marker #5A should be added. There is 4' at MLLW if boaters simply follow the existing reds. This is not sufficient for most all of the sailboats and also for larger powerboats. The details can be found at <http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/fw/main/Big-Pass-Information-405.html>
- Jewfish Key has about 5.5' at MLLW in the middle of the channel at marker #38A. WCIND is aware of this problem and planning a further dredge.
- No date has been set for the Big Pass, New Pass Inlet Management review at BCC due to all the activity just concluded around Midnight Pass.

VILLAGE PARKING – Bob Schennum (Lourdes Ramirez)

The revised parking ordinance will go to the Planning Commission Feb 19 and to the BCC March 18.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – This committee is discontinued

TREE CANOPY – Ann Kaplan – No report

8. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT – Paul van Deventer – No report

ZONING – Lourdes Ramirez

- A workshop for the Zoning code amendments for the 4 remaining provisions should occur in March.
- 200 feet of boardwalk were permitted for the Hyatt.
- County staff wants a total overhaul of the EAR Comprehensive Plan, including a different plan for different areas.
- Land Development Regulation changes should be drafted by end of year.
- Tenacity Lane developer intends to sue.
- Post-disaster redevelopment plan is targeted for completion by end of year.

MEMBERSHIP – Deet Jonker

1080 families have joined to date. Remailing to members who did not renew will be in 30 days.

9. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- SKA is monitoring Casey Key's incorporation activities and will review Siesta Key's previous research.

10. ADJOURN – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association