

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2011

St Boniface Church, Room F

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba

Bob Waechter moved and Bob Tripp seconded a motion to approve the December minutes.

3. SHERIFF'S REPORT – Deputy McGregor (No report)

4. LIFEGUARD REPORT – Lourdes Ramirez (No report)

5. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT (25 Guests)

- Paul Blackketter, Benderson Development, provided a handout and information regarding the rowing facility at the Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota.
- Several questions were asked regarding development of the Benderson parcel at US 41 and Stickney Point Road. Paul reported that Benderson is looking for an anchor tenant and as yet has no site plan, but hoped to have one by early spring. He responded to concerns regarding traffic impact stating that although the formula for determining use has changed, how traffic impact is determined has not changed.
 - Commissioner Patterson noted that a recent Comprehensive Plan amendment allowed more square footage on the site, however, regulations regarding height, traffic impact, setbacks and parking still must be met. Benderson will probably need an exception to get the height they need. Paul added that they also need a rezoning from mobile homes district designation.
 - Ann Kaplan asked whether Benderson could build something different than the commercial development already in excess in Sarasota. Commissioner Patterson responded that one of the plans under consideration is to put a couple of hotels on the site.
 - A Glencoe Avenue resident expressed concern about traffic routing at the rear of the property where it abuts a residential neighborhood. Paul stated that Benderson wants to be a good neighbor and will work with residents to create an attractive transition. He said that Benderson would not receive County approval until residents were satisfied.
- Commissioner Paterson reported that Sarasota County would receive a Service Development Grant for a Siesta trolley for fiscal year 2014-15 and hoped that the site would be able to utilize the trolley to help mitigate traffic impact. Although the funds could be advanced, the County currently does not have matching funds.
- Lourdes announced on behalf of SKVA and SKCC that Clydesdale horses were in the Village until 7 p.m.

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEACHES — No report

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens (No report)

NEWSPAPER RACKS – Catherine Luckner (No report)

ENVIRONMENT – Gayle Wardner (No report)

CODE ENFORCEMENT – John Lally (No report)

TREES – Ann Kaplan (No report)

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT – Ann Kaplan (No report)

PUBLICITY – Joe Volpe

Joe reminded the audience to put in their reservations for the upcoming breakfast on February 26th. Breakfast is free to pre-registered 2011 members.

ZONING – Lourdes Ramirez (No report)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Joe Volpe reported that he filed a complaint with the City regarding the deep tracks on a section of Siesta Drive.

9. ADJOURN – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting. .

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association