

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2009

St. Boniface Church, Meeting Room F

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. A quorum was present. Present were Ron Flynn, Peter van Roekens, Deet Jonker, Bob Schenum, Bob Trip, Lourdes Ramirez, Paul van Deventer, Gayle Wardner, Catherine Luckner, Matt Burnett and Nancy Wilson. Excused were Joyce Kouba, art august and Bob Waechter.

2. MINUTES

Minutes from June 4th were amended to include Joyce Kouba as excused and were then moved to be accepted by Deet Jonker. Motion was seconded by Gayle Wardner. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Bob Tripp reported a negative net income of \$1,193.75 and an YTD income of \$33,638.99. Total expenses this month were \$1,443.00. Total income this month was \$250.00. He is looking into CD turnover reinvestments. SKA has 2 CDs of \$25,000 each to reinvest in the short term. Paul van Deventer suggested that we put each CD in a different banks. Deet Jonker stated he is reviewing membership allocations. Total liabilities and assets are \$133,024.50. The motion to accept the financial reports was tabled until the next meeting.

4. SHERIFF'S REPORT none

5. LIFEGUARD REPORT none

6. CODE ENFORCEMENT

John Lally, Siesta key Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he was busy with 17 new cases this month. He reported he had 32 watering violations, and 26 overgrowth and debris violations. He also has been issuing valet citations and is in the midst of the noise ordinance conflict. County Commissioners are meeting on July 28, 2009 with him to discuss resolutions of ongoing issues with noise control. He states

that all parties, (Village merchants, residents and County, need to be involved in the solving of the problem.) “We must get together and all get along.”

He reported that the demolition of the property at the far end of Midnight Pass Road has been accomplished. All that is left is for some tidying up of the area.

He handed out a Water Restriction Quick Guide for Citizens and stated the restrictions are still in effect, even with recent rains.

He stated that he recently attended a certification conference. All staff in the Code Enforcement Division are in the process of obtaining State certification to be CE officers.

Nancy Wilson asked him about recent violations she has seen while walking on Crescent Beach, most specifically beach chairs and cabanas left on the water line and beach chairs not put away at night by several condos she cited. She also stated she saw two parties with open fire grills, using glass containers in front of Midnight Cove condos and wanted to know what she should do in the event she sees other violations. President Ramirez and John Lally both told her to take her cell phone and call in the violations to the proper agency when she sees them occurring.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ann Kaplan reported a telephone number for concerned citizens who see others disposing of debris and garbage into the canals. She gave Bruce Maloney as the County contact at Environmental services. His telephone number is 650-2059
- Ms. Kaplan also described an issue she recently learned about concerning the water pressure of the fire hydrants on Siesta Key. She is gathering information regarding a potential problem with fire hydrants in the county. Commissioner Patterson responded during this public comment session that she will investigate further at the County level and see what the issues are regarding poor water pressure to the hydrants. Ron Flynn described his homeowners association purchasing blue plastic reflectors which are supposed to be a few feet in front of each hydrant. Peter van Roekens describes poor water pressure in his high rise condo in the village.

- Commissioner Nora Patterson described the upcoming dedication ceremony that will be held on Monday July 6, 2009 at the Gazebo. The ribbon cutting ceremony is open to all. The time is 9am. Commissioner Patterson stated that the village looks very good and that the improvements are much welcomed.
- Commissioner Patterson announced that there will be road work starting shortly as Midnight Pass Road North and Higel will be repaved. She stated that there will be a wide asphalt shoulder instated on the roads as part of the work. This widened area will act as a bicycle and pedestrian path.
- Paul van Deventer thanked Commissioner Patterson for Glebe Park, stating that it was "money very well spent by the County." He praised the park for its accessibility and functionality for families, games and events, like soccer and football. He sees many people enjoying the Park. Commissioner Patterson accepted his kind words and suggested that he send an email to John McCarthy, head of Parks and Recreation, who worked very hard to make Glebe Park happen.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE -- Gayle Wardner , none

B. INLET MANAGEMENT --

Peter van Roekens - reports that "On June 11th Mike Solum replaced the missing marks and repositioned others so that the channel is once again well marked. The waypoint route was re-verified on June 13th. The Boaters' Coalition will recheck the route later this month as soon as the weather permits. Best to check <http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/Visitor-Info/Navigational-Items-of-Interest/Big-Pass-Information-405.html> before heading out. There is no further update to the Inlet Management Plan. Laird Wreford promises that as soon as there is more information he will let me know. "

C. NOMINATING -- none

D. INVASIVE SPECIES--

Gayle Wardner reported that there have been three Python sightings on Siesta Key. The numbers of Black Spiny-Tailed Lizards is increasing. The County is going to provide funds for trapping lizards, which eat

turtle eggs. \$50,000 dollars was facilitated to this purpose by Commissioner Nora Patterson. Data will be obtained as these creatures are caught, identified and displaced elsewhere. The problem of these species, such as the Gold Tagu, is carnivorous. Commissioner Patterson commented that "We will need to control these populations in perpetuity."

Ron Flynn described past efforts of his homeowners association to live trap the countless raccoons near his home. He stated that it was very expensive to buy the traps. The County needs to be notified and then they will come and take the raccoon(s) away after the animals have been tested for rabies. All County personnel doing this work have to have licenses to trap. It is illegal for a citizen to remove a wild creature from Siesta Key.

Gayle Warnder reports that she was told by an experienced trapper that the humane way to euthanize these reptiles and mammals is to put them in the freezer.

Ann Kaplan stated that there is a great need for Public education regarding exotic pets. It is a well known fact that many if not all of these creatures were purchased as pets and then released into the wild or escaped due to poor supervision by the owner. Commissioner Patterson remarked that there may be a day when the actual sale of these creatures is overseen by the State.

E. SIESTA PUBLIC AND TURTLE BEACHES—

Ron Flynn reported that there will be a decision made soon by the County on a concession for turtle beach, called Papa Nick's.

Commissioner Patterson reported that there may be some funds left, exact amount not described, to purchase marinas for the County. There are no Public launching areas in Englewood and discussions of the possibility of the purchase of Turtles Marina on Siesta Key are not definitive yet.

F. ZONING—

- Lourdes Ramirez reported that there is no firm date yet when the County will begin its comprehensive plan review. The Flood Plain Ordinance-2008-084 was reviewed by our association in conjunction with the newly formed Barrier Island League. This League is composed of Siesta Key,

Casey Key, North Manasota and Manasota Key. Participants decided not to formalize the group. Also, the word "Defense" was deleted from the name. All will work together for the common good while protecting private issues and proceeding separately to pursue those concerns when needed.

ITEM: A motion was made by Catherine Luckner to rescind the funds described at the last meeting. These funds were to get the initial structure of the Barrier Island defense League started. This motion to withdraw the funds was seconded by Ron Flynn. The Motion was passed without objection.

- President Ramirez reported that on June 10, 2009 the County looked into the possibility of amending the zoning code to allow late night outdoor entertainment. The Commission voted 4-1 not to go forward with amending the ordinance. The Sherriff reported that " they do not have the personnel or equipment to properly measure noise." Discussion by Commissioner Patterson, President Ramirez and Ann Kaplan ensued as to what constitutes noise, and how to solve the problems of loud live entertainment which disturbs residents. A "special-exception" permit is required to have live music after 10:P.M. President Ramirez again emphasized that she does not appreciate the Village Association putting on public record the statement that the SKA has agreed to the use of temporary use permits, citing her frustration at the use of SKA's Name and position by un-authorized persons. Commissioner Patterson remarked that "we all must have an enforceable vision. The village, and the residents and SKA must all agree."
- President Ramirez reported that the County has extended to 2014 the Miramar Parking Ordinance. One section of the street, Avenida Navarra, has a commercial designation.
- President Ramirez reported that at their June 10th meeting the County reviewed the issue of the "temporary development "signs that are displayed often for years. Due to wording in the ordinance those signage are allowed to stand until the developers have sold a certain number of their units.
- The County is looking into the issue of sales offices on the beaches. They will be looking at it as a zoning amendment.

- President Ramirez reported that coming in the near future the County will be working on, and looking for public comment on, the issue of District combos and cluster subdivisions. She reminded the Board that we don't want to increase any density on the Key.
- President Ramirez reported that there has been no further activity on the lateral beach access issues.
- The Storm Water Plan is not finalized yet. Deet Jonker remarked that Beach Road was very flooded after the rains on Tuesday, July 1, 2009.

President Ramirez told the Board and audience that the speaker for the August meeting will be Demetria McBride.

11. ADJOURNMENT-- the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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