

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 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 Schennum, Bob Tripp, Peter van Roekens, Bob Waechter, Nancy Wilson. Excused: Art August, Matthew Burnett, Paul van Deventer, Gayle Wardner.

2. MINUTES – Joyce Kouba

The February minutes were accepted

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Bob Tripp

Total current assets are \$132,505. The February Treasurer's report was accepted.

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

5. LIFEGUARD REPORT – JR Ayers (Lourdes Ramirez)

February 2009 beach attendance was 85,000. Statistics: 1 major first aid, 170 minor first aids, 3 water rescues, 135 glass, 34 pets, 19 boats.

6. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT (8 Guests)

- John McCarthy and Jessica Ritter of Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, presented a conceptual plan for Siesta Beach renovations. Major goals include: increase parking, provide continuous walkway from north to south ends of park, add pedestrian walkways in parking lot, improve bathroom and kitchen facilities. The plan provides approximately 1200 spaces, an esplanade the entire length of the park, trails connecting main parking to the esplanade, and new restroom and concession facilities. Single-entry/exit traffic flow will be maintained. Ann Kaplan and Ron Flynn urged consideration of more pervious parking, trees in the parking area, and bio-retention technology for storm water. A meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on March 19 at St. Boniface to gather public input. The plan will be presented to the BCC May 12.
- In response to a request from the audience, SKA will post the meeting agenda on the web site the Monday prior to the meeting.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MIDNIGHT PASS – Bob Waechter - No report

TURTLE BEACH – Ron Flynn – No report

INLET MANAGEMENT – Peter van Roekens

We are going out tomorrow to check Big Pass again. Several weeks ago we found another reduction in the controlling depth from 5.2' to 4.9'. In addition, spots in the channel are as low as 3.5' at MLLW. The best strategy is to hug the reds and to go out slowly on a rising tide, mid-tide or above depending on your draft. Mike Solum has replaced Mark 6A as well as added Mark 5A. THANK YOU MIKE! Needless to say the Yacht Clubs in the area are getting very concerned. Details can be found at:

<http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/fw/main/Big-Pass-Information-405.html>

VILLAGE PARKING – Bob Schennum

The Planning Commission approved the recommendations on the revised parking ordinance and will submit it to the BCC March 18.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Ann Kaplan – No report

TREE CANOPY – Ann Kaplan – No report

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT – Gayle Wardner – No report

ZONING – Lourdes Ramirez

- A workshop for the Zoning code amendments for the four remaining provisions should occur in March.
- SKA and SKVM will meet to discuss temporary use permits.
- Talks continue on detached structures.
- The post-disaster redevelopment plan is ongoing.

DRAINAGE PROJECT – Lourdes Ramirez

There are many unanswered questions, such as “What is in the sediment?” that hopefully will be answered at the March 6th meeting. The Corps of Engineers issued a permit for drainage into the Gulf. The sediment pond will be expanded in width, but will be shallower.

MEMBERSHIP – Deet Jonker

1104 families have joined to date. Mail went to 650 members who did not renew. Decals will be mailed on Tuesday.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- SKA received Casey Key’s incorporation analysis.
- Commissioner Patterson will give the “State of the Key” address at the annual meeting, March 21.

- The 12-week Citizens Law Enforcement Academy starts next week.
- Member of the audience complained that the Hyatt boardwalk is unattractive and the noise at Coasters is too loud.

10. ADJOURN – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba
Secretary, Siesta Key Association