

**SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 7, 2009**  
**St Boniface Church, Meeting Room F**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. MINUTES** – Joyce Kouba

The April minutes were accepted

**3. FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Bob Tripp

Income for the month was \$1665. Total current assets are \$136,134. The April Treasurer's report was accepted.

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

- No major crime trends; some focus on slowing speeders
- The community Sheriff Office will be moved out of the Village in September to save \$30,000 annually.
- Concerns were voiced regarding safety on the Key; Siesta Key has the most sheriff patrol coverage in Sarasota County.
- There are no known incidents of women being attacked in their homes on the Key. It was reported that a man beat on a woman's door late at night.
- Large yard maintenance trucks parking on the sidewalks and bike paths on Midnight Pass Road and trucks parked at construction sites obstructing South Midnight Pass create a major safety hazard because people must walk out into the highway. Also, when trucks are not parked required distances from intersections, vision is blocked. The Sheriff's Department pursues these issues when reported. If roads have no bike lanes or are not posted for no parking, then trucks can park as long as an emergency vehicle can get through. Violations can be reported by calling the non-emergency number: 316-1201. Non-crime issues can be reported at 349-2900.
- It is illegal to put yard waste into canals.
- There will be a neighborhood meeting in the area of Oxford, Treasure Boat, St. Albans, and the Sandies on May 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Boniface Church.

**5. LIFEGUARD REPORT** – JR Ayers – No report

Nancy Wilson reported that on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> the Mote Red Tide Life Guard Study, which is part of a large national study, will collect data from lifeguards at Siesta, Lido, and Nokomis beaches. This data represents conditions in the absence of red tide and will be used for comparison when red tide present.

## 6. **PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT** (13 Guests)

- Phyllis Nathans reported that the Traffic Advisory Committee was advised by the County Commission to discontinue installing traffic calming bumps. She wonders what can be done to reduce speeding.
- A member reported that test of bacteria levels in her yard revealed they were twice the allowed level, however, the County has no plans to check bacteria levels in the canals.
- Nancy Douglass, regional biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee, provided information on the status of shore-nesting birds. In 2007, only 1 fledging survived out of 192 nests. Pets, raking, events, fireworks, all negatively impact the reproductive success of these birds. Changes that could help maintain and improve nesting habitat for these birds include regulations for kite and dune boarding and creation and posting of beach areas specifically for bird nests. Lido and Siesta Keys are the only nesting area for the endangered snowy plovers in this region. SKA will research what the organization might do to advocate for these birds.

## 7. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**MIDNIGHT PASS** – Bob Waechter - No report

**TURTLE BEACH** – Ron Flynn

During heavy use of Turtle Beach - such as spring break, Memorial Day and summer break - traffic and parking at Turtle Beach becomes a problem. Turtle Beach Road becomes so congested that emergency vehicles cannot get through. Previous investigation of the situation was done during non-peak usage and the County concluded that there was no problem. SKA will collect pictures during heavy usage. Ed Sherman requested a timeline on beach park improvements.

**INLET MANAGEMENT** – Peter van Roekens

- New Pass has been recently surveyed and has been added to the website [www.SarasotaYachtClub.org](http://www.SarasotaYachtClub.org). Big Pass marks have not been replaced/re-positioned but the circuitous Flat Earth route appears to give 4.9' at MLLW. (Refer to website.) Shoaling to 3.5' exists just south of Siesta Bridge at Can 81. The good news is that the ACOE has received substantial funding for improving the Intracoastal infrastructure.
- The IMP Peer Review comments exist in draft form. Sometime later this summer this document and Cliff Truitt's IMP report will be presented to BCC.
- There was an inquiry about how frequently the bridges are checked. Lourdes reported that the County has scheduled the north and south bridges to the Key to be redone in 2012.

**VILLAGE PARKING** – Bob Schennum – No report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** – John Lally

- Water restrictions will become more stringent if drought continues; ten watering violations have been cited. John provided a handout outlining watering restrictions. Violations can be reported at 915-7548.
- Issues being reviewed include: illegal rentals, temporary signage. Evidence of advertising illegal rentals on the web is not sufficient evidence to prosecute illegal rental offenders.
- 9244 Midnight Pass is scheduled for demolition May 26

**TREE CANOPY** – Ann Kaplan – No report

## 8. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT** – Gayle Wardner – No report

**ZONING** – Lourdes Ramirez

### **Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-01**

- The County initiated four Comprehensive Plan amendments that are not part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process.
- SKA was not notified of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> County Commissioner's meeting, neither were any other major groups. Staff claimed they advertised in the newspapers but acknowledged they did not send out neighborhood notices. Public meetings were held March 25 & 26th
- Two major concerns for Siesta Key:
  - Amending FLU Chapter 9 to address the reconstruction of nonconforming residential structures on the Barrier Island in the event of a natural disaster
  - Nonconforming zoning and densities as it relates to the Future Land Use Map
- Major concerns with the first issue as it relates to the RMF:
  - If destroyed now owners can rebuild according to the current zoning code.
  - In case of a natural disaster with coastline changes and lots underwater, owners cannot rebuild.
  - There is also talk about not allowing some multi-family structures to be rebuilt to existing non-conforming densities
- Item pulled from the Comp Plan cycle to address it separately and comprehensively. Item is tied into the PDRP.

### **Post Disaster Development plan (PDRP)**

- We missed the public meeting, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- This is primarily about economic vitality; longer term recovery
  - Residential recovery (i.e. temporary housing)
  - Infrastructure recovery
  - Environmental recovery
  - Economic recovery
- Laird Wreford will be at the June SKA meeting to discuss this issue

#### **Flood Prone Ordinance 2008-084 –**

- The BCC discussed issues in an April meeting regarding the renovation of homes and how it impacts the 50% FEMA rule.
- At a County Commissioner's meeting, Paul Radauskas stated the change last year was necessary to meet State requirements but most were skeptical. County Commissioners advised Paul to give them a full report in the fall.

#### **Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR):**

The Comprehensive Plan review will start next summer (2009). It is due to the State by 2011. Every chapter will be reviewed for consistency to current State law plus any new additions or changes. EAR will be a complete revamp of the Comp plan similar to the complete overhaul of the ZC in 2003. The County must include new legislation as well as the Charter amendment regarding the Urban Service Boundary. Requested update from staff and did not get response.

#### **Siesta Beach Storm water Project**

- The storm water pond gets its water from high tide, rain water from the beach parking lots, surrounding areas, some ground water, and from one pipe under Beach Road
- The County needs to retrofit 2 existing storm water outfalls from 2 feet to 3 feet so it won't capture as much high tide from the Grand Canal. This will reduce the amount of water in the pipes
- The proposed system will also capture some groundwater at times. This is because the expanded pond will keep the water table a little lower than it is now. Note that the groundwater coming into the system will enter at the pond, not in the collection pipes along Beach Road.
- More testing will be done by staff to look into Nitrates and other impurities.
- Erickson Consulting Engineers are still working on pipeline to Gulf proposal. Final report expected in June.
- The third proposal is to improve the pond and keep the current drainage through the beach
- Garbage from the public exacerbates the pollution.
  - Worst pollution is found in the 2 manholes closest to the pond due to garbage.
  - County cleans manholes every 6 months or as needed
  - Full pipe cleaning is done every 2 years.
- SKA is getting quotes for testing.

**Hyatt**

The Hyatt was informed that they cannot have a tiki bar.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Deet Jonker

Approximately 1500 families have joined to date.

**9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- SKA will continue to study incorporation.
- The Directors unanimously approved a \$1050 contribution to Siesta Key fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Directors unanimously approved donating \$500 to support the annual beach run.

**10. ADJOURN** – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba  
Secretary, Siesta Key Association