

**SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2010**  
**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, Gayle Wardner. Excused: Matthew Burnett, Paul van Deventer.

**2. MINUTES** – Joyce Kouba

The April minutes were approved.

**3. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Calls for service on Siesta Key are down by approximately 200 calls. Official statistics will be out shortly.

**4. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENT** (18 Guests)

Chance Steed, with the County Environmental Services-Resource Protection Department, presented information regarding exotic reptiles (including iguanas, monitors, and pythons) that have been reported in Sarasota. While not poisonous or aggressive, these reptiles carry bacteria in their mouths, which can infect open wounds. They also destroy native flora and fauna. The County reptile management program has significantly reduced the black spiny tail iguana population. Currently no other major problem reptile populations are evident in the County. A few python sightings have been reported in the eastern county and a Nile Monitor in Cape Coral. The County has established a database of reptile sightings, which will be used to identify problem areas. Reports of reptile sightings should be directed to the Reptile Hotline at 861-5000. Chance provided a Homeowner's Guide to Exotic Reptiles. Further information can be obtained at <http://www.scgov.net/EnvironmentalServices/ResourceProtection/Reptiles.asp>.

In answer to a query regarding a trolley for Siesta Fiesta, Peter reported that the issue was brought up at the SKVA meeting, however the merchants could not afford to offer this service unless the condos were willing to support it.

**5. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BEACHS** – Ron Flynn

- **Siesta Beach** – The contract for the Siesta Beach Improvement Project (30% Design, Engineering and Permitting) is going before the County Commission on May 11 as a consent agenda item. If the BCC approves the contract, County staff will schedule a kick off meeting with the consultants, Kimley Horn. The Project Manager for the Siesta Beach Improvement Project is Kim Humphrey from Capital Management Services Division. Parks and Recreation staff will closely coordinate with Kim on this project.

- **Turtle Beach Park –**
  - Beach erosion is heavy with scalloping 4 to 6 feet high. More severe erosion exists north and south of the park.
  - Traffic Operations will install the “no parking” signs in about two weeks. Mark Richmond at 861-0944 or [mrichmon@scgov.net](mailto:mrichmon@scgov.net) can provide additional information regarding the parking signs
  - Meeting Room improvements are now complete (new A/C, tile, paint, windows, doors, new siding, and native landscaping). Jonathan Poyner at 346-3207 or [jpoyner@scgov.net](mailto:jpoyner@scgov.net) can provide information about meeting room rentals. New docks at the boat ramp, repairs to existing docks, finger pier, and fishing pier are pending permits from the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP). Construction is projected at 1 month following receipt of permits. Work is targeted to be completed by July 4. Post & rope fencing was installed near the boat ramp area. A kiosk will be installed near the boat ramp to provide Boat Ramp Rules and Information, a Resource Directory, Sea Grass Information, and License Requirements. Text and format is currently being reviewed. CPH Engineers was selected for the Design of Turtle Beach Park. County staff is currently working on a contract, which will be brought before the County Commission for approval. This contract will be for the design, engineering and permitting of park improvements such as: parking enhancements, sidewalks/pedestrian connections, ADA boardwalk, new restroom facility, gazebo, shelter/pavilion, and playground area. Curtis Smith from Capital Management Services is the Project Manager and Parks will closely coordinate with him on this project.
  - Gayle Wardner reported bright lights at the beach; Ron will investigate.
  
- **Siesta Beach Access 7 -** Staff provided an update to the County Commission on March 17. The Commission directed Parks staff to work with Natural Resources, Audubon, and other stakeholders to develop a Shorebird Strategy Plan to be presented with the park concept plan to the BCC on September 29. In the meantime, Staff will install post & rope along the frontage of Beach Road and will demolish the residential addition to the cottage later this year. The post and rope fencing is the standard post & rope fence that you might find at many of our beach/water access parks to delineate property boundaries, entrances, or gateways. Post & rope exists at the entrance to the beach access. The fence will be placed along Beach Road along the property boundary (this is not located near the dune but rather fronting Beach Road). The post & rope fencing will also be installed across from the existing parking area (in front of the residential structure) and at the terminus of Tenacity Lane. The historic cottage is to remain, however, the residential addition surrounding this cottage (on the east side) will be removed due to significant mold and termites within the structure.

**INLET MANAGEMENT** – Peter van Roekens

Cliff Truitt’s Inlet Management presentation to BCC is scheduled for June 8.

- Big Pass entrance marks BP1 and BP2 have been placed and are double-pyramid weighted. If these pull out the next option is a helix screw with two lead

weights. The channel has 6.5 feet at MLLW, which is sufficient for most vessels. This channel continues to shift to the ESE and has moved in the last two months perhaps by 50 feet. The Boaters' Coalition will continue to monitor it and report changes at <http://www.sarasotayachtclub.org/Visitor-Info/Navigational-Items-of-Interest/Big-Pass-Information-405.html>

### **ADOPT-A-ROAD** – Peter van Roekens

This Saturday is the Ocean Blvd Adopt-A-Road clean up. We will start at 9 am from the Village Café where they will once again generously provide free breakfast at 8 am for those participating. Thanks to those who have already signed up; we could always use a few more volunteers. The County reviewed the standing water in the ditch north of Treasure Boat and indicated that it would not drain. Do not worry; where there is water in the ditch, we will not go in!

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT** – John Lally

- All approvals for the new citation/warning form for noise infractions have been acquired. Fees will be \$250 for first infraction and \$500 thereafter.
- Training on noise monitoring was held, led by Deputy Binkley. John is trying to get all the special exceptions to noise regulations rewritten to be the same for all establishments. He has businesses on board to reduce higher exceptions. A major hurdle is the County's \$1500 fee for rewriting a special exception. It was suggested that the County could possibly waive the fee.
- Two illegal rental cases are going to hearing on May 21 beginning at 9 a.m.
- All fences on Siesta Key must have a permit; John is working several fence violations; the construction fence on Ocean Blvd. went to court.
- Illegal condominium construction continues to be a problem.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **NOMINATING/BOARD DEVELOPMENT** – Gayle Wardner (No report)

### **ZONING** – Lourdes Ramirez

- Clarification of prohibiting habitable space in garages in the next zoning code update will be discussed by County Commissioners in the future. The County will have neighborhood workshops over the summer
- Beach prohibitions will be presented at the May 11 County Commissioner meeting (details on SCGOV website under meetings and agendas). The Commissioners will consider removing some prohibitions from private beaches along Siesta Key shoreline. SKA Board voted to send recommendations to the BCC with one dissenting vote. SKA proposes to allow dogs on leashes, playing sports and games (with limitations), camping, and smoking on private property. SKA will also suggest to the County to clarify prohibitions on vehicles and collecting live animals. County Staff will recommend not changing any prohibitions.

- A Comprehensive Plan amendments workshop occurred in April. The meeting did not address Comprehensive Plan amendments but rather asked generally about stakeholders concerns. Lourdes was concerned that some comments being made did not relate to growth management but rather issues such as paid parking on beaches. Lourdes has expressed concern to Commissioner Patterson on the poorly organized meeting
- Casey Key rezoning is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8. Lourdes expressed concern that the rezoning of a lower density zoned district (RE-1) to a higher density district (RE-2) will set a precedent and allow non-conforming lots on Siesta to also be rezoned to a higher density district. Lourdes also expressed concern over the allowance of changes to the configuration of non-conforming lots, which is also currently prohibited in the zoning code.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Deet Jonker (No report)

## **7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- The rescue boards for the Jr. Lifeguard program are ordered without a logo (due to costs.) A recipient for the scholarship has not been selected.
- Peter thanked all directors (14) who helped at Siesta Fiesta. SKA's 14 Directors and members participating in selling T-shirts to benefit the Village Association beautification program raised over \$1600 and had a lot of fun.
- Ann Kaplan is welcomed back to the board and will chair the Environmental Committee. The Board moved to provide oil spill information/links on the SKA web site.
- Ron asked whether the SK Chamber has a link to the SKA web site; Peter will investigate.
- Bob Waechter recommended that SKA volunteer to disseminate County oil spill information to our members.
- The County has issued an RFQ for pumping Siesta Key sewage to the mainland.
- The Board approved getting biodegradable bags for the dog stations.
- A hearing to reduce boat speeds at the north end of Siesta Key is scheduled for May 12.
- The Board voted to donate \$1,050 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.
- The County will be trimming trees in the Village and fixing benches and trash cans; the ditch cannot be drained.

**8. ADJOURN** – President Ramirez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba  
Secretary, Siesta Key Association