

FOR APPROVAL

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, August 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Volpe called the meeting to order. Present: Marilyn Romanus, Bob Spicer, and Joe Volpe.

MINUTES

July Minutes were continued to next meeting as a quorum was not present.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Jason Mruczek

Officer Jason reported that there were a significant number of vehicle breakins in the area of Higel Avenue, Treasureboat Way, and Commonwealth. Siesta Key will have increased Sheriff's presence for Labor Day.

Code Enforcement

Susan Stahley

Susan reported about 15 new cases of illegal rentals.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Reopen Beach Road

Mary Anne Bowie,
Executive Director

Mary Anne presented information about Reopen Beach Road's initiative to get two Charter Amendments before Sarasota County voters. The first proposed amendment is to **"Preserve County-Owned Parks, Preserves, Beach and Water Access and Waterfront Vistas.** The County shall not sell, and shall retain ownership of, County-owned Parks and Preserves, and shall not vacate or sell County-owned road segments or right of way along or abutting any beach, river, creek, canal, lake, bay, gulf access or waterfront vista. The County shall encourage maximum right of way use for public access and viewing of waterfront

vistas. Whenever feasible, the County shall make these areas accessible to mobility impaired persons.” The second proposed amendment is “**Siesta Key Beach Road as Public Right of Way**. The County shall rescind the vacation of, or re-acquire, Beach Road on Siesta Key as it existed on January 1, 2016, and shall not vacate or sell this County-owned road segment(s) or right of way. The County shall provide maximum right of way use of Beach Road for public access, including vehicular use and viewing of waterfront vistas. The County shall make Beach Road accessible to mobility impaired persons.” The organization continues to collect signatures; there is no time limit for signature collection. Differing opinions were expressed regarding whether the State of Florida would allow improvements to the road.

Big Pass Dredge 10K Matching Fund - Bob Spicer for Catherine Luckner

Since announcing the Friends of Siesta Key Matching Fund in July, the fund has received \$3,350 from 17 Donors. The challenge remains to match with an additional \$6,650. We encourage all that can offer any amount to add so that \$20,000 can be added to our existing funds. **Friends of Siesta Key** will keep the \$6,650 Match Fund available until Sept.7, 2017 when we'll announce the tally. THANKS to everyone who responded to our call out and many who shared a second time. To help SKA meet this challenge, go to: <http://www.SKEDF.org>.

NEW BUSINESS

On August 4, SKA will launch a member survey on paid beach parking.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Spicer for Bob Luckner

- Overall, project completion remains on schedule before year end 2017
- Work at the SKUA site is on schedule
- Work in the onshore water treatment plant expansions is complete to receive the Siesta Key wastewater before YE2017
- Work to drill along Shadow Lawn Drive failed after several attempts to make the 90 degree bend. The project has been revised to complete the pipeline by directly burying it in one lane of the road
 - Construction will be by open cut with no more than 40 feet open at any time; holes will be closed each evening

- During open cut, the other lane at the cut will be alternating, one way and controlled by a flag person
- **Residents will be personally notified by the County.**
- Shutdown of Shadow Lawn Drive will be shifted from south outbound lane to the north inbound lane
 - This eliminates the need for a traffic control device at Beach Road as detour traffic will be inbound not outbound
 - Work will still be by boring from Midnight Pass Rd to Shadow Lawn Drive. This will minimize damage to the median.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba

Secretary, Siesta Key Association

Next SKA monthly meeting is September 7, 2017 at 4:30 pm.