

# **SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**Thursday, April 7, 2016**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Shay called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Beverly Arias, Harold Ashby, Helen Clifford, Joyce Kouba, Catherine Luckner, Dan Lundy, Michael Shay, Bob Stein, and Joe Volpe. February minutes were approved.

## **COMMUNITY REPORTS**

### **Sheriff's Office**

Sgt. Jason Mruzec reported that in March there were 576 calls for service on the Key, 476 parking tickets, and 83 criminal charges, primarily for underage drinking. Spring break was fairly uneventful. A resident of Siesta Isle reported hearing a lot of noise at the beach which Lt. Kaspar attributed to large numbers of high school students gathering at the beach behind the condos.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

### **Decommissioning of Siesta Key Wastewater Treatment Plant**

David Cash, Sarasota County Water/Wastewater Division Manager

Gregory Rouse, SC Capital Projects Division

David Cash provided background for the decommissioning project. The County took over the Siesta Key treatment facility from Siesta Key Utilities. Since 2011 the County has been planning decommissioning of the treatment facility. The original completion date was December 31, 2016. Due to added projects including expansion of several facilities to accommodate increased wastewater volume, the completion date has been extended one year. The department has committed to regular updates regarding progress of the project.

The Siesta Key treatment plant will be converted to a master pump station and treatment will occur on the mainland. During construction on Midnight Pass

Road, the highway will remain open. Most of the old tanks and buildings will be demolished. The new facility will be primarily underground. It will be a quadruple redundant station. Prior to construction there will be a community meeting to inform people of the construction schedule, equipment movement, and construction traffic.

A major concern was whether anything can be done about the odor and noise from the treatment operation? David is meeting with a contractor which may be able to control some of the odor and noise. An attendee asked whether treatment could be scheduled at a different time than it is now which seems to generate odor and noise on Sunday afternoon.

An attendee asked whether the storm water runoff problem will be corrected. The runoff should be reduced because much of the current impervious surface will be removed and the area re-graded and planted with grass.

People living in the area were dismayed at the delay and asked for assurances that the 2017 date will be met. Attendees were assured that the project is fully funded and all construction is projected to be complete by the end of 2017.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership Drive**

Beverly Arias encouraged attendees to ensure that their email address is current with SKA and to join on-line at [www.SiestaKeyAssociation.com](http://www.SiestaKeyAssociation.com).

**Environmental - Big Pass Dredge** – Catherine Luckner reported that the DEP has granted an extension to the Army Corps of Engineers permit application. The ACOE sea grass mitigation plan has been denied.

**Bike Safety Awareness Initiative** – Harold Ashby provided an information handout which is being provided to condos

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Joe Volpe reported that the SKA breakfast was a great success and asked all to encourage their friends and neighbors to join SKA.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Siesta Fiesta will be held this April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Ocean Blvd. will not be closed.
- Anyone interested in volunteering as a timer for the Sarasota Y Sharkmaster swim championship should contact Michael.
- On behalf of the Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce, Mark Smith asked SKA for a donation for next year's July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks.
- The Great American cleanup is April 16. Contact Michael if interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba

Secretary, Siesta Key Association

**Next SKA monthly meeting is Thursday, 5/5/2016 at 4:30 pm.**