

# SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION MEETING

June, 2015

## WELCOME

Michael Shay called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Beverly Arias, Helen Clifford, Deet Jonker, Joyce Kouba, Michael Shay, Robert Stein, and Joe Volpe.

## MINUTES

The May minutes were approved.

## COMMUNITY REPORTS

### Sheriff's Office

Deputy Chris McGregor said the major activity was the volleyball tournament. There were no big crime trends. Some "cases of opportunity" have occurred in South County— a couple of residential burglaries where people were gone for less than one hour. He advised to lock your door, lock your car, and set your alarms.

## GUEST SPEAKER

### Sarasota County Update: Emergency services, Hurricane Preparedness

**Edward J. McCrane, Jr.**

#### **Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief**

Ed provided an update on preparing for the upcoming hurricane season. He encouraged people to evacuate when instructed to do so. Though buildings may be prepared to withstand hurricane winds, storm surge can be even more devastating. He reminded all that if you elect to stay in your home during a hurricane, you should be prepared to handle your own emergencies for at least 72 hours, because once winds reach 50 miles per hour, no responders are dispatched. Also, following a storm, roads must be cleared before emergency services can enter an area. Ed handed out a new County hurricane preparedness brochure which explains all aspects of preparing for a hurricane. The new

emergency services center on Cattleman can withstand up to 250 mile per hour winds.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Liberty Cleanup**

Following the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, volunteers will clean up the beach. Contact Michael Shay to help.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Village Parking:** Michael Shay reported that SKA has worked with the Village Association and the County to ban commercial vehicles parking in the public parking lot. Commissioner Maio said that the County has been working on several ideas for increasing Village parking, including looking into liability insurance for commercial parking lots in off hours.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pedi Cabs:** Michael Shay reported that there is nothing new on pedicab regulation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Since parking spots have been delineated on Shell Road, people are parking on Higel. It was recommended that if several people call the Sherriff's non-emergency number to report the issue, this will alert the authorities to the issue and they will respond.

The issue of paid parking at the beach was again raised. When briefly instituted previously, the public did not want it. Commissioner Maio stated that paid parking will not solve parking problems.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba

Secretary, Siesta Key Association

*SKA minutes reflect the column written by Diana Colson and published in the Siesta Sand newspaper with additions by the association secretary.*

**Next SKA monthly meeting is Thursday, 8/6, at 4:30 pm.**

**There is no SKA meeting on Thursday, 7/2.**