

SIESTA KEY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 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. April minutes were approved.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Jason Mruczek asked whether anyone had questions. One issue was people parking in "parking by permit only" areas. Sgt. Mruczek recommended calling the non-emergency number for this issue. A portable speed measurement device was installed on St. Albans to measure reported speeding. It will be removed next week and data analyzed. A suspect is under observation for stolen bikes at the south end of the Key. An attendee reported that parking at Ophelia's was a problem: valets drive recklessly and park up and down Midnight Pass. Trash is also a problem, attracting rats. Sgt. Mruczek said he had received a complaint about Ophelia's and had spoken with the Manager and will revisit the restaurant. People are speeding on the south end of the key. Sgt. Mruczek will try to get the portable speed measurement device installed on the south Key. Two new homes on Beach Rd. are advertising "rental for 18 people" and trash has become a problem. Trash is put out on Thursday but doesn't get picked up until Tuesday and so ends up in the street. This is a code enforcement issue.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mined Sand Beach Renourishment

Dave Bullock, Longboat Key Town Manager

Longboat Key had not been able to hold sand in some high erosion areas. In 2010 permeable adjustable groins were built to hold sand in place where nature was

taking it away. These are precast concrete piers which extend about 200 feet into the Gulf. They are storm resistant. The adjustment is by configurable concrete blocks. These structures are holding sand where it could not be held previously. The physical process is fairly simple: the blocks slow the water down which allows sand to fall.

Longboat has been hauling sand by truck because they could not find an acceptable sand source in the Gulf. They are doing a 2000 pound truck haul right now at 200 loads per day. In 35 days they received only 25 complaints. Sand is totally specified: color, moisture content, grain size. There is no variation. It is expensive, easily twice the cost, but can be obtained quickly. Logistics can be challenging.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Drive

Beverly Arias reported that SKA recently sent snail and email to SKA members who have not renewed their membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Great American Cleanup was April 16. Michael Shay reported that 31 people collected 38 bags of trash from Point of Rocks to Access #2 and Ocean Blvd. to the North Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

- An attendee reported that swimming at Turtle Beach is hazardous because there are no lifeguards and boats navigate and people fish where people swim. He would like to see a designated swim zone. Swimming at Turtle Beach is at your own risk. There are no lifeguards.
- An attendee objected to the vacation of the road and development at 89 Beach Rd. He stated that, in order to combine the lots to have sufficient acreage for their plans, the applicants must have the road vacation. He further opined that the County should not vacate a public thoroughfare to

allow a private individual to develop property for their own purposes. Nora Patterson stated that she thought that the new owners would have the obligation to maintain the right of way. Charles Bailey provided some explanation of the proposed development. Michael suggested that the discussion continue after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Kouba

Secretary, Siesta Key Association

Next SKA monthly meeting is Thursday, 6/2/2016 at 4:30 pm.