DUCK KEY SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Neville, Chair
Sherry Popham, Secretary
A. Dennis Kulig
Philip Kircher
Sandy Hastings
Rick Sherman

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:
Billy Wagner

QUORUM PRESENT:
Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Pryvitosky, Duck Key Resident; Sylvia Hernandez, Duck Key Resident; Mary Balazs, Duck Key Resident; Barbara Thompson, Duck Key Resident; Simon Leird, Keys Security; Dave Williamson, DKPOA President and Duck Key Resident; Van Waddill, Duck Key Resident; Nick Whiteman, MCSD; Sheldon Suga, Managing Director Hawks Cay Resort and Duck Key Resident; John Cedillo, Hawks Cay Resort Director; Susie Ward, Duck Key Resident

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order 8:04 a.m. by Tom Neville
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, 61 Hawks Cay Blvd, Duck Key, FL 33050; Alma's
- Date of Meeting: November 4, 2014

MOTION to Approve/Amend the November 4, 2014 Agenda

A motion was made to amend the Agenda by Sherry Popham, seconded by Rick Sherman:
1) Allow Sheldon Suga to address the Board first.
2) Allow David Williamson's letter as an Agenda item. (See Attached)
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to Approve/Amend the September 2, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Sherry Popham, seconded by Philip Kircher, the Duck Key Security Advisory Board voted to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014 meeting, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Sheldon Suga, Managing Director Hawks Cay Resort, discussed several topics of concern which are shared issues for Hawks Cay Resort and the Islands of Duck Key.

1) Issues with jet skis racing through the Marina. Hawks Cay does not rent individual jet skis but has tours outside the flats.
2) Golf carts driving around the Marina and on the docks.
3) Individual cars racing on roads both at Hawks Cay and Duck Key.
4) Hawks Cay has ordered a new fleet of golf carts for staff with safety features, locks and the golf cart operators will receive training. Another concern: golf carts being driven by underage kids.
5) On weekends Hawks Cay hires extra outside security.
6) Boat operators/owners do not respect the no wake zone signage.
7) Mr. Suga would like to work collectively to resolve shared issues. Phil Kircher asked if Mr. Suga would like to write an article in DKSAB's newsletter and his response was . . . absolutely.
8) There are 50 units that are not part of Hawks Cay Rental Program.
9) Hawks Cay has increased their security staff.

B. Security Concerns Water – Signage Canals, Thefts, Buoys, Lack of Law Enforcement, etc.
The Board had a general discussion on this Agenda item and will continue to invite guests to their meetings to be better informed. Sherry Popham advised the Board that Rich Jones, County Marine Resources Dept, is currently researching DKSAB's ability to install no wake zone signs in the canals. Capt. David Dipre with FWC was unable to attend this meeting but would like to meet with the Board in January to discuss the Board's water safety concerns. Both Rich Jones and Capt. Dipre encouraged Sherry Popham to replace the no wake zone buoys that were already installed by Duck Key Property Owners Association. The buoys are missing but the bases should still be in place.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Cameras. Ongoing discussion regarding new cameras; placement of cameras; pricing of cameras; type of camera; who will get a price on additional cameras, the County's Engineering Department or DKSAB.
B. Speed Bumps. Rick Sherman met with Commissioner Rice's office and at this time, no decision on speed bumps on County roads. Mr. Sherman would like to know: if speed bumps cannot be publicly funded whether the installation could be privately funded. Detective Nick Whiteman advised that message boards work very well to slow traffic.
C. Abandoned Unkempt Properties. Rick Sherman believed the word got out and those properties have been cleaned.
D. Sheriff's Dept. Ad Hoc Membership/Need for Representative. Detective Nick Whiteman attended the meeting.
E. Short Term Rentals Response Realtors. Not addressed.
F. Letter from Duck Key Property Owners Association. Mr. Williamson would like DKSAB to develop a strategic plan with the County to help secure Duck Key properties from crime. Sherry Popham would like to go forward with a strategic plan for Duck Key Security.

FINANCE REPORT

Sherry Popham advised Duck Key Security District, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Fiscal Plan Fund Summary was approximately $340,658.00.

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY

CHAIR POSITION:

Dennis Kulig nominated Tom Neville for Chair. Tom Neville declined the nomination for Chair.

Rick Sherman nominated Sherry Popham for Chair. The vote was unanimously passed by all Board Members for Sherry Popham as Chair.

VICE CHAIR POSITION:

Sandy Hasting nominated Rick Sherman for Vice Chair. The vote was unanimously passed by all Board Members for Rick Sherman as Vice Chair.

SECRETARY POSITION:

Sherry Popham nominates Philip Kircher for Secretary. The vote was unanimously passed by all Board Members for Philip Kircher as Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Williamson speaking for DKPOA appreciates the Board for all the volunteer hours dedicated to the DKSAB. Mr. Williamson would like DKPOA and DKSAB to work together and encourage the County's Departments to get involved.

Simon Leird reported very few incidents in the past month on Duck Key involving Keys Security.

Meeting closed: 9:30 am

Next Meeting: January 6, 2015

Next Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort, 61 Hawks Cay Blvd, Duck Key, FL 33050

Attachment: Letter from DKPOA

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Duck Key Property Owners Association
Duck Key, Florida 33050
October 27, 2014

Duck Key Security District Advisory Board
Duck Key, Florida 33050

Dear Board Members:

The D.K.P.O.A. Board, on behalf of our membership, is writing to you to request that steps be taken by the D.K.S.D.A.B to address the recent issues with thefts on Duck Key. It is imperative to our membership and property owners to feel safe and that their property and belongings are not at risk.

We are asking that your board develop a strategy going forward with the County, the Monroe County Sheriffs Office and Duck Key Security to ensure that this issue is addressed. As you know, every property owner on Duck Key pays an additional yearly tax to fund the Duck Key Security District. These funds are dedicated for use in making the island of Duck Key safe. Our request is that some of these funds be directed to a strategic plan to help secure our properties. Over the last couple of years, thefts on Duck Key have risen and become more blatant even with the addition of surveillance cameras and extended days of coverage by Duck Key security.

Our membership believes this issue needs to be addressed quickly before crime levels escalate. It will benefit the community at large by allowing Duck Key residents to feel safe and assure them that their properties are being protected.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

David Williamson
Duck Key Property Owners Association President