

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sherry Popham, Chair
Rick Sherman, Vice Chair
Tom Neville
A. Dennis Kulig
Sandy Hastings
Billy Wagner

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Philip Kircher, Secretary

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO; Detective Scott Ward, MCSO; Detective Sgt. Tom Walker, MCSO; Detective B. Burkett, MCSO; Detective M. Sielicki, MCSO; John Cedillo, Hawks Cay Resort; Mary Balazs, Duck Key Resident; Roger Marriott, Duck Key Resident; Barbara Thompson, Duck Key Resident; Lewis "Doc" Adam, Duck Key Resident; Simon Leird, Keys Security, Inc.; Susie Ward, Duck Key Resident and DKSDAB staff

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order 8:03 a.m. by Sherry Popham
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, Dolphin C Conference Room
- Date of Meeting: May 5, 2015

MOTION to Approve/Amend the May 5, 2015 Agenda

Sherry Popham asked for an amendment to the Agenda: Advised by Budget Office of Monroe County that the contract with Keys Security will self-renew for one more term, July 2015, and would like to place on the Agenda under New Business.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION to Approve/Amend the March 3, 2015 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Billy Wagner, seconded by Sandy Hastings as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS

Ex-Officio DKSDAB Member MCSO – Discussion regarding increased enforcement/patrol on Duck Key was addressed during this meeting: Old Business, section B.3.

Hawks Cay representative, John Cedillo: Hawks Cay Resort has a new Managing Director, Amaury Piedra; brand new fleet of golf carts; training of Hawks Cay staff using golf carts; hopeful to have the restaurant open end of 2015. Sherry Popham asked John Cedillo and Billy Wagner to start discussions regarding hurricane preparedness for Hawks Cay Resort and Duck Key Residents.

No report from DKPOA.

No report from FWC.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of Cameras

Sherry Popham informed the Board:

1. Requested a bid from Tyco for the installation of new cameras on Plantation, Harbour and Yacht Club Bridges.
2. Requested a second bid, per advice from MCSO, for an additional feature to the surveillance cameras – tag reader software which alerts authorities if a vehicle's tag number has been entered into a database.
3. Problematic: Cameras installed under bridges captures vessel traffic on waterways but also captures adjacent properties to the waterway, making it a privacy issue for those property owners in the line of sight of cameras.
4. Cannot use FKEC's poles to mount cameras which will add to the cost of the bid for the new cameras.
5. Tyco presented a camera tutorial to MCSO staff, a Duck Key Security District Advisory Board Member, Sherry Popham and DKSDAB staff, Susie Ward on March 27, 2015, on how to research and capture, on the camera website's timeline, a vehicle crossing the Truman Bridge. During that training session Tyco advised: liability issues with wordage of signs; fake cameras; invasion of privacy to property owners adjacent to waterways using cameras that point towards a waterway to monitor vessel traffic.

Rick Sherman suggested to price check the Tyco bid.

Dennis Kulig asked about an estimated time of completion. Sherry Popham's response was the time of completion will be part of the bid.

Public Comment by Roger Marriott: DKPOA's survey of Duck Key Residents, the first concern being vacation rentals and the second concern are the cameras.

B. Requests to Monroe County

1. Clarification of the DKSDAB member's liability/indemnification. As long as this Board acts "in good faith" the Board is indemnified under the County. The BOCC must sign off on everything that this Board does. The County will give this statement to the Board in writing via the County Attorney.

2. Info on any plans for sidewalks. In the past plans have been drawn by the County. The up side to sidewalks is safety but the down side to sidewalks is the belief by Duck Key property owners that the Right of Way is part of their property and they have landscaping on the ROW. The new bridges that are in the County's 5 year plan will have sidewalks.
3. Speed abatement, increased surveillance and enforcement by MCSO. Lt. Derek Paul advised that with increased enforcement of speed limits and citations from a police officer, possibly up to 90% of Duck Key residents will be cited and some residents will not be happy. Also, with increased enforcement from the Traffic Division the results will be positive, a significant drop of speeding vehicles.

Dennis Kulig: it will take a period of time for residents to get adjusted to obeying the speed limit of 25 mph on roads and 10 mph over the Bridges.

Rick Sherman would like for the residents of the Duck Key who have left for the summer season to be informed about this new speed abatement policy.

Tom Neville: lobster season is a particular problem with speeding; we need to be proactive due to increased population of Duck Key and one positive thing is to reduce speeding; would like MCSO to have better communications with Keys Security.

Det. B. Burkett wants the support of this Board and to be able to tell Duck Key residents the increased enforcement was a direct request from the Duck Key Security District Advisory Board.

Public Comment on this issue: all in favor of enforcement of speed limits due to safety.

Sherry Popham believes after hearing the discussions from this meeting, increased enforcement of the speed limits is the correct way to manage the speeding problem on Duck Key and she will go forward by writing a letter advising the County and MCSO.

Capt. Gene Thompson's report on patrols of Duck Key: Using the first of Jan thru March 2, 2015, 434 calls for service on the island; of this 214 were neighborhood patrols, watch orders, directed patrols and bike patrol. All of which means they are just patrols of the area. The remaining calls are for a variety of services.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Keys Security's contract renewal for one more year. Keys Security's Patrol Car phone number: 305-684-0069 and Simon Leird, owner, 305-743-3143. Keys Security hours of patrolling Duck Key: Saturday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 am and the rest of the week from 7:00 pm to 3:00 am.

MOTION TO RENEW KEYS SECURITY CONTRACT

A motion was made to renew Keys Security Contract for one more year, first by Rick Sherman, seconded by Sandy Hastings.

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Proposal by Keys Security for emergency 24/7 security coverage (see attached).
- C. Two terms of office expired: Richard Sherman and Billy Wagner. Billy Wagner is interested in presenting his name for reappointment to Commissioner Rice with final approval from BOCC. Rick Sherman is interested in presenting his name for reappointment to Commissioner Rice with final approval from BOCC.
- D. Sandy Hastings announced she is terminating her seat on the Board.

- E. Interested candidates for the 3 open seats: Richard Sherman, Billy Wagner, Sylvia Hernandez, Mary Balazs, Tom Davis.

MOTION TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THE INTERESTED CANDIDATES TO COMMISSIONER RICE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION

A motion was made to submit the names listed to Commissioner Rice for his consideration, first by Billy Wagner, seconded by Sandy Hastings.

MOTION CARRIED

- F. Crime Watch. Det. Scott Ward advised the Board a Crime Watch program for Duck Key involves: citizen patrols using 2 people on golf carts; open communication with MCSO; meetings to voice concerns; signage; list of interested participants; community effort to reduce crime; crimes called into the MCSO are normally from a resident of the community.

FINNACE REPORT

No Report this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard during course of the meeting.

Meeting closed: 9:27 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2015

Next Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort

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