

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sherry Popham, Chair
Rick Sherman, Vice Chair
Philip Kircher, Secretary
Tom Neville
A. Dennis Kulig
Sylvia Hernandez
Mary Balazs

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

None

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Billy Wagner, Duck Key Resident; David Williamson, DKPOA President and Duck Key Resident; John Schwarz, Duck Key Resident; Andy Corrigan, Duck Key Resident; Demetrio Brid, Duck Key Resident; Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO; Detective Michael Sielicki, MCSO; John Cedillo, Hawks Cay Resort; Simon Leird, Keys Security, Inc.; Susie Ward, Duck Key Resident and DKSDAB Staff

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order 8:02 a.m. by Sherry Popham
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, Dolphin C Conference Room
- Date of Meeting: November 3, 2015

MOTION to Approve/Amend the November 3, 2015 Agenda

A motion was made to amend the November 3, 2015 Agenda. New Business, a discussion regarding the canal dredging; Old Business, speed abatement project; Public Comment move to beginning of meeting. First by Mary Balazs, seconded by Philip Kircher as Amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to Approve/Amend the September 1, 2015 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 1, 2015 Minutes by Philip Kircher, seconded by Mary Balazs as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wagner advised the Board, several Duck Key Residents placing cameras on their property to view the waterways on Duck Key which could be helpful to law enforcement. Mr. Wagner also voiced concerns

regarding the Truman Bridge's sidewalk where it narrows at the north end of the bridge. Pedestrian traffic must walk into the street at that point.

Mr. Brid commented that he was interested in replacing Keys Security with MCSO. Sherry Popham advised: the Board had just approved the renewal of Keys Security's contract for another year; if the Security District was to hire MCSO, the cost would be a minimum of \$100K - \$150K per year. The Security District's annual income is approximately \$75K per year.

Mr. Corrigan asked the Board if more can be done to stop the nuisance issues from boaters at the sandbar and people leaving garbage on the break water wall. He routinely picks up trash on the break water wall which is behind his West Seaview Drive house. Ms. Popham advised of the volunteers from law enforcement, one person is Scott Ward, patrols the sandbar and surrounding waters off Duck Key. Also, because of the change of season that activity should lessen; "No Trespassing" signage will be put in place by DKPOA.

Mr. Schwarz updated the Board on the canal dredging project. Working on the maintenance dredging of the canals for nearly two years. A nonprofit company, The Duck Key Committee Benefit, Inc., has been created for tax deductible receipts and have \$260K of commitments for the project. In the bank account is approximately \$70k of cash; have done an engineering survey of the canal depths; conducted a benthic survey; submitted to the Army Corp a permit; the permit process takes about one year; the big challenge to this project is the live seagrass in the canals. The penalties from removing this seagrass through the dredging process will likely exceed the cost of the dredging; it is unknown the total cost of the penalties. Mr. Schwarz believes the money is there for the dredging process but not enough money to cover the penalties, hence they are continuing to ask the Residents for money. The nonprofit company is expecting to have an approved permit but will need an exemption from Monroe County because the Duck Key canals are not public channels. The dredging cost for just the canals (excluding the Harbour canal) will be approximately \$200k and three estimates have been received.

Mr. Williamson advised the maintenance dredging project is a concern for the whole Duck Key Community and it is important for all Duck Key Residents to contribute what they can to this project.

STANDING REPORTS

Ex-Officio DKSDAB Members MCSO, Lt. Derek Paul. 1) Plans to return the Speed Limit sign board by the end of the month to remind the residents of Duck Key of the speed limits. Lt. Paul believes in general, speed limits are being obeyed and if not, to notify him.

Keys Security, Simon Leird. 1) All security guards in the State of Florida must take a 40 hour course to receive a license. 2) FBI does a background check. 3) Keys Security is the only school in the Florida Keys and all of his security guards have licenses. 4) On Duck Key, Keys Security guards do not intervene in crime scenes, they contact MCSO; they do stop underage golf cart drivers, fishermen on vacant lots (take pictures of their vehicle and license plate), golf carts without lights at night, jumping off the bridges, place No Trespassing signs.

Hawks Cay representative, John Cedillo. No new report for this meeting.

DKPOA, David Williamson. 1) Plans for "No Trespassing" signs for the break water wall and vacant lots used for illegal parking.

FWC, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Camera update. Sherry Popham advised at this time the County is working with Comcast for pricing. Ms. Popham is hoping the cameras will be installed by the end of 2015.
- B. Residents request for DKSDAB to address safety/security concerns presented by the sandbar activity occurring on the southwest side of Duck Key. Addressed during the Public Comment section.
- C. Requests to County. 1) Clarification of Scope of Authority: County attorney is continuing their research on what the Board's existing situation is and what opportunities are available to the Board. 2) Sidewalks: Many property owners will have to sacrifice a portion of their property for sidewalks. There will be sidewalks on the new bridges.
- D. Crime Watch. Scott Ward/Plantation, Doc Adams/Center, Sandy Hastings/Yacht, Van Wadell/Harbour and a new volunteer, Demetrio Brid/Plantation. Will set a meeting for the volunteers to begin the Crime Watch project.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Property Owners Directory. Mary Balazs will head this project using existing DKSDAB's gmail contacts, DKPOA's list of contacts, County Property Records, Billy Wagner has a list of contacts. Phil Kircher advised to use a data base to keep and update the list.
- B. Assessment Discussion. Sherry Popham opened the discussion; the current rate of assessment is \$200/home and \$50/vacant lot, annually. DKSDAB's ordinance allows the Board to annually bill up to \$300/home and \$50/vacant lot with a prohibition from increasing the assessment no more than 10% a year. Keys Security stated most calls for service are from trespassers on vacant lots. Phil Kircher suggested to research the possibility of raising the annual assessment for vacant lots from \$50/vacant lot to the same price as a lot with a home. Dennis Kulig suggested to begin raising the assessment by 10% a year.

MOTION: DKSDAB IMPLEMENT AN INCREASE UP TO THE ANNUAL INCREASES ALLOWED UNTIL DKSDAB REACHES THE ALLOWED \$300.00/HOME AND \$75.00/LOT OVER 4 YEARS AS SET FORTH IN DKSDAB'S ORDINANCE. FIRST BY RICK SHERMAN AND SECONDED BY SYLVIA HERNANDEZ.

Sherry Popham: Yea

Rick Sherman: Yea

Phillip Kircher: Yea

Tom Neville: Yea

A. Dennis Kulig: Yea

Sylvia Hernandez: Yea

Mary Balazs: Nay

MOTION CARRIED

- C. Review of Terms. Next meeting Ms. Popham would like Staff to bring a record of term expiration dates for each Board Member.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, FIRST BY SYLVIA HERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY RICK SHERMAN

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed: 9:16 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 5, 2016

Next Scheduled Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort

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