

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2016

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; Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO; Detective Scott Ward, MCSO; Capt. Gene Thompson, MCSO; Deputy James Hager, MCSO; John Cedillo, Hawks Cay Resort; Simon Leird, Keys Security, Inc.; Fritz Anderson, Duck Key Resident; Van Waddill, Duck Key Resident; Susie Ward, Duck Key Resident and DKSDAB Staff

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order 8:04 a.m. by Sherry Popham
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, Dolphin B Conference Room
- Date of Meeting: January 5, 2016

MOTION to Approve/Amend the January 5, 2016 Agenda

Sherry Popham asked to move the Crime Watch Agenda Item F, Old Business, for discussion after the Minutes from November 3, 2015 are Approved or Amended.

NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION to Approve/Amend the November 3, 2015 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 3, 2015 Minutes by Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Mary Balazs as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CRIME WATCH

Scott Ward advised the Board that he has 8 signs ready to be posted on the island of Duck Key; would like the Crime Watch group up and running by the 3rd week in January 2016; he will not be chair of the Crime Watch.

Ms. Popham will represent the Board for the first Crime Watch meeting scheduled for January 12, 2016 at 227 W Seaview Circle, 4:00 pm.

STANDING REPORTS

Ex-Officio DKSDAB Members MCSO, Capt. Gene Thompson. 1) The young males that caused criminal mischief to several mailboxes of Duck Key Residents, that case has now been concluded. The young men are officially in PTI and have several terms for each of them to complete. 2) The portion of MSCO's commitment for the new TYCO cameras has moved forward. 3) Sign board has been placed on Bimini Drive stating the speed limit and the speed of a vehicle that passes the sign. One of the MSCO's squad will be on Duck Key at different times for compliance of the speed limits.

Keys Security, Simon Leird. 1) Busy from many people on the Island during the holiday season but no incidents.

Hawks Cay representative, John Cedillo. 1) Hawks Cay had a good holiday season. 2) Work continues on the new restaurant hoping to open early 2016.

DKPOA, David Williamson. 1) Six "No Trespassing" signs are ready to be installed on the breakwater. 2) Would like the Board to consider hiring extra patrols of the waters off Duck Key for popular holiday weekends. 3) Volunteer Duck Key Island clean up event scheduled for January 30, 2016, meet at Club Duck Key at 9:00 am. Please wear protective clothing.

FWC, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Camera update. Sherry Popham advised Monroe County approved the agreement with TYCO before the end of 2015 and the equipment has been ordered. Ms. Popham asked Rick Sherman if he would review DKSDAB's summary of funds for the next meeting. Regarding cameras on waterways, best if Duck Key Residents installed private cameras and to let MCSO know that additional video is available.
- B. Request to the County. Clarification of Scope of Authority: County attorney continues to look at DKSDAB's scope of authority and no new report. Sidewalks: County has not been able to locate any written plans for sidewalks. When bridges are replaced in 2020, there will be sidewalks on the bridges. A discussion was held between the Board and Public on solutions to make the streets of Duck Key safer for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclist and vehicles. Topics discussed: signage; sidewalks; widening the roads; yellow line on one side of the street; per Capt. Thompson - by law, it is not the vehicle that should be moving out of the way and going into oncoming traffic

MOTION: EXPLORE THE IDEA OF EXTENDED SHOULDERS AND OTHER DESIGNATED WALKWAYS. FIRST BY MARY BALAZS AND SECONDED BY PHILIP KIRCHER.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Property Owners Directory. Ongoing project and hopefully, a completed contact list of Duck Key Residents will be ready for the Board for the next scheduled meeting.
- B. Assessment Discussion. Topics discussed between the Board Members: the vacant (unoccupied) lots require more security due to trespassing; on Duck Key – approximately 380 homes, 20 County owned lots and 300 vacant lots.

MOTION: ALL LOTS, UNOCCUPIED OR OCCUPIED, HAVE THE SAME ASSESSEMENT. FIRST BY PHILIP KIRCHER AND SECONDED BY SYLVIA HERNANDEZ.

MOTION CARRIED

- C. Review of Terms. The Board was updated on their term expirations. Even though the Board recommends a new Board Member or an extended term for an existing Board member, the final decision will be made by Commissioner Rice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sylvia Hernandez: discussion with the Board regarding No Wake signage placed near Hawks Cay and surrounding waters.

Fritz Anderson comments: dangerous rocks in water at the entrance to Duck Key from the ocean; happy about the speed limit reduction; signage would be helpful on the bridges for people crossing them; reflectors in middle of roads with double yellow lines creates less space for vehicles; entrance to Duck Key is unsafe for bicycles.

Dave Williamson comments: drone usage; sidewalks on Duck Key were not popular by residents in the past.

Board Members thanked the participation of MSCO staff.

Meeting closed: 9:26 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 1, 2016

Next Scheduled Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort

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