

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

None

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris and Brian Lancaster, Duck Key Residents; Bob Barnes, Duck Key Resident; Dorian Mullar, Duck Key Resident; Capt Gene Thompson, MCSO; Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO; Capt Daivd Dupre, FWC Monroe County; Beth Smith, Duck Key Resident; Susan 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: September 6, 2016

MOTION to Approve/Amend the September 6, 2016 Agenda

A motion was made to approve the September 6, 2016 Agenda first by Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Mary Balazs.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to Approve/Amend the July 5, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July 5, 2016 Minutes first by Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Mary Balazs as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS

Ex-Officio DKSDAB Member MCSO, Capt Gene Thompson. No reports for the Board

Keys Security, Simon Leird. N/A

Hawks Cay representative, John Cedillo. N/A

DKPOA, Sylvia Hernandez. No reports for the Board

FWC, Capt. David Dupre. With the current laws, vessels are allowed to dock 10 feet from the shoreline, boat ramp, seawall or private property. FWC is working to change the law from 10 feet to approximately 50-100 feet for reasons of safety to navigation. The role of FWC is public safety and the protection of the environment. Boaters have the right to recreate on their vessels.

Sherry Popham read a memo from Rich Jones. See attachment.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Camera update. Electric poles are being installed on the bridges.
- B. Roberts Rules: Staff will distribute to Board Members.
- C. Safety on water, No wake zones, Enforcement on the Water. Residents should call FWC, 305-684-8711, to report violations. Video and photographs will help FWC investigate violations.
- D. Golf Carts. Phil Kircher will mail letter to golf cart companies.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Duck Key Security Contract – deferred renewal/discussion. At this time, the contract with Keys Security, Inc. is month to month.
- B. Review/discussion of MCSO extra detail costs. The Board might want hire MCSO for detailed units for security coverage. Discussion: retain Keys Security, Inc.; split the security coverage between Keys Security, Inc and MCSO; replace Keys Security with MCSO at a cost of \$40/hour. Duck Key has very low crime due in part to Key Security's patrols. Advantage with hiring MCSO: an issue can be addressed quickly; speed abatement. Capt Gene Thompson advised: Duck Key Security District Advisory Board and MCSO will not have a contractual agreement for the detailed services with MCSO. The Board can start and stop MCSO detailed services anytime with proper notice. The detailed services can be 5 consecutive hours or random. At the next meeting, discuss the security coverages and costs for Keys Security, Inc vs MSCO.

Motion: Replace Keys Security, Inc. and secure MCSO's detailed services 7 days a week, 5 hours each day first by A. Dennis Kulig, seconded by Sherry Popham.

Sherry Popham: abstains

Rick Sherman; yes

Philip Kircher: no

Sylvia Hernandez: no

Mary Balazs: no

A.Dennis Kulig: yes

MOTION FAILS

Motion: For the November 2016 DKSDAB meeting, change the date to November 15, 2016 then return to normal schedule which is the first Tuesday every other month. Permanently change the meeting time from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. First by Philip Kircher and seconded by Mary Balazs.

Sherry Popham: yes

Rick Sherman; yes

Philip Kircher: yes

Sylvia Hernandez: yes

Mary Balazs: yes

A.Dennis Kulig: no

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting at Club Duck Key to discuss referendum, October 11, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dorian Mullar passed out to the Board and Public a list of questions. Attached to minutes.

Meeting closed: 9:50 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort

Minutes submitted by: Susan Ward, 258 W Seaview Drive, Duck Key, FL 33050 susaneward@gmail.com
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To: Sherry Popham

Unfortunately our idle speed in all manmade canals ordinance is no longer effective, due to changes in statute in 2009. FWC has indicated that they will not enforce the ordinance at this point. Also FWC will not permit any new idle speed in canal signage to go up under the current ordinance. Due to this information coming to staff's attention recently, staff will be working on an updated ordinance to take the place of the existing ordinance for 'idle speed no wake in all manmade canals'. One of the differences will be that it can only be slow speed minimum wake (not a big difference especially in the Duck Key canal system where idle speed would be too slow to make headway against the current in most of the canals), and there are a few other criteria that will restrict the scope of the ordinance. One of the things I will be looking at when drafting the ordinance will be consideration of signage for individual canals. I wish I could be of more assistance, but this where we are at with the canal ordinance.

Rich Jones

Marine Resources Department for Monroe County

QUESTIONS FOR DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT BOARD

A number of Duck Key property owners who could not attend this meeting, are very concerned about the proposed referendums, and have requested the security board answer the following questions:

1. What does "minimum assessment" in the proposed referendum mean?
2. Is this security board part of the same self-appointed group who proposed the two referendums?
3. Why change the DKSD, since it has worked just fine for many years?
4. If this referendum passes, has the thought occurred to the security board that when we want the county to help us with future projects, the county commissioners will just say you have your own way of funding and do not need our help?
5. Why don't we abolish the DKSD which would reduce our taxes and make the police provide our security, as they do throughout the county?
6. Why didn't the DKSD board notify all property owners that there was a proposed referendum to remove the current assessment cap and request their input, since many of the property owners do not reside in Duck Key?
7. Does this DKSD board realize by making this referendum, it effectively excludes all the tax paying Duck Key property owners who are not registered voters in this district?
8. If the property owners who are excluded from voting on this referendum take legal action against DKSD board members, who will be responsible for the legal cost?
9. Does this referendum violate the Sunshine Law?
10. If Monroe County does not want to provide the needed security for Duck Key, why not become part of the City of Marathon and at the same time reduce our overall taxes?
11. Are the DKSD board members intentionally creating a rift between voting and non-voting property owners by putting this referendum on the November ballot?
12. Instead of requesting the property owners to pay more taxes for policing boaters, has the security board approached the FWC to have one or more of their boats stationed in Duck Key, as they have in the past?
13. The August 25th letter referenced the additional revenue is not enough for safety, security and "other needs". Are these "needs" just another way of saying the tax payers should pay for pet projects that a select few "want"?
14. Would it be more cost effective to ask private homeowners to install security cameras on their houses, than additional bridge cameras that only record the road traffic?