

# DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2017

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Balazs, Chair  
Rick Sherman, Vice Chair  
Sylvia Hernandez, Secretary  
Philip Kircher  
Tom Neville

## **BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Dennis Kulig

## **QUORUM PRESENT:**

Yes

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO; Capt. Gene Thompson, MCSO; Scott Ward, MCSO; Jason Baer, MCSO; Simon Leird, Keys Security, Inc.; Fritz Anderson, Duck Key Resident; Kristen Brenner, Duck Key Resident; Donna Withington, Duck Key Resident; Michael Solomon, Duck Key Resident; Barbara Pascal, Duck Key Resident; Manuel Pascal, Duck Key Resident; Bob Barnes, Duck Key Resident; Mona Barnes, Duck Key Resident; Susan Ward, Duck Key Resident and DKSDAB Staff

## **Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. by Mary Balazs
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, Dolphin B Conference Room
- Date of Meeting: January 3, 2017

## **MOTION to Approve/Amend the January 3, 2017 Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the January 3, 2017 Agenda first by Philip Kircher, seconded by Mary Balazs.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **MOTION to Approve/Amend the November 15, 2016 Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the November 15, 2016 Minutes first by Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Philip Kircher as presented.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **STANDING REPORTS**

Ex-Officio DKSDAB Member MCSO, Capt. Gene Thompson. Not much crime to report on the island of Duck Key. On December 23, 2016, 11 Cuban Migrants, 9 men and 2 women landed on Duck Key. In the past 2 months, MSCO has logged 98 patrol-times on the island of Duck Key; has stopped 18 speeders, some were

given citations and some were given warnings. Expect in the next 4 months a heavier usage of golf carts; the driver must be 14 years old. Capt. Thompson does not believe Duck Key has a crime problem and the reason could be several: Keys Security patrols, cameras and MCSO's patrols.

Keys Security, Simon Leird. Keys Security staff communicates nightly with MCSO; no crimes to report, very quiet.

Hawks Cay representative, Yunior Rodriquez. N/A

DKPOA, Sylvia Hernandez. January 28, 2017, the Duck Key Island clean up starts at 9:00 am, meet at Club Duck Key; please wear protective clothing. In February 2017, the annual DKPOA meeting held at Club Duck Key will be scheduled.

FWC. N/A

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Camera update. County Engineering Department advises, waiting on TYCO and Comcast.
- B. Discussion of the Key Security contract vs the services offered by MCSO. Sylvia Hernandez researched the pros and cons (attached to minutes) and the Board discussed with Public Input.

**MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE FIRST BY PHILIP KIRCHER TO MAINTAIN PRIVATE SECURITY AND ON SPECIFIC HOLIDAYS HIRE MCSO TO PATROL DUCK KEY, MSCO NOT TO EXCEED A COST OF \$8,000.00 per YEAR, SECONDED BY SYLVIA HERNANDEZ.**

### **MOTION PASSED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review resumes received and offer advice to Commissioner Rice's Office. The Board has received 4 resumes and will forward to Commissioner Rice's Office for review.
- B. Speed Abatement Signs on Stirrup Key. The Board reviewed what has been placed on Stirrup Key for speed abatement which is a road side sign that posts how fast the vehicle is going. Public input on this matter advised the Board that there are many different types of speed signs. Capt. Thompson advised the speed signs do work but questioned if the signs would work for the people who go by them every day. The Board will continue to research costs.
- C. Sunshine Law Clarification. Mary Balazs advised the Board: all communication whether by email, phone or face to face between Board members regarding DKSDAB matters cannot occur and must be discussed only at the public meetings held by DKSDAB. A Board member can email Staff information which can be included in DKSDAB minutes.
- D. Find new Staff for DKSDAB. The Board will advertise and continue to seek a replacement for Susie Ward.

E. Frequency and Time of Meetings.

**MOTION: A MOTION WAS FIRST MADE BY MARY BALAZS TO ALTERNATE THE TIMES OF THE DKSDAB MEETINGS - 6:00 PM AND 8:00 AM, EVERY OTHER MONTH FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR, SECONDED BY RICK SHERMAN.**

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public Comments were expressed during the course of the meeting.

**Meeting closed: 7:15 pm**

**Attachment to the minutes: Sylvia Hernandez's paperwork**

**Next Scheduled Meeting: March 7, 2017 at 8:00 am**

**Next Scheduled Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort**

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| Holidays            | Date        | Police Requested          | Total Days | Hours needed  | Total Hours | Cost per hour  | Total Cost        | Special Request |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| New Years           | 1-Jan       | Sat Dec. 31--Mon Jan 1    | 3          | 8 hrs per day | 24 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,054.00        |                 |
| President's Day     | 20-Feb      | Sat Feb 18- Mon Feb 20    | 3          | 8 hrs per day | 24 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,054.00        | *               |
| Independence Day    | 4-Jul       | Sat Jul 1 - Tues Jul 4    | 4          | 8 hrs per day | 32 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,280.00        | *               |
| Mini Lobster Season | 26 - 27 Jul | Wed Jul 26 - Thrus Jul 27 | 2          | 8 hrs per day | 16 hrs      | <b>\$55.00</b> | \$880.00          | * Marine Patrol |
| Labor Day           | 4-Sep       | Sat Sept 2 - Mon Sept 4   | 3          | 8 hrs per day | 24 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,054.00        | *               |
| Columbus Day        | 9-Oct       | Sat Oct 7 - Mon Oct 9     | 3          | 8 hrs per day | 24 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,054.00        |                 |
| Veterans Day        | 10-Nov      | Frid Nov 10 - Sun Nov 12  | 3          | 8 hrs per day | 24 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,054.00        |                 |
| Thanksgiving Day    | 24-Nov      | Thurs Nov 24 - Sun Nov 27 | 4          | 8 hrs per day | 32 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,280.00        |                 |
| Christmas Day       | 25-Dec      | Sat Dec 23 - Mon Dec 25   | 3          | 8 hrs per day | 24 hrs      | \$40.00        | \$1,054.00        |                 |
| Total Costs         |             |                           |            |               |             |                | <u>\$9,764.00</u> |                 |

# Police vs Keys Securities

## Police Presence Costs: \$53,248

\$40 per hour / 3 hrs minimum per day  
25.60 hours per week

### Pros of hiring police

1. Can give traffic tickets
2. Can make arrests
3. Deterrent to crime

### Cons of hiring police

1. 39.6 hours less of surveillance per week
2. Would answer Hawks Cays calls while being paid by Duck Key
3. May be called out of Duck Key for emergencies
4. Who will police report to?
5. Will the regular surveillance paid for by our tax dollars be cut down? How can this be quantified?

## Keys Securities Costs: \$53,248

\$16 per hour  
64 hours per week

### Pros of hiring Keys Securities

1. 39.6 hours more of surveillance per week
2. Not shared with Hawks Cay
3. Their presence is guaranteed by contract
4. Reports to Security Board
5. Does not affect the hours of our regular police surveillance
6. Deterrent to crime

### Cons of hiring Keys Securities

1. Cannot make arrests. Must call police for serious crime.
2. Cannot give traffic tickets