

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF July 5, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Balazs, Chair
Rick Sherman, Vice Chair
Sylvia Hernandez, Secretary
Philip Kircher
Tom Neville
Bill Grayden
Ken Wiggins

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judy Clark, Monroe County, Director of Engineering Services
Jason Davies, Hawks Cay
Captain Don Hiller, MCSO
Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO
Capt. David Dipre, FWC, Division of Law Enforcement

Residents:

Ron Oestreicher
Robin Neville
Van Waddill
David Newton
Linda Newton
Dale Raiza
Frank Marino
Jon Porter
Barb Pascal
Carrie Delbeca
Bobbie Hagell
Derek Pey
Dept. Karen
Tony Arena

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Mary Balazs
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, Dolphin A Conference Room
- Date of meeting: July 5, 2017

MOTION to approve the Agenda first by Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Rick Sherman.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the May 2 minutes. First by Phil Kircher, seconded by Bill Grayden.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS

MCSO: Ex Officio DKSDAB Member MCSO, Capt. Don Hiller reported that the person who had stolen the boat in 2015 had his day in court and was convicted to 6 months in jail. He commented on how he had been caught as a result of the camera and tag reader we have on the Truman Bridge. He also commented that private cameras put up by homeowners are very helpful in fighting crime.

Keys Security: No report. Simon Leird was Absent

Hawks Cay: Hawks Cay Representative, Jason Davies, reported on the success of their new golf cart program. They are considering ordering two more golf carts.

Ron Oestreicher, a resident, reported that there were two missing pilings at the entrance to Duck Key from the Ocean and that Hawks Cay needed to replace them.

Phil Kircher asked Judy Clark, Monroe County Engineer, to provide us with a sign that stated that golf cart drivers had to be 14 years of age or older. He has stopped many children on golf carts and their families seem to be unaware of this requirement.

DKPOA: Sylvia Hernandez reported that in 2003 Roy Enquist, then President of DKPOA, had applied to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary for a permit for the buoys around Tom's Harbor. After many storms and boaters cutting the buoys off, they had to be replaced and DKPOA was the responsible party. DKPOA hired American Underwater Contractors, Inc., who had originally installed the buoys and all missing buoys have been replaced. DKPOA paid \$8,962.32 to have them replaced.

FWC: Capt. Dipre expressed his satisfaction that the ordinance of "minimum wake in man-made canals" had finally passed. He advised us to put up signs on our canals as without them, FWC would have a hard time issuing warnings or citations. He further advised that we should contact Monroe County so our signs use the same

template as theirs and he suggested we could have them made at the same place as Monroe County made theirs.

Capt. Dipre explained that “minimum wake” required the bow of the boat to be on the water, but cautioned that sometimes when the current is strong, boats need to be able to make headway and the bow could be lifted.

He further stated that he had been in contact with Sylvia Hernandez to find docking space for a FWC boat to be docked in Duck Key as a deterrent to speeding boats. He said he would eventually like to have more than one boat in Duck Key.

Capt. Dipre discussed the rules of the lobster mini-season: No diving is allowed in the canals. No diving is allowed within 300 ft. of residential shorelines. However, bully netting is allowed in canals.

MOTION: To have a portable sign made, not to exceed \$1,000, to display at the entrance of Duck Key to be used during lobster mini-season and other holidays. The sign should state the rule of no diving in canals and no diving within 300 feet of residential shoreline. First by Tom Neville and seconded by Phil Kircher.

MOTION CARRIED

Ken Wiggins agreed to have the sign made.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy Clark, Monroe County Engineering Department, and Phil Kircher reported that the radar signs that we had ordered to be placed on the same pole with the cameras would have interfered with the modem box and suggested that we ordered solar powered ones. Phil Kircher handed Mrs. Clark the quotes for the solar powered radars. Judy Clark said she would have her personnel install them. She pointed out that we would have to choose the locations together with her department staff to make sure we would respect the possible location of driveways on future construction if signs were located near empty lots.

MOTION: To increase the order of solar powered radars from 2 to 4 for a total cost of \$21,200. First by Phil Kircher; seconded by Sylvia Hernandez.

MOTION CARRIED

Damage to Bridge railings: Mary Balazs reported that we do not yet know who did the damage to the Bridge on Bimini Drive. Phil Kircher reported that there was an eye witness. A resident from the audience was familiar with the incident and the eye witness and agreed to talk to Lt. Paul after the meeting.

MINIMUM WAKE ORDINANCE: Sylvia Hernandez reported that the “Minimum Wake” ordinance was passed by the BOCC on June 21st. Three DKPOA representatives were in route to the BOCC meeting in Key Largo, when we found out the ordinance had already been discussed and passed. BOCC voted to have signs posted at all the public ramps (State or County owned only) facing land for boaters to see as they launch their boats. Sylvia Hernandez expressed disappointment with the fact that no mechanism had been provided for property owners associations or canal residents to purchase signs from the County but that we would have our own signs made. Sylvia Hernandez pointed out that Commissioner Rice had suggested putting up a sign on the rocks at the entrance of the channel from the ocean. She suggested it should be made with paint that can be read in the dark. This would serve the double purpose of alerting the boaters heading to Hawks Cay that they are entering a minimum wake zone and to call attention to the rocks that have caused damage to many boats. Bill Grayden suggested that one or two of the signs should be placed at the ramp at Hawks Cay. Phil Kircher suggested that signs should be placed on either side of the bridges.

MOTION: To have 10 signs made with the new ordinance, not to exceed \$5,000 total. First by Sylvia Hernandez, seconded by Mary Balazs.

MOTION CARRIED

A question from the audience addressed the problem of illegal short-term rentals in Duck Key and how we could solve the problem. Sylvia Hernandez referred the guest to Cynthia McPherson, Monroe County Code Enforcement, and she reported that the BOCC had recently approved hiring two additional people to help with the illegal rentals. Mary Balazs suggested inviting Cindy McPherson to a future meeting.

CAMERA UPDATE – Sylvia Hernandez reported that the cameras are up but not operational. Comcast modems had an electrical problem but have completed their repair. Tyco’s manager, Terry Simons, told Sylvia that Tyco would be coming to validate the repairs that Comcast had completed and to turn on the cameras. Judy Clark reported that Clark Briggs would be in Duck Key on July 6th checking on the cameras.

Sylvia reported that we have to schedule the training meeting with Comcast as soon as the cameras are operational. Tom Neville pointed out that the MCSO would have to participate in the training, as they were the ones who would be accessing the cameras. Sylvia Hernandez pointed out that we would be responsible to coordinate for repairs and maintenance and Lt. Paul agreed that MCSO would not be involved in this area.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Rick Sherman pointed out the County’s DKSAB accounts are kept on a cash basis, so we do not have an accurate figure of how much money

we have available. He suggested having a budget were we account for commitments that have been made but payment have not yet been made even if we have to keep our own spreadsheet, as this is not available to us from the County. He suggested that we have a planning session where we discuss possible projects for the coming years as the money will be available for further improvements.

Mary Balazs suggested a planning and budgeting session October 12th when we are all back from our vacations.

Next scheduled meeting is September 5th, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Hawks Cay Resort.

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