

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF January 2, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvia Hernandez, Chair
Rick Sherman, Vice Chair
Ken Wiggins
Philip Kircher, via Zoom
Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary
Van Waddill

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Grayden

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Capt. Hiller, Ex-Officio DKSDAB, MCSO
Sgt. Trevor Wirth, MCSO
Deputy Darrel Walraven, MCSO
Capt. David Dipre, FWC
Simon Leird, Keys Security
Ron Oestreicher, DKPOA

RESIDENTS:

Stormy and Dan Hayes
Sherry and Rick Phillips
Roger Marriott
Barbara and Manuel Pascal
Michael Solomon
Charlie Morse
Sally and Paul Aldrich
Brian Lindorf
Bob McCormick
Jan Anderson

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chair Sylvia Hernandez
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay, Dolphin C
- Date of meeting: January 2, 2019

MOTION to approve the November 6 Agenda. First by Sylvia Hernandez, and seconded by Rick Sherman.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve the November 6th minutes. First by Ken Wiggins, seconded by Van Waddill.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS

~~MCSO~~ Capt. Hiller introduced Sgt. Wirth. He had no major crimes to report at this time. In the prior meeting the theft of stolen TV's was discussed and Sgt. Wirth informed us the thief is in jail. There was vandalism reported on November 6th, but the culprit was never identified. There was also a report on rods and reels theft, but this was never confirmed due to a discrepancy on what was reported stolen.

~~Keys Security~~ Simon Leird had no unusual activity to report. He showed us how the electronic sensors worked. There was discussion about the different cars being used and concern that the sign is not large enough and cannot be seen easily.

~~DKPOA~~ Ron Oestreicher reported that the Annual Membership Drive is ongoing and the Annual DKPOA meeting will be January 27th at Club Duck Key. The focus of the meeting will be on the results of the resident survey and input from the residents. He also reported the contract and permits for the canal dredging project have been completed and approved. They are still waiting for Monroe County's permit, but work is expected to be started at the end of January. Fundraising for the project is ongoing as well, as there are still dollars to be raised to complete the work. The work is expected to be complete end of February/ beginning of March. The work is to be done by a local company owned by Duck Key resident, Tom Merryman.

~~Hawks Cay~~ Yunior Rodriguez, Manager, called and advised he would not be able to attend the meeting. There was concern on whether or not Hawks Cay was providing enough information to their guests, concerning slow speed/no wake zones on the canals, golf cart rules, and general behavior when in Duck Key neighborhoods. It was suggested a letter be drafted and sent to Hawks Cay Management, advising them of the concerns and asking for their assistance in educating their guests. Vacation rental guests are harder to reach because we do not know exactly which houses are rented to vacationers. Rick Sherman will draft a letter to Hawks Cay.

~~FWC:~~ Capt. Dipre said with the winds, bad weather, and rough seas there have been some minor stops made, but nothing major. He is waiting for the Ordinance for “Slow Speed/Minimum Wake” on Duck Key canals, which hopefully will be available soon, so that Duck Key canals could be properly marked. He said Rich Jones was still working on the application to be submitted to FWC in Tallahassee. Questions arose about why the ordinance had to be rewritten by the County, and Capt. Dipre explained the canals in Duck Key were wider than the current ordinance for canals 75 feet across or less. Duck Key canals are wider. Signage will be at the entrance of all canals with Slow Speed/Minimum Wake and the Ordinance number. Michael Solomon brought up the subject of a missing marker on Tom’s Harbor and boats speeding as a result. Capt. Dipre advised it is a DKPOA issue, and to speak to that Board about replacing the missing marker.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on “Slow Speed Zone” on all Duck Key Canals: Sylvia Hernandez has been in constant contact with Rich Jones, Director of Marine Resources for the County, on the Ordinance for Duck Key Canals. Rich Jones replied that he is currently working on GIS maps to be presented to FWC together with the application.

~~Evaluation of Speed Radars:~~ Sgt. Wirth said the sign sometimes flashes at 15 MPH, giving a false reading; he asked if the sensors needed adjusting. Phil Kircher replied this sometimes happens when traffic is moving in both directions at the same time. As per the data Phil Kircher has received from the monitoring of the signs, there is “error” less than 5% of the time. MCSO did some monitoring of the speeds in Duck Key and found speed at less than 35 MPH in November. A ticket was issued to a motorist on November 9th for not wearing seatbelts.

Questions arose about speed bumps, and their benefit but Sylvia Hernandez replied that the Board had done a lot of research on speed abatement and found the speed bumps produced noise, damaged cars, and interfered with the emergency vehicles. Rick Sherman asked Capt. Hiller to pay particular attention to cars speeding on the bridges. Capt. Hiller will have his officers patrolling the bridge areas and will provide its portable radar sign in Truman Bridge.

~~Camera Update:~~ Sylvia Hernandez reported that the Corsair and Truman Bridge North cameras are not working properly and repairs are scheduled for September 7th. She is working with Johnson Controls on the repair as well as the adjustment of two recently replaced auto tag readers on Corsair and W. Seaview Drive that are not capturing the tags during night hours. Phil Kircher expressed concern that Johnson Controls was not upholding their contract agreement in doing repairs on a timely nature and that perhaps it was time to get the County attorneys to write a letter.

~~DKSAB November Election Results:~~ Laurie Oestreicher has been voted in as role of Secretary. Sylvia Hernandez received a vote of confidence to continue as Chair for one more year. Van Waddill has offered to help with the supervision of security personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

~~Speed Radars for Indies Drive:~~ Sylvia Hernandez discussed the issue of whether Speed Radars were necessary for Indies Drive, and reported Board Member Bill Grayden monitored Indies Drive traffic and speeding over a period of time and reported the radar sign was not justified as there was little traffic in the area. Sylvia pointed out the estimated cost of another Radar sign could be \$9,000 plus maintenance and asked if the cost was merited at this time. Discussion arose as Brian Lindorf, who lives at 115 S. Indies encouraged the Board to add a speed radar since the speeding is a problem on Indies. He offered his driveway to MCSO to monitor traffic/speeding. Sylvia Hernandez advised she will ask for additional monitoring by Bill Grayden, and this will be on the Agenda for the next meeting March 5th.

~~Discussion of the 2019 contract with Keys Security:~~ Discussion began with the Board being advised there are now 15 sensor spot check locations throughout Duck Key, the security guard's car now has a flashing amber light, so residents will see the guards when out on patrol, and the guards will be doing a minimum of four (4) drive through circuits on the four residential islands for each eight (8) hour shift. Sylvia Hernandez asked the Board if they felt the current schedule for Saturdays during daytime hours are needed versus more coverage at night? Rick Sherman asked if it was an either/or decision, and did we not have adequate funds to do both? Sylvia Hernandez replied that the contract with Keys Securities has a maximum of \$60,000, so until a new contract is written we are limited to that amount. Rick Sherman commented that we could ask the BOCC for approval to spend additional security dollars and that it may be useful to have a strategic planning session to discuss spending priorities for future years which would include Keys Security. There was discussion about the availability of Keys Securities to monitor residents' homes when they are away. Residents were encouraged to email or phone Simon Leird or fill out the form MCSO provides. Capt. Hiller reminded us that MCSO has a form for seasonal residents who want their properties included in the patrols. It was requested these forms be provided at the next DKSAB meeting. Simon Leird provided business cards with his contact details.

~~Discussion of 12/12/18 speed and crash event on E. Seaview Drive:~~ Deputy Walraven advised he took the call on the crash and had been provided with information that night and with photos of the car and auto tag on the following day. Unfortunately, the photos did not show the driver, so no citation could be issued. The vehicle was identified through the auto tag as belonging to a female in Big Pine Key. The car owner has not been contacted about the incident, and MCSO considers the incident closed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Hawks Cay.

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