

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting March 7, 2023

Location: Hawks Cay Conference Center, Room C

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT/ZOOM (Z)

Rick Sherman, Chair
Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary
Tim Abner, Vice Chair (Z)
Jon Porter (Z)
Michael Weber (Z)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Kelley
Megan Merryman

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Lamarche - Executive Asst. for Comm. David Rice
Judith Clarke – Chief Engineer, Monroe County (Z)
Christina Corey, Assistant County Attorney (Z)
Frank Jackson – DKSAB Technical Asst.
Bob Moore – Hawks Cay General Manager (Z)
Jennie Nowak, Resident
Sylvia Hernandez, Resident
Chris Lancaster, Resident (Z)
Ex-Officio DKSAB Member MCSO – Detective Fernandez (Z)

ABSENT

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo (Connection issue)
Officer Brian Sapp – FWC

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 4:05 by Chair Rick Sherman
- Meeting held in person with ZOOM Hybrid Communication Media Technology (CMT)
- Date of meeting: March 7, 2023

Rick Sherman welcomed all and noted the meeting was being held at the Hawks Cay Conference Center, room C, as well as via ZOOM.

Roll call: 2 board members present, 3 members by ZOOM. Quorum achieved. See listing on first page.

Item II. Approval of March 7, 2023 Meeting Agenda.

Motion to approve by Laurie Oestreicher; second Rick Sherman, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Item III: Approval of the meeting minutes of January 3, 2023

Motion to approve by Michel Weber; second by Tim Abner, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

Item IV. Comments from the Public

None were made. Rick said questions can be asked by the public at any time during the meeting.

V. STANDING REPORTS

MCSO – Detective Fernandez was absent for part of the meeting. He was in a class and joined later. He heard the discussion of the running of the red lights at the bridges during Engineering Report, and agreed that impactful signage would make a difference. MCSO has some “impactful signage” and will get with Judy Clarke for staging at the bridges.

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo was absent. (He tried to join by ZOOM, but had connection issues.) Frank Jackson provided his report. Had a couple of loud noise complaints, at houses, 10:30PM is the limit by County Code. No other issues to report.

Hawks Cay Resort – Bob Moore reported that the new Marina Store is expected to be completed by this November-December. Their business office were awaiting permits and expected them soon. Spring Break will continue at the hotel starting the following week until after Easter. The hotel will be full and bustling. He also noted that Sheldon Suga is retiring as of April 7.

Sylvia Hernandez asked about the pins project: Bob reported that the “pins” were scheduled to be installed the weekend of March 10-12. However, local reports indicate no installation has yet occurred.

FWC – Lt. Brian Sapp was absent.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/Technology Report

Technology Update – Frank Jackson reported no problems with the camera equipment, all are operational. Still having some intermittent issues with Comcast service interruption due to payment processing issues. County Finance can show payment, but Comcast is slow to post the payments, resulting in some service interruption. County Finance is quick to follow up and help get service restored. They are working with Comcast, but Comcast apparently has some internal accounting issues regarding payments received we have no control over.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bridge Update - Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County

Duck Key Bridge Update February 24, 2023

American Empire Builders (AEB) is continuing with demolition of the north lane of the Bimini Bridge. Demolition will continue through the next week, during which time the waterway beneath the Bimini Bridge will be closed to boaters. At the completion of demolition activities AEB will install the sheet pile wall and concrete piles. Vibration monitoring is being performed during the work as required by project specifications.

The Bimini Bridge project is scheduled to be substantially complete in September 2023.

AEB has constructed the concrete wall for the Phase I temporary widening of the south lane of the Seaview Drive bridge and is removing existing curb and backfilling behind the exterior wall to construct the widened road. The contractor is scheduled to pour the concrete pad on the expanded roadway next week and will install barrier wall and guardrail once the concrete is cured. The widening is needed to provide sufficient lane width for vehicles to travel on the south side during Phase II of the project. Once Phase I is complete, two-way alternating traffic will be shifted to the south lane so that Phase II of the project, demolition and reconstruction of the north lane, may commence.

AT&T and Comcast have relocated their lines to the new utility poles at Seaview Drive Bridge; FCAA has already completed subaqueous installation of its lines at the Seaview Drive Bridge. The old pipes that are attached to the sides of the Seaview Drive Bridge will be removed during demolition and reconstruction.

Substantial completion of the Seaview Drive Bridge project is scheduled for July 9, 2024, which is 540 days after the date of commencement.

(This was the most recent report prior to March 7, 2023. An update was received as of March 10, 2023 which is copied below😊)

Duck Key Bridge Update March 10, 2023

American Empire Builders (AEB) completed demolition of the concrete bridge deck in the north lane of the Bimini Bridge and is excavating the approach roadway and demolishing portions of the concrete end bents. Once the contractor has excavated to the appropriate grade, he will install the sheet pile wall along the canal. Vibration monitoring is being performed and will continue during the work as required by project specifications. AEB will also begin trenching to construct the foundation for the MSE wall on the north side.

The Bimini Bridge project is scheduled to be substantially complete in September 2023.

AEB has completed the Phase I temporary widening of the south lane of the Seaview Drive bridge and installed guardrail along the bridge. The contractor anticipates delivery of concrete barrier wall that will be placed along the outer edge of the widened roadway next week and he will be installing the center guardrail along the bridge to prepare to switch traffic to the south lane. Once Phase I is complete, two-way alternating traffic will be shifted to the south lane so that Phase II of the project, demolition and reconstruction of the north lane, may commence.

AEB removed the FKAA pipes from the sides of the Seaview Bridge and anticipates removing the support beams during the project.

Substantial completion of the Seaview Drive Bridge project is scheduled for July 9, 2024, which is 540 days after the date of commencement.

Also discussed with Judy Clarke was reporting by Sylvia Hernandez, resident, and Board member Laurie Oestreicher, that cars are ignoring the red stop lights at the bridges, or using them as a stop sign. A request for additional signage was lodged before an accident occurs. MCSO David Fernandez joined meeting at this time and said he agreed and that MCSO has some "impactful signage" that could be provided. He will get with Judy Clarke to coordinate staging of the additional signage. A comment was added by resident Chris Lancaster as to what she had witnessed at the light as well.

Jon Porter reported that the Seaview speed bump was broken and halfway gone. Judy said the speed bump was caught by equipment and broken. It will be removed the rest of the way.

Sylvia Hernandez asked Judy about the status of the large buttonwood end of Bimini Dr., just before right to Harbor. It is located in the middle of the proposed pedestrian sidewalk. Could it be saved or moved? Judy will look into it and report next meeting.

VII. New Business continued

- B. Discussion of Sign Board options for purchase: Tamara Lamarche provided a couple of size and price range examples. Frank Jackson said the sign board must be foldable and not fixed to get in and out of his car. Board agreed the smaller 24x36" size was best, same as the previous sign. (Approximately \$200.00)
- C. Discussion of audio-visual equipment for purchase – Frank Jackson provided information on a couple of options for a 360 degree camera and microphone for ZOOM conferencing use. The next gen Owl was the most expensive item at \$1,049.00. Bob Kelley had recommended, and had used the KanDao 360 Meeting Pro Conference Camera, cost at \$899.00. Board is currently borrowing this item from Mr. Kelley. Board approved purchase of the KanDao conference camera. Frank then discussed the TV Monitor purchase: He recommended for cost and function a Samsung 32" M70B Series 4K Smart Monitor and TV for \$399.94. Motion to approve purchase of the KanDao 360 made by Laurie Oestreicher, 2nd by Jon Porter, no opposition, motion carried.

Motion to approve purchase of Samsung 32" Smart Monitor made by Laurie Oestreicher, 2nd by Rick Sherman, no opposition, motion carried.

- 1. Also discussed was some accessory items for the conference equipment: A mobile, folding cart for transport of equipment from car to conference room at hotel and setup of equipment for the meeting, and a 25' power cord. Tamara provided information on a folding cart for \$116.00, and a power cord for \$28.99.

Approval motion for monitor was amended to include approval of the accessory items, by Rick Sherman, seconded by Laurie Oestreicher, no opposition.

VIII. Board Officers

Laurie has completed her 2nd two-year term as Secretary, and has done a great job with providing the Board with agendas and minutes. Rick Sherman asked if there were any volunteers to take the Secretary Officer position, there was none.

It was proposed to extend the term of the Secretary Officer one time for an additional year. Laurie's BOCC appointment to the board will end February 17, 2024. Her reappointment or her replacement to the board would start the Secretary time clock over at that time when a new Secretary is voted on by the board. Christine Cory, Assistant County Attorney, will look into this and report back. On Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Christine reported via email that the board had nothing else to do on this matter. Laurie Oestreicher would remain in the Secretary Officer position until whenever someone else is elected to that position. That will cover the board for at least the coming year and end of her board term, and possible reappointment by Commissioner.

IX. FY24 Budget – Capital Projects

Laurie Oestreicher said we can discuss additional cameras under the bridges when they are complete to capture boat traffic. Judy Clarke said there are challenges to that as the clearance under the bridges cannot be restricted. Already quite low. Sylvia Hernandez pointed out that the camera must be able to read the FL registration number or it is useless.

Rick reported that we will wrap up any capital projects recommendations for next fiscal year at the May 2, 2023 meeting and he would like a year to date reporting from OMB for that meeting as well. Tamara Lamarche will make that request with OMB.

X. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments prior to adjourning

Motion to adjourn made by Laurie Oestreicher, 2nd made by Michael Weber. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next DKSAB meeting will be May 2, 2023, at 4 p.m. at the Hawks Cay Resort Meeting room and via Zoom, details to follow.

Minutes submitted by: Tamara Lamarche, Lamarche-tamara@monroecounty-fl.gov