

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting May 7, 2024

Location: Hawks Cay Conference Center, Room A

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT/ZOOM (Z)

Rick Sherman, Chair

Tim Abner, Vice Chair (Z)

Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary

Jon Porter (Z)

Laurie Keiling (Z)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Megan Merryman

Bob Kelley

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.

MCSO – Detective David Fernandez

Luis Requejo – Ralons Security (Z)

Ron Oestreicher – DKPOA President, Resident

ABSENT

FWC – Officer Brian Sapp

Hawks Cay Resort Manager

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 4:24 by Rick Sherman, Chair
- Meeting held in person with ZOOM Hybrid Communication Media Technology (CMT)
- Date of meeting: May 7, 2024

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

Roll call: Not all board members present, 4 members by ZOOM. Quorum achieved. See listing on first page.

Item II. Motion to Amend the Agenda for May 7, 2024 Meeting Agenda. Add a motion to Approve minutes of April 1, 2024 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve by Tim Abner; second Jon Porter, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Item III: Approval of the meeting minutes of March 5, 2023

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

MOTION CARRIED

Item IV. Approval of the meeting minutes of April 1, 2024

Motion to approve by Tim Abner; second by Jon Porter

MOTION CARRIED

Item V. Comments from the Public.

Rick Sherman advised questions can be asked by the public at any time during the meeting.

V. STANDING REPORTS

MCSO – Detective Fernandez advised there were no crimes to report, just a call on a possible Contractor Fraud case and possible battery case of a guest at Hawks Cay. There 64 traffic stops since the last DKSAB meeting between the Overseas Highway at Duck Key and on the Island. The stops were for possible speeding and/or reckless driving. MCSO is patrolling the Island daily. Members of the DKSAB Board advised Detective Fernandez of constant speeding issues, especially on Bimini Drive and Bridge and on East Seaview Drive. Detective Fernandez asked us to advise residents to call in speeding cases so MCSO can track the timing and set up for speeders on Duck Key at key times.

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo thanked all for the opportunity to continue as the Security Company for Duck Key. He reported that Duck Key has been quiet, with not many incidents. He advised all that his security guards now have new phones and are connected to the Verizon system and calls are being received and connected better now. Ralons Security has had magnets printed up and they are being distributed by the guards to residents as they encounter them, with the hours of patrol and the correct number to call if needed. More magnets will be available in the future for additional distribution. Residents are also

encouraged, as they leave for vacation or to relocate for the summer, to advise Ralons Security of the time frame they will be gone and of their addresses, so the guards will do spot checks on their homes. To contact and ask for this service email [ljrequejo@ralonsamerica.com](mailto:ljqrequejo@ralonsamerica.com)

Hawks Cay Resort – No one in attendance, new Resort Manager will be again contacted and invited to join future meetings.

FWC – Lt. Brian Sapp did not attend the meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/Technology Report

Technology Update – Frank Jackson reported no problems with the camera equipment, all are operational. All Radar signs are operational and working.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bridge Update - Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County Duck Key Duck Key Bridge Update 5-3-2024

Bimini Drive Bridge, American Empire Builder's (AEB) specialty subcontractor completed the deck grooving work on the Bimini Drive Bridge on April 30th. The contractor will seal the deck, install expansion joints, signage and final thermoplastic striping to complete the Bimini Drive Bridge.

Seaview Drive Bridge, AEB removed the forms from the concrete end bent on the east side of the Seaview Drive Bridge and is preparing to construct the falsework – forms and shoring – to construct the cast in place beams. Crews are cutting steel I beams that will be used for shoring at the contractor's yard in Marathon and anticipate beginning on site assembly the week of May 6th. Substantial completion of the Seaview Drive Bridge project is scheduled for July 9, 2024, which is 540 days after the date of commencement. The contractor submitted a revised schedule that shows a completion date of January 2025. Staff has requested a recovery plan for the project to try to recover some of the delay.

Harbour Drive Bridge, AEB completed removal of the timber deck on the east lane of the Harbour Drive Bridge and has begun partial removal of the concrete wall adjacent to the beams prior to removal of the steel I beams. The contractor will begin demolition of the roadway and construction of the temporary critical wall along the middle of the roadway. Substantial completion of the Harbour Drive Bridge project is scheduled for March 18, 2025, which is 540 days after commencement.

Rick Sherman asked Judith Clarke to have the American Empire Builder's Company (AEB) contact homeowners on the Bimini Bridge areas, whose properties have been negatively affected by the bridge construction and correct the damages, she advised they have been asked to do this. Ron Oestreicher, President of DKPOA, advised Judith

Clarke the project of planting of the new palm trees provided by DKPOA on either side of the Bimini Bridge will start on May 8, 2024.

B. Discussion on what are the Board's recommendations for new capital project expenditures for FY24-25.

The board members brought up several items to be researched for costs and value of expenditure, such as additional Radar cameras on both Bimini bridge sides, Cameras to detect boating issues installed on bridges as they are renovated, new cameras for all newly renovated bridges on both sides of the bridges. Expected these projects will fall in FY25-26, as we await completion of the bridges. Nothing for FY24-25.

C. MOTION: Recommendation to the BOCC of no increase of assessment rates for FY24-25.

Motion made by: Rick Sherman; second Laurie Oestreicher, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

X . Public Comments

It was brought up to all that this was Rick Sherman's last meeting as Chair and member of DKSAB. Rick Sherman has been Chair for the past 3 years (2021) and a board member since 2015. Rick was thanked by all for his outstanding Community Service and Leadership.

This vacancy and the vacating of an additional board member position by Bob Kelley, results in 2 open board positions. DKSAB will be posting these openings, and ask all residents to volunteer to be on the board or suggest/nominate other residents to take the on role of the open positions.

Motion to adjourn made by Jon Porter: second by Rick Sherman meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Next DKSAB meeting will be July 2, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Hawks Cay Resort Meeting room and via Zoom, details to follow.

Minutes submitted by: Laurie Oestreicher laurie.oestreicher@gmail.com