

DUCK KEY SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Neville, Chairperson

Merlynn Boback

A. Dennis Kulig

Dennis S. Wooten

Billy Wagner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Donna Flammang

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judy Clarke, Director Monroe County Engineering, Key West, Fl

Michelle Koby, Hawks Cay Resort Rental Association

Simon Leird, Keys Security

Jeff Elseser, Hawks Cay Resort Manager

Mike Cofield, Monroe County Sheriff Department

Susan Ward, Duck Key Homeowner

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 9:04 am by Tom Neville
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort Reef Conference Room – 61 Hawks Cay Blvd., Duck Key, Fl. 33050
- Date of meeting: February 22, 2011

Minutes of last meeting, April 21, 2010 were distributed, read, and approved, second by Merlynn Boback.

Old Business:

Duck Key Security Advisory Website:

Tom Neville advised there will be no website designed specifically for the Duck Key Security Advisory Board because:

- 1) Monroe County's website contains information about the Duck Key Security Advisory Board.

- 2) Information can be placed on Duck Key Property Owners Association's website.

Security Cameras Mounted On The Island Of Duck Key:

Judy Clarke advised Board that Monroe County issued two requests for proposals. Both responses could not complete the full scope of the project, stating the cameras were not the issue but the internet connection, height of the camera, and container for equipment were the issues. Mike Cofield advised the best system would be to make sure the footage/data was clear to identify faces, license tags, vehicles. Tom Neville advised a watermark must be on footage/data with a time and date. Tom Neville stated the summer of 2010 was the worst year for robberies in Duck Key's history. Billy Wagner advised that robberies were committed on boats for gear/electronics and that the robbers used the Duck Key Canals and most likely in boats. Mike Cofield advised that homeowners should record all serial numbers of electronics and photograph items. Michelle Koby asked Judy Clarke if more requests for proposals will be issued, and yes was the answer. More discussion on how to fix this problem:

- 1) Request for patrol boat from MCSD.
- 2) Mike Cofield suggested a crime watch.

Condition Of The Duck Key Bridges:

Tom Neville voiced concerns that the arched Duck Key bridges are dangerous for pedestrians, bikers, baby carriages. Judy Clarke advised:

- 1) Cantilever a walk-way but DOT was not in favor due to the possible damage to structure.
- 2) Possible to widen the arched bridges but timing is bad due to the installation of the sewer lines.
- 3) Bridges are inspected every 2 years by the Monroe County Engineering Department.
- 4) Possible lowering of speed limit to insure weight restrictions are within the safety levels.

Discussion of the US 1 to Duck Key bridge – Tom's Harbour Channel Bridge:

Billy Wagner advised steel rebar is exposed on the surface of the bridge and cracks in the pilings. Judy Clarke advised that the design and permitting process was already in the works and once the permits were obtained, then the requests for proposals could be advertised - estimated time for work to begin would be in 2011. Also stated that one lane will always be open for traffic.

Discussion Of Sewers:

Tom Neville advised the sewer work was not part of the Duck Key Security Advisory Board but for questions and answers regarding Phase 1, 2, and 3 – which will begin the time the Duck Key Sewer Plant is completed, approximately March 2012 – homeowners can call Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority or Judy Clarke of Monroe County. Judy Clarke stated it will be mandatory to connect to the sewer plant and fines will be issued by Monroe County's Code Enforcement if a homeowner does not connect.

Tom Neville voiced concerns about many people and large trucks on Duck Key for the sewer installation. Simon Leird advised Duck Key residents to call 911 if they see anything suspicious. Tom Neville asked Mike Cofield to see if the Monroe County Sheriff's Office would provide extra patrol cars for more security. Tom Neville is aware of 3 Sheriff Deputies that live on Duck Key and asked if they could perform a drive through before they leave Duck Key.

Discussion of Golf Carts:

The Board read Florida's rules and regulations regarding golf carts. Billy Wagner said it was too hard to read, that the Duck Key residents would not take the time to read. Mike Cofield was asked by Tom Neville to condense the wordage. Mike Cofield will ask the Monroe County Staff Attorney to reword the rules and regulations and will email the new wordage to Tom Neville. Tom Neville will then try to do a mailing, and/or post to Duck Key Property Owners Association's website, and the Monroe County's website.

Simon Leird advised residents can call his phone number, Keys Security, Inc: 305.684.0069 or his phone: 305.684.0033. Hours of operation for the Duck Key Security Patrol Cars are: Sunday, Tuesday – Friday 7:00 pm – 3:00 am; Saturday 1:00 pm – 5:00 am; closed on Mondays. Simon Leird advised if his Patrol's see

underage kids driving golf carts that they follow the golf carts to their house and talk to the parents.

Problems seen by the Board:

- 1) Underage kids driving golf carts.
- 2) Golf carts speeding.
- 3) Golf carts without proper working brake lights.
- 4) Golf carts used after dark without proper lights. Judy Clarke advised that golf carts are not to be driven at night.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

Jeff Elseser advised Hawks Cay Resort fully booked through April 2011 and to expect extra pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the Islands of Duck Key.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:30 am

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Next meeting TBA