

**April 4, 2006**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Bamboo Room, 8th Floor Lido Beach Resort**  
**4:30 – 6:30 P.M.**

**GOVERNORS PRESENT:** Bill Rex – President, Rebecca Anderson, Hytham Bakr, Debbie Cusano, Buck Fry, Jim Grace, Joanna Grace, Marlene Lancaster, Michael Losey, Don Vercauteren, Manuel Chepote – Ex-Officio

**GOVERNORS ABSENT:** David Day, Earl Scott

**GUESTS:** Hildegard Eckman, Allen Epstein (Tommy Bahama rep.) Lt. John LeBlanc

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Bill Rex, President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and introduced guests.

**2. GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Neighborhood Police Report** - Lt. John LeBlanc reported no crime or major incidents in our neighborhood.

**B. Tommy Bahama's Building Alteration** - Allen Epstein, consultant for Tommy Bahama Restaurant, passed out plans and explained the proposed location of a new 4 x 12 ft. refrigerator unit. They will be going thru the application process with the city for a “proposed alteration to their building.” This was just a courtesy briefing to us.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved by e-mail.

**4. TREASURERS REPORT:** Buck Fry - Treasurer, reported \$3921.00 checking account balance, \$1647.00 savings and \$5926.00 C.D.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Social** - Deb Cusano and her committee have worked out the details for a Breakfast meeting Saturday April 29th at 9 A.M. in the Sunset Terrace Room of the Lido Beach Resort. Price will be \$15.00 per person and a \$500.00 deposit is required for the room. Deb Cusano made a motion that we accept the recommendations of the committee and authorize the \$500.00 deposit. Michael Losey 2nd the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**B. Development & Planning** - No Report.

**C. Environment & Beautification** - Joanna Grace reported she has received an update from David Doberkoe from public works. The city will bid the tree canopy project and quotes should be in by mid May. At that point she will be in touch with all interested parties with the price. If all goes well the city should begin planting palms in June. Areas for new trees will be Jackson Drive, N. West Washington and Adams.

**D. Membership** - Don Vercauteren was appointed chairman of the membership committee with his wife Nancy as co-chairperson.

**E. Grants** - Michael Losey stated that as part of our \$5000.00 grant award SWFMUD has agreed to reimburse us for room rental, flyers, and other direct expenses of having a breakfast meeting as long as the main topic is water conservation, runoff, etc. (Food is not a reimbursable item) Michael is meeting all their requirements at our breakfast meeting by having a speaker on their topic, and also having literature available. He also reported that the next grant we are considering is the cleaning and restoration of statues on the key.

**F. Public Relations -**

**1. Newsletter** – Bill Rex requested articles for the next edition.

**2. Web Site** – Jim Grace reports the site is running great.

**G. Protection & Safety (Traffic Calming Program)** - Hytham Bakr reported the first set of counts was completed and while attempting to download the data the City software system was upgraded so there was a delay in reading the data, however, the system is up and running and the data has been read. They are working on the 2nd set of counts and hope to be completed by the end of March.

Presidents Note: Earl Scott has now accepted the lead role for the Traffic Calming Program and will attend and monitor this program for us.

**6. MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**A. Barrier Island Group** - Marlene Lancaster reminded the group that the Barrier Island meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of each Month at the Lutheran Church.

**B. CCNA** - Manuel Chepote attended the April 1st meeting. The main item discussed was the Comprehensive Plan amendments which want to increase density to generate affordable housing. Also the rise in gang activity in Sarasota in the last five years was discussed.

**C. LMR** - Jim Grace reported several on going discussions that are taking place at LMR. The group is working toward finding common ground and agreement on quite a few topics such as traffic, parking, landscaping, what to do with the Fillmore and Adams parking lots in the future, height restrictions, density on the key, etc. He stressed that we need two or three board members at each of these monthly meetings to keep a good dialog going.

**D. BID** - Bill Rex attended the last Business Improvement District Meeting at which time Marty Rappaport reported he presented two re-design options to the City Commission at their March 20 meeting. Both were designed with consultant Michael Wallwork, a traffic Planner. The proposed trolley service vendor was doing a test run (downtown to St. Armands) following the meeting. Discussion followed on charrette type meeting for parking lot options, need for signatures on memos issued by LMR group and status of the City Bid sponsored parking management study.

**E. Storm Water** - Bill Rex continues to monitor this project. Work will begin at the Tommy Bahama corner around May 1st. Notices continue to be sent out if there are any interruptions in water service.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**8. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Anderson, Secretary  
St. Armands Residents Association