

January 3, 2006
Board of Governors Meeting
Lido Beach Resort, Lido Key
4:30 P.M.

GOVERNORS PRESENT: Rebecca Anderson, Hytham Bakr, Debbie Cusano, Jim Grace, Joanna Grace, Michael Losey, Bill Rex

GOVERNORS ABSENT: Manuel Chepote, Carole Krohn, Marlene Lancaster

VISITORS: Jesse Hannon, Michele Mician, Don Vercauteren

1. CALL TO ORDER: Michael Losey, 2nd V.P. called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved as submitted via e-mail.

3. TREASURERS REPORT: Approved as submitted via e-mail.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Nominating - Michael Losey reported his committee has four prospective Board Members who have agreed to serve if elected. They are: David Day, Buck Frye, Earl Scott and Don Vercauteren.

B. Social - Debbie Cusano discussed plans for the Annual Dinner which will be held on February 2nd at the Bird Key Yacht Club. Entertainment has not been finalized yet but she has several good prospects. She was authorized to spend up to \$750.00 which was the amount spent last year. A motion was made by Hytham Bakr to have the new web site presented and explained at the meeting. Jim Grace seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Development & Planning - Jim Grace expressed concerns about two sections of the MURT (Multi Use Recreational Trail). He feels the Coon Key/Plymouth Harbor area should have the flooding situation addressed and power lines be placed underground in the median approaching St. Armands. These two items have a potentially significant bearing on whether Coon Key should be included in MURT now or delayed until further comprehensive planning can be applied to this signature entry point of St. Armands Key. The Board was in agreements with Jim.

D. Membership - Michael Losey announced that a few memberships have come in for 2006, however most renew when they sign up for the annual dinner.

E. Grants - Michael Losey presented the idea of applying for a Grant for neighborhood signs. After some discussion on the difficulty of placement due to so many entrances to our neighborhood this idea was dropped. The project decided upon was restoring the statues in the residential part of St. Armands.

OTHER REPORTS:

A. Stormwater – Bill Rex gave us the wonderful news that this project is nearly 50% complete. He did express some concerns about a possible delay at South Washington Drive near Kingston Arms and the Tommy Bahamma store. This was rescheduled during the storm season last year because of being an evacuation route. We want to make sure it is not delayed again. He will express our concerns to the construction company contact person.

B. Web Site - Jim Grace reports that the site is up and running. This is going to be a terrific means of communication especially to our neighbors who aren't here year round. He and Gary Lill will be making the presentation at the annual meeting.

5. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

A. Barrier Island Group –Marlene Lancaster was absent due to illness but sent in her report. The last meeting was held November 8th with David Smith, Senior Planner with the City of Sarasota's Planning and Redevelopment Department. He is in the process of writing the Barrier Island Chapter that is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Items being discussed included: density and intensity of uses, structural dimensions, permeable surfaces, transportation system, beach and water access, hurricane evacuation safety, and land use and zoning. Marlene is working with our neighboring keys and City staff on this important endeavor.

B. CCNA – There was no business meeting held in December. Only a Christmas Party.

C. LMR (Landowners – Merchants – Residents) -Rebecca Anderson reported that she, Bill Rex, Marlene Lancaster and Jim Grace attended the last meeting. They brought up the lack of communication between the three groups and expressed a desire to have all topics brought to the table for discussion.

8. OLD BUSINESS : Bill Rex asked that Michele Mician let LMR and planning know that the residents do not want the new lighting on the commercial buildings to wrap around the buildings that face houses in our neighborhood.

9. NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Bill Rex to buy a brick for the Fred Adkins Park. Seconded by Hytham Bakar and passed by the majority.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Anderson, Secretary
St. Armands Residents Association