

March 7, 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, Michael Losey, Earl Scott, Manuel Chepote – Ex-Officio, Don Vercauteren

GOVERNORS ABSENT: David Day, Marlene Lancaster

GUESTS: Gary Lill, Larry Zeigler, Michele Mician, Lt. John LaBlanc.

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 incidents in our neighborhood. Reports that are filed are from the business district.

B. Neighborhood Coordinator - Michele Mician suggested we wait until FPL has finished their work in the median before we tackle landscape problems. She also reminded us of “City Hall at the Market” on Saturday.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February minutes were approved as submitted.

4. TREASURERS REPORT: Approved as submitted. Checking \$4026.00, Savings \$1647.00, and C.D. \$5,926.00.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Social - Deb Cusano is working on an April breakfast social. She will be getting estimates from the restaurants on the circle. She asked that anyone with any ideas should contact her. Deb also recommended that a “welcome committee” be formed to greet new residents on the key. Possibly this could be combined with the membership committee. No action was taken.

B. Development & Planning - Jim Grace reported on his presentation to the LMR last month. He stressed the importance of keeping communication open and having all three groups work closer together to solve problems. Better sharing of ideas and solutions was the theme of his presentation.

C. Environment & Beautification - Joanna Grace has been in touch with David Daberkoe, who is our contact in the city for the tree canopy program, and informs us that we should have a cost of the Royal Palms by mid March.

D. Membership - No report.

E. Grants - Michael Losey discussed the \$5,000 SWFWMD grant. Possibly co-op the introduction of the educational part of this with the upcoming breakfast event.

F. Public Relations -

1. Newsletter – No report.

2. Web Site – It was suggested we look into the possibility of sponsors and links to our web site. No action taken.

G. Protection & Safety - Traffic calming study has begun with traffic counters installed on some of our critical streets. They will register vehicle counts as well as recording speeds of vehicles. Hytham Bakr, Earl Scott and Gary Lill are working on this committee and will keep us posted on the outcome of these counts.

6. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

A. Barrier Island Group - Rebecca Anderson reported the Barrier Island Group continues to meet at 4:30 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Last month's speaker was Harry Hoglund, Senior Planner with the Sarasota Planning Department. The topic was creating a national historical designation and what it could do for the local area.

B. CCNA - No Report.

C. LMR - Discussed under Development & Planning.

D. BID - Bill Rex informed us that the Business Improvement District is studying parking meters as well as the entire parking issue.

E. Storm Water - The project is progressing ahead of schedule.

F. Lido Residents Association - No Report.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Anderson, Secretary
St. Armands Residents Association