**CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES** January 06, 2015

**Board Members, Present:**  Samuel Hutkin, Gary Athanason, Steve Samaha, Chip Abrahamsen, David MacNamee, Judi Atkins  **Absent:** Robert Prast, Beth Prast, Aaron Petersen, Ben Atkins.

**Guests:** Lt. William Valveri, Clearwater Police department; Anna Gurney, Clearwater Public Information Coordinator; numerous community residents.

**Police Report:** Lt. Valveri reported an armed robbery on New Year’s Eve wherein three juveniles took a cab to north beach before pulling a bb gun on the driver; suspects were subsequently apprehended.

**Public Information Coordinator**: Anna Gurney reported near completion of the military plaza at Pier 60.

**Minutes**: Following a motion by Samuel, seconded by Gary, the November Minutes were accepted as posted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Gary reported 56 paid memberships.

**Election of Board Members:** Board members were elected at the December 6 annual holiday gathering. Retiring president, Wendy Hutkin, conducted voting to select the new president and vice-president; Ben Atkins and Chip Abrahamsen, respectively. Additional board members include Gary Athanason, Judi Atkins, Samuel Hutkin, David MacNamee, Aaron Petersen, Elizabeth (Beth) Prast, and Steve Samaha. Treasurer and board member Robert Prast, as well as Secretary, Vicki Jackson, will remain. Samuel said additional board members are sought.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Environmental**: Wendy said the board should be made aware of City protocol for complaints regarding destruction of sand dune/sea oats.

**Code Enforcement**: An informational letter from CBA should be sent to owners of suspect illegal short-term rentals.

**Parks/Parking**: Anna Gurney will contact City departments regarding any potential plans for additional parking facilities on the beach, particularly conversion of parks for same.

**Membership Communications**: David would like to see a monthly CBA newsletter available for distribution.

**Committee Appointments**: Environment, Steve Samaha; Membership Communications, David MacNamee and Anne Garris; Volunteer Coordinator, Beth Prast; Neighborhood Coalition, David MacNamee; Activities and Events, Judi Atkins; Underground Utilities, Gary Athanason; Overlay Project, Steve Samaha; Code Enforcement, Samuel Hutkin and Steve Samaha; Parks/Parking, Don Johnson. Webmaster is Shari Maxwell.

**Activities & Events**: Anne Garris said Christmas Caroling in the Park on Dec. 18 went well; a barbershop group led the singing. Wendy Hutkin reported a well-attended annual holiday party on Dec. 6 which included receipts of $430 in gift cards for Religious Community Services. Following a motion by Samuel, seconded by David, the board unanimously approved $250 to sponsor the Chapel by the Sea Beach Walk Walk on January 31, for benefit of RCS: CBA representatives will be Ben and Judi Atkins.

**Other:**  Containers of CBA supplies will be stored by the new president. City representatives Gina Clayton and Terry Tunis will address the next board meeting on Feb. 3.

*Vicki Jackson, Secretary*