



## CBA Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2016

**Present:** Sam Hutkin, David MacNamee, Ann Marie Krzesinski, Linda Kubilius, Linda Preston, Beth Prast, Shari Maxwell

**Regrets:** Steve Curtis, Steve Samaha, Jeff Chamberlain

Neighbors: 12

Guest: New Councilman, Bob Cundiff

**Police Report:** Lt. Monte: March 27 was the end of the spring break deployment of officers. The list of incidents reported this month included:

- Theft of a city trash can
- Suspicious vehicle at Kipling and Bruce with 2 males smelling of alcohol; the officers searched the car and found 2 firearms. The males were from Tampa.
- There was fraud reported on a vacation renter in 880. They rented thru Craigslist. There were also 5 reported at the Sand Pearl. The ads look legitimate and the people didn't find out until they arrived that they had been scammed.
- The homicide at Royal and Mandalay was in self defense. The victim was visiting his grandfather here on the beach. A 25 year old from Largo had a pocket knife. They had both been at the Shipwreck earlier.
- March 24, an employee had \$1,500 stolen that he'd collecting parking at Royal and Mandalay.
- A man harassed 2 women running on the beach. He is a resident of 880; his parents have a unit there. The women got someone to call the police and they tazed him.
- On March 31, a known transient was roaming the streets and yelling at 6 a.m. He was picked up, intoxicated. He continue screaming even after the officers go there and was booked on charges.
- April 4, a driver's foot got stuck on the accelerator about 2pm.
- South Beach – a vehicle theft was reported at the Hyatt parking lot; the vehicle was found a couple of days later at Shephard's parking lot.
- March 13 – an incident at 2 a.m. – a woman was sleeping and her wallet was stolen; the glass door was left open. Also at 5 a.m., a male intruder was seen by a woman who woke (front door was unlocked)
- Surfstyle parking garage – vehicle burglary
- Hyatt - \$500 missing from an unlocked Jeep
- Island Way – 3 vehicle burglaries on one night in unlocked cars on the same street. They were ransacked for items.

Pedestrian traffic continues to grow as a problem. This is not just a spring break issue any more. The increased police coverage during spring break was effective manning the crosswalks which reduces backups.

### **Community Comments:**

Anne Garris noted that the Trash & Treasure Sale was incredibly well done. She suggested we make it an annual event.

Anne Marie Krzesinski – the new trees on Kipling went in today. Those at Pier 60 are not doing well. She talked to the City who pushed the vendors to fix them.

**Minutes from last month** were amended by David MacNamee. The June 4 note under Activities needs to be changed from “CBA takes” to “CBA is looking into taking a Jolley Trolley to BrightHouse Field for the Threshers baseball game”. The minutes were approved as amended.

**President’s Report:** Sam Hutkin reported he has continued to address parking issues with the City. There are some new signs – “No Beach Parking 9-6” is now on a City sign on a street in south beach. “No Public Beach Parking North of This Point” has been posted by the small roundabout. Hopefully, this will slow down the amount of parking in the neighborhood.

**Treasurer’s Report:** David MacNamee said that PayPal has been established. Links will be put on Facebook and the website to make it easy to pay dues electronically.

**Membership:** We now have 90 members.

### **Community remarks:**

Susanne Boschen suggested a trolley is needed to go from the Island Estates Publix to the one on Ft. Harrison while the new Publix is under construction. Many people don’t have cars. A convenience store is going into the Tommy & David Hair Salon on Mandalay.

Rents and costs are going up; “beach rates” concern us all. For example, Brown Boxer pays \$22,500 in rent per month.

The 2 short-term rentals on the little roundabout are active again. Susanne will contact Code Enforcement.

### **Events:**

- May 14 is our next volunteer day. The project will be announced at the May meeting. Extreme Pizza will give residents 15% off.
- Neighborhood Day was cancelled on April 2 due to bad weather, rescheduled for April 23. Rusty Pearl is giving us the food at his cost. Members will bring side dishes and desserts.
- Details on the Threshers game An inside room for 30 is \$900 from Sunday thru Thursday, \$1050 for Friday and Saturday, including food and drinks. This is about \$35 per person and includes air-conditioning, sofas, fire-works . . . The trolley would have to be rented

separately. The game starts at 6:15 p.m. The CBA can subsidize this cost. Beth will get with Kristen to send out a survey for commitments.

- Pool party – we'll have to get a price. We can resolved all the details on this at the June meeting.

Linda Kubilius reported on the **Neighborhood Coalition** (all the neighborhoods in Clearwater – Countryside, Island Estates, etc.) Councilman Bill Jonson reported to them there are trees planted in parts of the new construction along US 19 now. She brought photos. They voted to do more of the areas with trees.

They discussed some good and bad things about our area.

Bad things include

- 1) Traffic
- 2) Street's curb parking
- 3) Sidewalk conditions
- 4) Cultural assets
- 5) Transportation

Our good things:

- 1) We're very walk-able
- 2) We have nice lawns
- 3) Public safety is high
- 4) Housing conditions are good

The spice problem was discussed, including synthetic tobacco and incense. Keeping up with the illegal ones is difficult. The chemists keep trying to reformulate it with new chemicals that aren't illegal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Maxwell, Secretary