



Clearwater Beach Assn. Board Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2016

Present: President - Sam Hutkin, Dave MacNamee; Linda Kubulius, , Jeff Chamberlain, Beth Prast, Shari Maxwell

Lt. Monte

Absent: Linda Preston, Laura White, Steve Samaha

Neighbors Present: 11

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Sam welcomed everyone.

Lt. Monte's Police Report for October: 5 crimes were reported on the north beach. They included a theft on Eldorado (a decal from a car tag); bank loan fraud when a scammer tried to get a person living in the 900 block of Mandalay to open a bank account and test it with a deposit which the scammer could then withdraw; a city recycling bin was stolen on Narcissus; a large number of electronics were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in a driveway in the 900 block of Bruce (this was the only burglary from an unlocked vehicle this month); brick pavers were stolen from a pile in the yard.

There were 5 commercial burglaries: a 17-year old left a handprint when he burglarized 4 food trucks in Sand Key Park which led to the arrest of 3; Wheels of Fun Rentals at the Hyatt nearly lost a compressor; a unit in Sand Key was entered and car keys and the vehicle were stolen; a camera was stolen at the Hyatt; \$1,000 watch was stolen from 120 Brightwater; Christmas ornaments were taken from an unlocked vehicle on Hamden. Most of the action has been on the south end of the beach and in parking garages.

Pelican Watch Parking Garage will have civilian security.

Lt. Monte offered a workshop by Det. Lazarus on online renting scams which is a national problem. A residence will be identified by the scammers because they can get photos of the inside, owners names, etc. They are very sophisticated and create a vacation rental company and email addresses, usually ending in Nigeria. Then they advertise, often on Craig's List. Unsuspecting victims show up and there is no house for them. It is very terrible for them.

Community Comments not already on the agenda:

There are shark fishers using the Somerset beach access. They bring kayaks and big bushels of bait. The Fish and Wildlife Commission won't get involved until they catch something on the endangered list or out of size; the police can enforce this, too. Fishing is allowed on the beach north of Somerset. They are not allowed to stay overnight or to build a fire. They are not allowed to park a trailer in the neighborhood or on the grass.

Sandy attended the Code Enforcement Meeting. Shelby has been spending time on residential parking education. She has also been pursuing illegally parked mobile homes. One of them moved. Another resident built the required fence thus making his legal.

Linda Kubulius found the delay at Publix is related to asbestos in the building which may take 4 months to clean up.

Approval of Minutes: David MacNamee moved to accept the minutes as written and Linda Kubulius seconded.

President's Report, Sam Hutkin

He met with the Assistant City Manager and City Engineering. One of the things discussed was the crosswalks nearest the roundabout. They will all be removed, hopefully before spring break, the south ones will be removed first. Decorative fencing will be used to block them off. The City is looking at ways to deal with the traffic including water taxis (especially for employees), and a speed lane on the bridge . . . but for whom? Residents plus the Jolley Trolley? They hope for solutions by 2018.

A neighbor reported: There is an issue with the trolley connection at Island Estates (a transfer to another trolley, a 20 minute wait, then the trolley running out to the end of Island Way before heading to the beach) making the trip from downtown take an hour. They tested running a direct trip from downtown to Walgreens from March to May but the test failed. The test was not optimal in that the City did not advertize the test. So there is no solution yet.

Sam discussed **Residential Permit Parking** with the engineers. South and north beaches are 2 different projects.

Benefits of Resident only parking: tourists cannot park on the streets, nor can those fishing or chumming. Currently one of the 4 police officers regularly on duty on the beach enforce parking issues when they are called, and when they are available. With the new program, the parking enforcement department would patrol and enforce all infringements.

Grass parking for a party would be acceptable (which it is not currently).

Permits will have a fee. This is to cover the cost of the parking enforcement. Some pushback is that people would have to pay for themselves or their children, to park in front of their own

houses. The current proposal is \$75 for the first car per year, \$60 for the 2nd car, and \$50 for the 3rd car. The City is not trying to make money, just cover costs.

Neighbors put in: Multi-party beach rentals currently are forced to park illegally; the permitting will make them legal.

There is currently a sign on Mandalay reading "No Public Beach Parking Past This Point". An identical sign is needed for Bay Esplanade, the other main entrance point to north beach.

Sam will call a separate meeting on parking for those interested. He has the ordinance and will distribute it. The next time this topic comes up at a meeting, it should be an actual plan.

CNC Report: The next meeting will be next week. Report next month.

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$15,913.92. We received \$100 in membership fees and spent \$46.55 for signs. The Foundation has a balance of \$902.49.

The Foundation is tax exempt but the CBA is not. Some donations will be made tax exempt.

Membership Report: We are at 124 households now. Beth Prast will manage the list in the Excel spreadsheet.

On the Membership topic, Sam commented that additional Board Members are needed. Without community support of organizations like the Clearwater Beach Association, many things in our community would not have happened or been done. We are a voice and need a full Board to continue to make that voice heard. This is not to say that others are not doing a great deal – Kristin Mann manages the website, for example, and Sandy pays a lot of attention to short term rentals and memberships. Sam will send an email. Steve Curtis is not able to attend meetings so is no longer a Board member but would like to continue to receive all correspondence and will assist us as possible.

There are no open nominations at the December meeting. Candidates must be decided before the meeting. Term limits are 3 years. (Open seats can be filled by existing members if necessary). Nobody's term is expiring this year but additional people are needed. Sam will send an email for Board Member nominees. Our by-laws indicate that we can have as many as 14 board members.

Holiday Party – Linda Kubulius reported they are looking more at heavy hors d'oeuvres than a meal. Some local restaurants would be available for food. David moved, and Beth seconded, that \$600 be allocated for food. Bingo questions/answers will have to be written. There will also be a raffle. Prizes consist of things donated by attendees – white elephants, a prize from last year, new gifts, etc. This party is always a lot of fun. It will be held in this same location at Chapel-By-The-Sea on December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Maxwell, Secretary