

Clearwater Beach Association Board Meeting
Minutes from November 3, 2015

Board Members Present: Chip Abrahamson; Gary Athenason; David MacNamee, Website; Bob Prast, Membership, Bylaws, Treasurer; Sam Hutkin, Parking; Beth Prast, Events; Steve Curtis , Government Issues; Steve Samaha, Attorney

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by President Chip Abrahamson. 10 people attended the meeting including John Doran, Terri Hidu, Sandy Britton, Mike & Laura White.

Police Report: Anthony Monte provided the police report. The tires of an ATV were sliced in the 800 block of Eldorado. Code Enforcement has had reports the owner of the ATV has been using it to put jet skis in the water on the beach. He denies this. He was confronted with photos. Someone apparently took it into their own hands and slashed the tires.

Unlocked vehicle burglaries on north beach include one grand theft auto charge. William Newton was arrested for the theft. S. Robinson assisted him. The officer suspects the keys were left in the car. 81% of burglaries are unlocked cars. Valet keys are often left in the glove box, keyless fobs are being left in the car; if the doors are left unlocked someone can just drive away with the car. The question was asked – if someone left a rat trap in the glove box could a burglar sue him? The answer was “no”.

The radar is being run randomly on Mandalay. 90% of speeders are residents of 880, not construction workers as projected.

The letter the CBA sent to the City Council about residential parking by permit on the north beach is sparking discussion and there will be a series of meetings. Residential permits will require that the City mark parking spots. A map was prepared in 2010, but there aren't enough regulation-sized spaces to go around for the number of residents there are. The Council sees this as a potential problem. They want to discuss this with the CBA and they want to spend whatever time is necessary to get the best solution.

So, why not just issue permits to residents without marking the spots? Chip answered that our need is not to keep neighbors from parking in front of their houses but the beach-goers. The police get calls OFTEN to have officers skip ticketing residents' visitors and friends, i.e. do selective ticketing. Sandy Britton suggested calling your neighbors if you are having a party, as they do in Europe, asking them not to call the police.

Question for the officer: Sam says commercial fishermen are starting to come to north beach to fish off the beach. They park at night. They can fish from the beach legally north of Summerset. South of Summerset is public bathing beach, North is not. The beach is maintained by Parks

and Recreation. The law does not address the kind of fish they're trying to get. Some are shark fishing. The dry sand is enforced by the City police, the wet sand is State.

The double hit -and-run was solved and the man was arrested today. He was the registered owner of the car. Everyone was glad to hear this news.

Mike White asked about the pedestrian crossing on the south side of the roundabout. If the light is green, are cars obligated to stop for people crossing? The officer said he himself would stop.

Bob Prast noted that people crossing east of the roundabout are doing something very dangerous. The officer said putting a crosswalk there would not be safe or work at all well. The City often tries to use landscaping to deter people, but some people just go through anyway. There is a Pedestrian Grant coming up – he'll get them out here. Sam noted the crossing at Hooters really needs crossing guards to group the people. The school crossing guards we previously had made it worse because they would stop traffic for 1 person rather than make the people wait for a group to accumulate. Traffic control puts crossings where people will cross anyway.

There have been chamber music concerts once a month on the beach Oct. to Feb. for 10 years. They have called the police and asked not to be ticketed, but several got tickets anyway. The answer is that parking enforcement is complaint driven there – so someone must have called.

Treasurer's Report - Robert Prast

Cash on hand \$15,370 with an additional \$1500 in the Foundation account. There are 2 new members for a total of 113 (86 last year). We are not paying the water at Triangle Park anymore but we are still getting the bills. We are ignoring them.

Membership /website - David MacNamee

David has been updating our website with dates and events. John Britton has some time available to work on the website design. Sam has identified an additional web designer who lives here. Island Estates ' website is a good one with lots of resources on it -parking, when garbage is picked up, etc.

CBA is 71 years old. Kudos to Anne Garris for driving this.

We can now email all members using Mail Chimp.

Government -Steve – short term rentals. No short term rentals were on the agenda for the Code Meeting this week.

Mike & Laura White had a daytime burglary last year even though they had a security alarm, etc. There is a home across the street where the people change frequently. They are concerned that this might be the source of the burglary. Mike asked about the laws and rules. The house was in foreclosure and then it was cancelled. Cars come in at 10 pm and leave at 9am. Some

have no license plates. Laura talked to some of the people; they are definitely renting for less than 30 days. The address is 162 Devon.

Parking - Sam Hutkin - There is a great deal of new development going on the beach. Beach-by-Design requires only 1.2 cars/unit in new developments. The new development on north beach will have (20) 3-bedroom units but only 24 parking places are required.

CBA formerly got a notice about anything happening at Council Meetings that concerned the beach.

Events: Beth Prast -

We have adopted the Rec Center and Pool area as part of Beautify America, and thus are requested to clean the area twice a year. Volunteers should meet at 11 am on Saturday, November 7 at Mandalay and South Bohemia. The task will be to clean up the 8 little landscaped areas north of Acacia, as well as the area between the pool and the rec center. The city provided pickers, gloves, bags, etc. Then at 2pm, there will be an ice cream social at the Dairy Queen.

Chip Abrahamson opened the floor for nominations for new board members. Linda Kublius volunteered to chair the Special Events Committee. Linda Preston agreed to serve as a Board Member. The Board Members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on December 11.

The Annual Meeting is combined with the holiday party and will take place on December 11, at 6:00 p.m., here at the Chapel-By-The-Sea fellowship hall. Beth & Bob Prast researched caterers. Clear Sky Café proposed a buffet style dinner of prime rib, salmon loaf, and a carving station with spiral cut ham, roasted potatoes, grilled vegetables, and Greek salad for \$22-\$25/person. 65 people would be \$1,625. Appetizers and desserts would be contributed by members. CBA pays for this meal as well as beverages (beer, wine, soda).

A second option is BBQ to be picked up; again members would contribute appetizers, desserts and sides. The cost for this would be \$500 for 60 people.

People are requested to bring white elephants from their garages for the traditional "Bingo" game. It is always a very enjoyable party and people are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Maxwell