

Casey Key Association
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2020 - 4:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Lisa Napolitano, Dawn Doughty, Bob Lumpkins, Don Casto, Mary Dee Hicks, Dan Deems, Maryanne Andrews, Linda Leon, Jean Parm.

Residents in Attendance: Caroline & Marney Edwards, Ron Johncox, John Briggs, Steve Slawson, Ted Chant, Stephen Coats, Art Wood, David Velliky, Carla McGill, Judith Quick, Mitch Leon and Grace Schultz.

Call to Order Lisa Napolitano
Lisa called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed attendees.

Approval of 12/2/2019 Minutes Dawn Doughty
Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report Jean Parm
Jean discussed the Treasurer's report, citing budgeted funds for security were out of balance due to several months of invoices not received from Allied Security. Treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

President's Report Lisa Napolitano

Lisa Napolitano deferred her President's Report to later in the meeting to allow the numerous residents attending to voice their concerns on the Shoreline Protection Project and survey sent out by the County.

The Meeting was opened to allow comments from attendees.

Stephen Coats 502 SCKR

Spoke about several issues he believes are problematic on Casey Key and primarily focused on issues pertaining to the South Key. Traffic on South Key is unbearable, stating in the event of a life-threatening medical emergency, he has very little confidence that emergency vehicles will be able to respond in a timely manner. Additionally, Stephen indicated that trespassing incidents on private beaches by public beach goers has increased significantly, when asked to leave beach patrons have refused, he and his family members have been verbally assaulted on several occasions. His has had to keep his family from playing on his own beach in order to protect them from the general unruly behavior from public beach patrons; drug/alcohol use on a regular basis and at the drum circles, rumors of a floating meth lab at south jetty, campers overnighing in North Jetty Park, cited no police presence, break-ins, people thinking rules do not apply to them. Dog situation gotten worse, with owners not cleaning up after their pets. Property values

in decline, county does not take care of us as they should, parking issues, suggest metered parking for South Key park to reduce both traffic and overcrowding, as well as provide an income stream to help pay for maintenance of public beach and Casey Key. How can we work with county to have a police presence, address drug concerns at jetty and get control of Key to make it safer?

Dan Deems stated he has contacted county to get rid of campers, as of today, they are gone. And stated that every patron must do their part by reporting any incidents to the Sheriff's Department.

Status of Shoreline and Roadway Projects

Lisa spoke briefly stating that, as a board, we represent all residents on Casey Key and are moving forward with continued communication with the County on the issue of funding and the special taxing district. Lisa asked Dennis Doughty, who along with Tom Stuhley, has been involved as the appointed representatives of The Casey Key Association in the monthly meetings with Sarasota County.

Dennis reported that at the last annual meeting the topic was addressed and the County presented a proposal for options to repair the two areas of concern on Casey Key, the mid-key area (2200 Block) where the roadway is danger of collapsing and the water main exposed due to erosion and North CKR (500 Block) which is experiencing voids under the roadbed also due to erosion. Main issue for County is to protect the roadway and watermain.

We as a key, based on input, have expressed our preference for rock revetments as opposed to a seawall. The contract for design has been awarded to Erickson Engineering. The County to date has invested over \$1M in the design phase and temporary repairs, placing large trap bags along the 2200 block and filling voids with flowable concrete (500 Block NCKR) and continues to monitor both areas on a regular basis.

County staff has identified the MSTU, which was created as a vehicle to fund and install revetments on Casey Key in the late 1980s due to similar erosion issues. The MSTU encompasses all parcels within the boundaries of the North Casey Key Conservation District established in 1970. The MSTU has been dormant since 1997. The County is proposing reactivating the MSTU to partially fund the necessary repairs, however the cost sharing specifics with the County have not been determined. The next phase of the project will be budgeting and funding options, which will be presented to the BCC on February 4th.

Lisa Napolitano asked for questions and comments from the attendees. Mary Dee Hicks acted as recording secretary for the residents' concerns. Below is the compilation of their concerns taking from Mary Dee Hicks notes and incorporated into the minutes.

Visiting Association Member Comments: Flip Chart Notes

1. Make the case to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) that the tax district is out of date prior to the BCC meeting.
2. Challenge the designation in the survey that the work is on “private property” and is “shoreline restoration.”
3. Does the upgrade from a seawall to a rock revetment raise a separate cost issue?
4. Manasota Key beach re-nourishment incurred an extra assessment to neighboring private property. What is the general case and precedent on circumstances like this?
5. What are island issues with emergency variances?
6. We don’t know enough about the current state of beach erosion on the island.
7. We need to know what we want before we negotiate with the county about revetment costs. The beach is a bigger issue than the road. Consider the objective of getting the beach re-nourished.
8. Seawalls don’t work. The 3000 block shows that rocks work and are better for turtles.
9. There is a beach erosion issue all along the coast. Propose a plan for a general ongoing fund to deal with the beach.
10. Supreme Court ruling: If we use our own money to replenish the beach, we don’t need to allow public access.
11. We can create a beach nourishment district with a mill tax and coordinate with other islands on a plan. Should we create a separate MSTU for this purpose?
12. Can we separate the road repair issue from the revetments? The downside of this is zero.
13. Can we get this on the BCC agenda, and all show up?
14. 25% of the property owners on CK are south of the tax district. (Various comments about the process by which the district could be expanded if this is what we want to pursue.)
15. We can say we shouldn’t pay the 50%.
16. On what basis do we say we shouldn’t pay? What are we asking for?
17. Are there other ways to finance the revetment?
18. Why not a toll road?
19. Suggest a position that we will split the cost of rock revetment with the county. We need a clear estimate of the costs to property owners.
20. After years of discussion, splitting the cost 50-50 with the county is where this is going to end up. Can we establish an ongoing millage that will build up over time for future repair? Can this be our legacy?
21. What about parking meters at the beaches? How were meters approved on Siesta and in Naples?
22. Possible approach on the costs: a) “The work should be paid for by the county”, convey this in meetings with commissioners. b) There is currently no revetment mid-key so there is no revetment to repair. The county should pay full for the mid-key portion of the project. c) We can split the extra cost of rock vs a seawall. d) create an advisory board for managing a longer-term solution.
23. Keep beach re-nourishment separate from road repair issue.
24. Property values that are negatively impacted by loss of beach and building of revetments should have immediate tax relief.
25. According to environmental regulations, pedestrian access along the beach must be maintained if beach hardening is installed.
26. Add the rest of Casey Key to the tax district boundaries.

Committee Chairs/Reports

Security

Dan Simmons

Dan was not present. Lisa indicated that the Sheriff's Department will be at the Annual Meeting and will address concerns previously mentioned, in addition to any other issues' residents might have. Grace Shultz reported that in the past, the Parks Department has locked the gates to North Jetty Park after hours to prevent some of the issues mentioned by residents.

Due to the lengthy nature of the meeting, Lisa Napolitano thanked the members for their attendance and expressed appreciation for their comments. Lisa stated that the Board will review and organize the comments and develop a plan to address these concerns and options with the County and the BCC. Lisa asked the Board members to remain to finish the agenda items mostly related to the Annual Meeting.

Membership and Directory

Dan Deems/ Linda Leon

Linda reported that the directory is in production, she anticipates a first proof shortly and expects to have the directory printed in time for the Annual Meeting.

Dan Deems was not able to stay for the entire meeting but submitted the following report via email;

Currently 186 Renewals, 30 past due renewals, numerous phone calls and emails have been sent to urge renewal. There are 23 new members and Dan hand delivered welcome packets assembled by Linda Leon. Dan has prepared the member listing information for the Directory and Dawn Doughty has been instrumental in creating the Word documents need for directory production.

Picnic

Marian Price

Marian not present – no report.

Communications/Website

Lisa Napolitano

New Business

Annual Meeting

Lisa briefly went through the 2019 presentation for the Annual meeting and requested updates for 2020

2020 Goals

Lisa asked for the Board to come up with some specific goals for the Board to present as our plan of action for the upcoming year.

Speeding Issues on Key – addressed in previous comments.

County Survey – addressed in comments above.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Doughty – CKA Secretary