

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 3, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sylvia Hernandez, Chair
Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary
Van Waddill
Bill Grayden
Dave Maki, Vice Chair

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA ELECTRONIC CONFERENCING

Rick Sherman
Jay Miller

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lt. James Yetter, FWC
Lt. Derek Paul, MCSO, for Capt. Hiller
Leon Bourcier, MCSO
Yunior Rodriguez, Manager, Hawks Cay Resort
Steve Williams, Asst. County Attorney
Tamara Lamarche, Ex. Asst. for Comm. Rice

ABSENT:

Simon Leird, Keys Security Inc.

RESIDENTS:

Stormy Hayes
Dan Hayes
Jon Porter
Bob and Mona Barnes
Carolyn Maki
Scott Zordan
David Williamson

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chair Sylvia Hernandez
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay, Dolphin C
- Date of meeting: March 3, 2020

Sylvia Hernandez welcomed all.

MOTION: To approve electronic participation of absent Board members, Rick Sherman and Jay Miller.

First by Sylvia Hernandez; seconded by Bill Grayden.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: To approve/amend the March 3, 2020 Agenda.

First by Sylvia Hernandez; seconded by Bill Grayden.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: To approve the January 7, 2019 minutes.

First by Sylvia Hernandez; seconded by Laurie Oestreicher.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS

MCSO: Lt. Paul reported there are extra patrols now happening on Duck Key as a result of Keys Security Inc. having limited patrols due to a loss of employees.

Lt. Paul also advised all there will be a Monroe County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Police Academy taking place in March. All interested in attending can call the MCSO Office for Applications and Information.

Keys Security: Sylvia Hernandez read a recap of events involving Keys Security Employees leading to their terminations and resulting in less patrols provided by the company as a result.

Feb. 6, 2020, at 5:20 a.m., a Keys Security guard saw a residence with an open door, went into the house with a flashlight and called out to the residents. The residents were extremely alarmed to have him enter their home and made that clear. They called the Police. The guard did not call the Police, and knew he was not to enter any residences as per our contract guidelines.

On Feb. 16, 2020 there was an attempted breakin at a Duck Key residence on Bimini Drive. The intruders got as far as the porch, but not in the home. The Keys Security guard went to investigate but again did not call the MCSO. He was terminated after this second event. Simon Leird hired a replacement guard Feb. 17th.

On Feb. 18, 2020 the new guard was arrested by MCSO after finding a suspicious car parked in Duck Key. They ran the vehicle license plates and found the driver to be the new Keys Security guard and he had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. MCSO arrested him. In his defense, Simon Leird says he had sent in for a background check to vet the new guard, but had not received the report back yet.

Simon Leird is currently trying to replace the terminated guard, without success, and there is only one Guard now available for patrol. That guard is patrolling, but the schedule is limited. The Keys Security contract is over June 30, 2020.

The County has set up a bid process to hire a Security Company for Duck Key, and the bids will be available for the DKSAB to review the companies/bids/contract details after March 11, 2020.

MOTION: To hold a DKSAB Public Meeting in April for the Board to be able review all Bids, have a discussion at that time whether to keep Keys Security through June 30, 2020.

First by Sylvia Hernandez; seconded by Van Waddill.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Chair of DKSAB, Sylvia Hernandez, to send a letter to Keys Security, advising them recent actions have put them in breach of contract and DKSAB is evaluating options going forward on their contract. (Letter is to be reviewed before sending by Mr. Steve Williams).

First by Rick Sherman; seconded by Laurie Oestreicher.

MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion by the DKSAB members and the public audience on options such as hiring MCSO personnel, terminating the Keys Security contract immediately, etc... DKSAB decided to follow the advice of Mr. Williams/Tamara Lamarche, and make decisions at the special April DKSAB meeting, after reviewing the bids that have come thru as of March 11, 2020.

MOTION: To authorize Chair to hire Off-Duty Police for patrols in Duck Key if there is a material change in Keys Security Services.

First by Rick Sherman; seconded by Laurie Oestreicher

MOTION CARRIED

Hawks Cay: Yunior Rodriguez reported the Resort was full to capacity. Hawks Cay will be holding an Easter Brunch and all residents of Duck Key are welcome to attend.

Hawks Cay management is talking to all employees about the Coronavirus, advising them of proper procedures, and they have put extra hand sanitizers throughout the Resort.

The contract for the “Pins” at the Duck Key Entrance into the canals has been approved and a contractor has been hired. Completion should be in the next months.

Questions were raised at the January DKSAB on the street lights needing repair and also on the repair on the entrance columns leading into Duck Key. Mr. Rodriguez advised us the repairs are still pending and in the hands of the HOA.

Mr. Rodriguez informed us that annual resident membership to Hawks Cay have increased.

FWC: Lt. James Yetter had to leave the meeting and there was no FWC report.

OLD BUSINESS

Speed Radars – Sylvia Hernandez reported there is still a lot of speeding on Bimini Drive and provided a report to Lt. Paul detailing the timing of the speed violations. There is very little speeding on Indies Drive and elsewhere on the Island. One of the radars was not working, but the repair had been done prior to the meeting. The audience complimented MCSO for having speed traps set up on the Duck Key Bridges, and said it is noticeable this has been effective in slowing people down on the Bridges.

Cameras update – Sylvia Hernandez reported that there is continued problems with the cameras not working on West Seaview. The overview camera on W. Seaview has a shadow and Johnson Controls is replacing the camera. Sylvia Hernandez has requested a quote from Johnson Controls for upgrade, (to digital from analog as recommended by Bosch), of the License Plate readers.

The County Attorney’s Office sent a letter on October 25, 2019 seeking reimbursement on maintenance charges for the time we had the inferior LPRs, but there has been no reply. Assistant County Attorney Steve Williams sent out another letter on February 20, 2020.

Ordinance for “Slow-Speed” update - Sylvia Hernandez shared the ordinance has been written and approved. Celia Hitchins, Sr. Administrator of Marine Resources, has advised that she has received the permit from DEP and is awaiting the Army Corp. of Engineers permit before proceeding to the final FWC and U.S. Coast Guard permits. Sylvia Hernandez will continue to work to get answers and timing on this issue.

Project Manager – Brandon Cooper has not been available to work as many hours for DKSAB as originally hoped for, as his other job has required more hours from him. Hopefully this will not be the case in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Sylvia Hernandez opened the floor for discussion when to present/discuss/vote on the Operating Budget for 2021. Laurie Oestreicher suggested we instead have discussion/input from the DKSAB and the Residents of Duck Key who attend the meetings on what security issues they are concerned about and feel need action taken on. Rick Sherman suggested we hold discussions on “Strategic Plans” for the future along with discussions on Capital Expenditures for 2021 like the replacement of the License Plate Readers and/or possible

hiring of MCSO deputies versus a security company. It was suggested we ask Lt. Paul for recommendations on the actual number of hours needed. Also suggested was to get the input of the MCSO deputies that live in Duck Key, on their thoughts of security needs going forward.

Tamara Lamarche advised that no monies are spent without an advisory board recommendation and approval by the BOCC. The BOCC has complete jurisdiction over the Security District's budget, the advisory board is not responsible for management of the budget.

The Budget Office only needs to receive from the advisory board each budget cycle any new proposed expenditures, (i.e. capital projects, or higher estimated service contracts), which will be recommended to the BOCC for approval, to build the next fiscal year budget. The advisory board, or any resident, member of the public, can request County reports on the fund, monthly, quarterly, etc. as needed.

Tamara Lamarche suggested DKSAB send a letter signed by the Chair with a simple outline of the proposed capital improvement costs for the next fiscal year as approved for submittal by the board at the May meeting. This can be provided to Comm. Rice's Office for transmittal to the Budget office.

Meeting adjourned by Sylvia Hernandez, at 6:10 pm.

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Follow links below for additional information:

Audio recording of meeting:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/19no8wg7lrm124x/DKSAB%20March%203%2C%202020%20meeting.m4a?dl=0>