

CGPOA August Board Meeting

August 14, 2017

(submitted by Cindy

Dresow, Recording Secretary)

President Pat Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Present were President Pat Greeley, Vice President Woody Hutchinson, Treasurer Inca Schultz, Recording Secretary Cindy Dresow, Corresponding Secretary Mark Scott, Directors: Omar Fernandez and Pete Pedersen, Associate Directors: Evelyn Andrews and Randy McDonald.

Guests were Bill Hunter and Stuart Schaffer.

The July Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report unanimously approved.

Guests Bill Hunter and Stuart Schaffer were representing the newly formed Lower Keys Alliance (LKA).

They have held 4 organizational meetings, planning to represent the 6 island groups from Saddlebunch to the Torch Keys.

Their format is a corporation 501C4, non profit, though not tax deductible.

They are hoping to provide a voice in government affairs for many who do not have a homeowners association, while uniting those of us who do.

LKA asked for the support of CGPOA, and the Sugarloaf Homeowners Association, to give them more legitimacy.

LKA is looking for members who will help preserve the "low density" we have in the Lower Keys.

The plan of Dolphin Marina on Little Torch Key becoming a private resort, and therefore eliminating a fuel dock for local boaters is a main "cause" for LKA.

LKA will announce their formation in Friday's News Barometer. Their website is: lowerkeysalliance.com

Old Business:

Mangrove Tree Trimming Permit for CGPOA: Thirteen CGPOA members would like to be included in the blanket permit. Pat Greeley will ask our attorney, Greg Orapeza, for the proper document that each will need to sign.

A letter was sent to Evelyn & Gunther Grunau on 7/20, telling them that we appreciate, but no longer have need of their vacant lots on 5th Ave. W. for our events.

Pete spoke with the residents who needed lawn maintenance; one problem was resolved the other is pending.

Inca purchased and delivered the Gift Certificate for B.J. Deis for maintaining the bromeliad garden by our CGPOA entrance sign.

A letter was sent 7/20 to Best Result Landscaping requesting that they no longer blow leaves into our canals.

Cindy agreed to represent CGPOA at future LKA meetings.

Mark Scott has offered to replace Annie Taber as Corresponding Secretary.

Pete has agreed to be Chairman of the Channel Marker Managing Committee with the help of Jeff Ulma.

The CGPOA Board will present a donation of \$500 to FIRM (Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe County) at our Annual Meeting.

Omar and David have agreed to share responsibility for posting, removing, and storing CGPOA "Happy Hour" signs.

Evelyn has agreed to Chair our Community-wide Yard Sales the first Saturday of March.

Randy McDonald continues to gather all e-minder information, and send it out electronically the first of each month.

As Pat Greeley is now our President, she is authorized to sign CGPOA checks, and use our bank debit card.

Larry Francisco, our former president, shall be removed from that entitlement. The Board unanimously approved.

New Business:

Pat Greeley suggested that John Viele should be awarded the title of CGPOA Historian. Pat asked John's daughter, Annie to suggest it to him.

Inca noted that John Viele's short history of Cudjoe Gardens is included in all of our "Welcome Packets".

Complaint letters (within the board of directors) do not need to be signed, but they will need to clearly indicate the name and location of the offender.

No names are listed on our CGPOA insurance, though officers should be kept current on sun biz.com for the FL Secretary of State.

Woody will take care of this requirement.

Randy McDonald will again Chair the Christmas Party Committee. Cindy Dresow agreed to help with planning. Mark Scott will assist if needed.

Woody Hutchinson will Chair the Annual Meeting in January.

A Chair for Awards & Donations will be selected when the snowbirds return.

Randy McDonald has Chaired the Canal Water Testing for over ten years, and continues to do so.

Mark Scott helps with the "Cudjoe Regional" water sampling which includes 10 locations, 5 around the island reached by boat, and 5 within the island reached by Kayak. He has not done the interior sites by Kayak. Pete, Jeff Burns, and I also help with "Cudjoe Regional" sampling along with help from Sugarloaf and East Cudjoe.

If Splenda shows up in this testing, it proves that the Wastewater plant is not removing effluent before pumping waste water into the wells.

The water testing results are requested in November, so that a general report can be put in our Annual Newsletter.

"Cudjoe Gardens" (10 sites located mostly within Cudjoe Gardens canals) water sampling has three teams:

Randy McDonald & Pete Pedersen are on the first team, the second team is Dolly Garlo & Robert Keeley, third team is Eric Kendricks and Jeff Burns. Omar will join a water testing on Wednesday, to learn more about it.

Both of these programs are under the auspices of the Lake Watch program sponsored by the University of FL at Gainesville, which furnishes the supplies.

Inca Schultz has been scanning all CGPOA documents in our archives. Only legal documents that must be kept in our safe deposit box will be saved.

Channel Marking Committee is Pete Pedersen, Mark Scott & Jeff Ulma, with Omar Fernandez offering help where needed.

Annie Taber will not be moving from Cudjoe Gardens, and has offered to return to the Board, if needed.

Mark Scott would be pleased to give the Corresponding Secretary duties back to Annie.

Chris Cauley and Dan Border have interest in joining the Board. Their names will be kept for our Annual election in January.

After much discussion, the Labor Day Raft-up remains scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd, using Monday, September 4th as a "rain back-up day"

Omar requested that a sign be allowed to prevent collisions on the canal going to and from the marina. In the interest of safety, to avoid a hazard, The board gave approval to Omar to research the possibility of safety signs,

Lighted Christmas decorations for the electric poles on US 1 are being offered by the Chamber of Commerce on Big Pine Key.

They've purchased extras and have offered them from Big Pine Key to Cudjoe Key

for \$150 per pole sponsorship.

Volunteers and Keys Energy will install and take down the decorations. Attached to each decoration will be a plaque stating the name of the sponsor.

CGPOA would like to sponsor 3, for Colson, Sawyer, and Drost Drives. Woody will contact the Chamber to ask that "Cudjoe Gardens" be on our three plaques.

The Board unanimously approved \$450 for this sponsorship.

Mark Scott suggested that we aim for a maximum of 90 minutes per Board meeting. That should be attainable if guests are limited to 10 minutes. All agreed.

The new Cudjoe Gardens map, with streets shown as yellow lines, has been added to our website.

Mark Scott will host the September Board meeting at 20886 4th Ave. W, at 7pm, September 11.

Our next Happy Hour will be at "My New Joint", MM 22.5, August 17 at 5pm.

Open Floor:

Mark Scott brought up the light pollution problem increasing from neighbors' security lights and yard and canal lights.

A big problem is that renters seem to turn on every light possible when they arrive, and don't turn any of them off when they leave.

Mark will write a letter for the e-minder requesting that everyone be courteous with their lights.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:32.