

Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners Association Annual Meeting
Minutes January 30, 2016

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m by President Larry Francisco
2. President's Comments –Thank you to Donna Coon for hosting today's meeting. The current CGPOA Board Officers, Directors, and nominees were introduced. Lt. Donny Catala of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department was introduced.
3. Comments by MCSO Lt. Catala: There has been a key arrest in the marine thefts happening in the Keys during the past several years. This arrest accounts for some 60 – 70 marine related thefts. There have been no marine related thefts since this arrest. Citizens Crime Watch comments. If you see some suspicious activity call the Sheriff's dispatch line at 305-289-2351. Question: Are the fire and emergency services located at the Sheriff's Substation moving (yes). Lt. Catala announced that a dock across from the Substation will be built to accommodate the watercraft located at the Sheriff's 21MM Substation.
4. Comments by Jo Socha (Executive Assistant of Internal Affairs MCSO) : Jo, in conjunction with the CGPOA Board, is in the process of organizing a Citizens Crime Watch group. Those CG residents signing up will be included in a group CG Citizens Crime Watch email that participants can use to notify others in the group email of suspicious or actual behaviors or situations as pertaining to security matters in Cudjoe Gardens. The Sheriff's Substation will also be included in that email group. Invisible ink markers are available for identifying personal property. (Authorities will scan recovered stolen items with a black light, to read your ID info.) Use your driver's license number and/or the last four numbers of your social security number & your three initials. Identify marine items or any items, such as bikes, lawn mowers, personal electronics, etc. There is an app (ICE Black Box) available for enhancing personal security using a smart phone. Jo will help interested residents install that app on their smart phones. If you have any questions regarding the Neighborhood Watch program or the app, please call Jo Socha at 305-393-2466 or 305-292-7000 (ask for Jo Socha).
5. Comments by MCSO Officer John McGee: Officer McGee made a number of comments about concealed weapons. Florida is a pro-Second Amendment state. Weapons do not have to be registered or licensed by the State if such weapons are located in your home. To have a concealed weapon that you carry you must take a certified CW's class. The 34 states that have a reciprocal CW's relationship with Florida are listed at freshfromflorida.com . Note that Virginia, Maryland, D.C., and fourteen other States do not have a reciprocal agreement with Florida; if your weapon is not cased, and unloaded when traveling through those States you could be charged with a felony. Florida is not an open carry State. Ammunition can be purchased on-line. Disclaimer: The statements in these minutes regarding any aspect of Florida law as pertains to firearms and ammunition is not to be taken as having any legal standing whatsoever. Please consult Florida law or law enforcement for a legal interpretation of the topics as related to firearms and ammunition.
6. President Francisco recognized several new residents to Cudjoe Gardens. President Francisco urged residents to become involved with the Association.
7. Questions about the Waste Water system: How long do residents have to hook up to the system? The County officially states that residents have 30 days to comply. It was noted that some Lower Keys residents with access to the wastewater plant for over 2 years still have not connected, without being fined. Through the combined efforts of a number of parties in which the

CGPOA was a key participant, the FKAA and BOCC voted to drill a deep well to better manage the waste water output. The deep well should be completed and connected by September of 2016.

8. Foliage Related Comments: There has been an effort to better manage foliage that compromises public movement in canals and on sidewalks. Jo Socha announced that she is organizing a CG cleanup. Question: What happens when a resident refuses to cleanup their foliage overgrowth after violation notices from the CGBOA Board? County Code Enforcement is contacted and notified of the deed restriction and potential County violation. That County office can then both fine and place a lien against the property owner if such violation is not rectified by the property owner.

9. Cudjoe Gardens Directory: The new Directory is expected to be completed within the next few months. Please contact Bettye Kight with your current info.

10. Member Question: Any word on the CG restaurant? There is some construction activity. The Board will continue to monitor the situation.

11. Volunteers for Association activities and positions were solicited from the general membership. Jo Socha volunteered to be a member in some capacity.

12. The slate of nominations for the CGPOA Board was presented for comment and approval. The membership unanimously approved the slate. Pat Greeley of Colson Drive, and Rich Schugar of Sawyer Drive were welcomed as new members to the CGPOA Board. President Francisco, speaking on behalf of all Board members, publically thanked Barb Vigeant for her many contributions as a Board member and Corresponding Secretary. Thank you Barb!

13. It was announced that Pat Greeley is exploring the planting of vegetation around the waste water equipment.

Meeting was adjourned by President Francisco at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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