

**Minutes**  
**Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners Association Annual Meeting**  
January 25, 2015

1. President Larry Francisco called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.
2. The 2014 CGPOA Board Officers and Directors were introduced to the Association members and guests in attendance: Larry Francisco, President; Randy McDonald, Vice President; Mary Readell, Treasurer; David Imig, Recording Secretary; Barb Vigeant, Corresponding Secretary; and Directors, Evelyn Andrews, Cindy Dresow, and Bart Jones
3. President Francisco introduced Captain Don Hiller MCSO Commander District 1. Below are the highlights of Captain Hiller's comments.
  - a. The County is currently experiencing a series of marine thefts. Mainly newer lower units (200-250 hp) and expensive marine electronics.
  - b. Suggestions were offered on how to deter marine theft. 1) If boat and motor are on a trailer back the trailer against a wall, garage door, etc. to create an obstacle. 2) Install anti-theft bolts.
  - c. Captain Hiller also indicated that unlocked cars were also targets for theft.
  - d. Captain Hiller then responded to questions. The tag reader car used by the Sheriff's Office is heavily used and is successful. Residence and neighborhood surveillance cameras are effective in deterring theft. Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the Sheriff's Office (305-745-3184). Regarding theft situations in which you are a victim or observer. Report such activity to the Sheriff's Office immediately. Do not confront the perpetrator and only defend yourself as a last resort. Hurricane re-entry stickers are available at the Sheriff Substation on Drost and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West.
4. New Cudjoe Garden residents were invited to introduce themselves.

5. **The State of the Association**

- a. **Treasurer's Report** (Mary Readell). The annual Treasurer's Report was distributed and presented. It was announced that the 2014 membership is 161 residences.
- b. **Request for Volunteers** – The Association would appreciate residents/members willing to volunteer for a variety of organizational, social and work activities, and also to potentially serve as a Board member.
- c. **March Madness**, our annual sub-division yard sale, will be Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Status of the Cudjoe Regional Waste Water Project.** An FIU researcher will be installing test sampling sites to monitor flow from the shallow wastewater

injection wells. If test results indicate the need for a deep wastewater injection well the FKAA and BOCC have agreed to drill the deep well.

- e. **Status of the Cudjoe Gardens Entrance Sign.** The sign committee member are David Imig, Cindy Dresow, Rob Miller, Randy Livingston. The site has been surveyed, a site design has been developed, and discussions have been initiated with the County. A timetable and estimation of costs will be developed subsequent to these discussions. Members were encouraged to submit ideas. Residents of Sawyer Drive, and Colson Drive were asked for suggestions regarding where their entrance signs could be placed.
- f. **Foliage on Streets and Canals.** It is each property owner's responsibility to keep their foliage trimmed and maintained along roadways and canals. The "chain gang" can help to trim canal vegetation in certain circumstances as determined by the Association Board and chain gang leader Pete Pedersen. It was suggested to ask the home owner's permission to pile cuttings on their property as a means for storing cuttings until they can be removed in a timely manner.
- g. **Key Largo Poker Run.** President Francisco briefly explained the problems associated with power boats imposing on our environment for a proposed "Key Largo Poker Run". Our Association was asked not to support the Poker Run for those reasons. The membership voted to oppose the Poker Run.

6. The slate of candidates for the 2015 CGPOA Board of Officers and Directors was presented to the membership. The membership in attendance voted unanimously to approve the slate. Given ongoing discussions the final list of 2015 CGPOA Board Officers and Directors will be reported in the February CGPOA Board meeting minutes.

## 7. **Open Comments**

- a. Need to renovate the Association bulletin board.  
The board needs a new glass/plastic cover.
- b. Are the historical markers in the streets going to be replaced?
- c. Are the low spots in the streets going to be repaired?
- d. Can information be obtained regarding the status of the former restaurant in Cudjoe Gardens?
- e. Several residents commented on the excessive speeding that appears to be occurring on Drost Street. It was requested that the Board contact the Sheriff's Substation for assistance in helping to enforce the speed limit. President Francisco asked that residents respect their neighbors.

f. The wastewater control panels and pipes that are visible will eventually need to be landscaped by the Association to enhance neighborhood appearances and aesthetics. The loose gravel surrounding several of these control panel/pipe sites on Drost represent a hazard to pedestrians and bikers. A solution will need to be found to contain this loose gravel.

President Larry Francisco adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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