

Minutes CGPOA Annual Meeting January 28, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by President Larry Francisco at 7:00 pm.
2. Board members were introduced.
3. **Guest Presentation: Heather Carruthers FIRM President and Monroe County Commissioner District Three**

FYI. Meeting Friday to discuss grinder pumps. Gravity and grinder pumps will be used where it makes sense in a comprehensive manner.

Topic: FEMA Flood Insurance. Wind insurance and flood insurance are in a state of flux. FEMA determines rate structure. Federal flood insurance is in debt at a level of 24B. There are House and Senate bills being proposed in Congress to deal with this debt and future rate structures. Tell your senators and representatives about your concerns with the federal flood insurance program. You can go to the FIRM website and there you can find information on how to contact Florida legislators. Also you may need to get an elevation certificate to find the lowest available flood insurance rates. Call your insurance company.

Topic: Citizens Wind Storm Insurance. The Florida legislature is addressing the issue of mitigation credits. Currently there is an attempt to deny coverage to businesses. The CAT Fund provides additional funding for catastrophic events. There is an effort to restrict assistance to homes with a value above 2M. FIRM does not support this intent.

FIRM is doing its own windstorm analysis. FIRM doesn't believe that currently used models are accurately portraying the construction of Monroe County homes.

Go to the FIRM website for details of Commissioner Carruthers presentation (www.firmmkeys.org; firmkeys@gmail.com).

At the conclusion of Commissioner Carruthers presentation the CGPOA presented FIRM with a donation for \$500.00 and thanked FIRM for their continuing efforts.

4. Guest Presentation: Captain Don Hiller MCSO Commander District 1 and member of HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Task Force

Captain Hiller talked about the lack of crime in the Cudjoe area. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity (unlocked car and home doors). Neighbors are the eyes and ears, and partners of the Sheriff's Office. Please call the Sheriff's Office if you have a concern. The Sheriff's Office is on alert for things that compromise community life. Captain Hiller then introduced Sheriff Ramsey. Sheriff Ramsey talked about the

“Broken Windows Theory”. Things like graffiti, abandoned furniture and vehicles, trash, broken windows, etc. Some of these things may also represent gang related tags. There is a direct relationship between shoddy neighborhoods and crime, and the deterioration of neighborhoods. The Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to removing and eliminating elements that are indicative of the Broken Windows Theory. Again, if you have concerns call the Sheriff’s Office and they will investigate your concerns together.

Question. Please talk about the patrol car that has “tag reader” technology.

Response. There is one patrol car in operation in Monroe County. This unit is looking for stolen cars, cars associated with missing people, cars involved in crimes. It is proving to be relatively effective. Yes there are concerns about the “Big Brother” factor, but “we” try to balance many concerns. Many of these innovative purchases and services are paid for through drug, Homeland Security and other special funds.

5. State of the Association

Treasurer Mary Readel is out of town. A current report is available if desired. Please contact President Francisco for a copy of that report.

The Board needs volunteers for a variety of needs. Karen Livingston has volunteered to coordinate volunteers. Block Captains are particularly in need.

The Board was very involved in the fight for a gravity system vis. the wastewater issue that was led by Walt Drabinski. The fight is ongoing however because the continuing cost of repairing and replacing the grinder pumps will be an added expense for all of us.

There is a Monroe County proposal to burn yard waste on Ramrod Key to save money. The prevailing winds flow from East to West. There may be a concern with the smoke.

Wastewater construction. FYI. Contractors will replace streets, yards, landscaping “the way that it was” after all construction is completed. The Board discussed the cleaning of streets during construction with the contractors. Subsequently a street sweeper was brought in to clean the streets. If you see low spots in streets or other issues that could be corrected in the final phase please bring these concerns to the Boards attention.

6. Nominations for the 2014 CGPOA Board of Directors

The 2014 CGPOA Board Of Directors slate:

President: Larry Francisco

Vice-President (Not Social Director): Randy McDonald

Recording Secretary: David Imig

Corresponding Secretary: Barb Vigeant
Treasurer: Mary Readel
Director: Evelyn Andrews
Director: Cindy Dresow
Director: Bart Jones
Director: Bettye Kight
Director: Pete Pedersen
Director: Walt Drabinski

A motion was made to accept the slate as nominated. The motion was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved to accept the slate as nominated.

7. Floor Open for comments and discussion

A. Ted Shattuck. Septic to Cistern conversion announcement. Probably could “pay off” the conversion in 6-8 years. Depending on available guttering and electricity. In 2 weeks, February 11th, at 7:00 pm at Pirates Wellness a meeting will be held to further discuss this issue. If 25-30 people are interested then it would be possible to apply for a grant (perhaps up to \$500 per person). Call Ted Shattuck for further information at 305-744-0701.

B. Remember March Madness, Saturday March 1st.

C. Greg Cromer announced that he had aerial photos of Cudjoe Key available for sale. He can be contacted at 540-607-1202, or at grey@virginia123.com. Examples can be viewed at www.gregcromer.com.

D. 2nd and 4th Avenues West have been transferred to the County.

E. The bike path was originally designed to go to the Sheriff's Substation. Because of the concerns of the residents on 1st Ave West the path was modified to it's current location. Direct access to the bike path from Cudjoe Gardens still remains an issue.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Imig, Recording Secretary