

## Minutes

January 24, 2012

### CGPOA Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting was called to order by Bart Jones at 7:05 p.m.
2. Sheriff Sub Station update

Captain Gene Thompson and Guest Under-Sheriff Coronel Rick Ramsey.

Captain Thompson discussed a number of issues: 1) vehicle, house and marine burglaries. He suggested that cars and homes be locked, and shut garage doors when gone. Secure marine and auto electronics, install motion lights, consider security systems. A number of lower unit and outboard engine thefts occurred in hidden areas, behind fences and foliage. He suggested letting neighbors know when you are to be gone for a period of time, or to contact Sheriff's Office and file a "Premise Check" form (see attached form). There have been numerous reports of coconut pickers coming on propertie uninvited. Call the Sheriff's Office, and they will come and investigate. Captain Thompson advised not to confront strangers, but to call their office (305-745-3184). The matter of trespassing was discussed. A "No Trespassing" sign is helpful, but not necessary when requesting the Sheriff's Office to confront those trespassing on private property. Deputies generally try to monitor neighborhoods for uninvited people coming onto private property. If you are home and an uninvited person(s) trespass on your property, call the Sheriff's Office immediately. If you leave your home unattended, inform the Sheriff's Office and they will routinely check your property when on patrol. When you return inform the Sheriff's Office so they will know that you are back. One member commented that the Sheriff's Office did an excellent job of checking his house when his was gone.

### Comments by Coronel Ramsey

Reminder that there are drop-boxes at the Sheriff Sub-Station for unused pills, and a used marine flare disposal container. Col. Ramsey announced that their Office has put into service a "Smart Car" that is equipped with four car license plate reading cameras that are linked with a computer capable of identifying autos associated with criminal activity, missing alerts (Silver and Amber), stolen cars, etc. This car will patrol the entire Keys/ Monroe County. He also indicated that their Office will be phasing out the Ford Crown Victoria's and replacing them with Dodge Chargers. The Sheriff's Office has modified "chase" policies in order to limit high speed car chases. Supervisor permission must be requested, in-car cameras monitor patrol car activity when exceeding a certain rate of speed. This represents an effort to improve deputy behaviors when on patrol.

### 3. Summary of Board Activities – Bart Jones

Bart noted that the purpose of the Association is to inspire environmental practices, and maintain architectural standards; to hear property owners concerns; to enforce the CGPOA deed restrictions.

#### Association Accomplishments, 2011:

- Replaced and Maintained Channel Markers.
  - Improved Navigation in and around Cudjoe Gardens
  - Helps keep our community desirable to boaters – improves property values
- Volunteers continue to test our canal water quality.  
Thank you Randy McDonald & Pete Pedersen.
- Volunteers maintain canal vegetation growth promoting easy and safe navigation.  
Thank you Pete Pedersen and John Readel.
- Volunteers arrange special events to unify our community, including:
  - Monthly Happy Hours
  - Picnics and BBQs
  - LuncheonsThank you: Mary & John Readel, Donna Coon, Randy McDonald, John Smittle, Tom Gibbs, and Cindy Dresow
- Board reviews and responds to written concerns & complaints from property owners.
  - Example: Security issues
- Monthly eMinder issues to keep property owners up-to-date – Thank you Bettye
  - Please give us your email address if you haven't
- Annual Newsletter – thank you Walt
- Board maintains property information for important Association mailings and to keep the Community directory – again thank you Bettye

#### 4. Treasurers Report – Cindy Dresow (for Mary Readel)

Current CGPOA accounts total approximately \$44,000. Consequently the Board voted to reduce the annual dues for 2012 to \$75.00. Members were urged to pay their annual dues if they haven't.

#### 5. Board Announcements – Cindy Dresow

A. Cindy attended the Monroe County Planning Commission meeting at 10 AM in Marathon today, and publicly stated that we do not want enforcement of the Cudjoe Wastewater Treatment facility until the state comes forward with the \$200 million they promised for this project.

Bill Hunter, representing Sugarloaf Homeowners Association wanted the record to show that they were opposed to any legalized gambling in the lower keys.

B. There will be an Open House Barbecue with hot dogs, burgers and beer on Sunday, January 29th from 2 - 6 PM at the Lower Keys Property Owners building (the first right turn past the No Name Pub on Big Pine Key) to promote signing a petition asking the state to come forth with the \$200 million promised before we are forced to start the Cudjoe Wastewater Treatment facility. Please tell your friends. If you cannot attend, please go on line to sign the petition at:

[http://www.change.org/petitions/the-state-of-florida-comply-with-their-promise?share\\_id=GtKIXfftsV&](http://www.change.org/petitions/the-state-of-florida-comply-with-their-promise?share_id=GtKIXfftsV&)

C. Our "Livin' On Cudjoe Time" party will be Saturday, February 11th at.....time? Randy McDonald will have details.

D. Our next Happy Hour will be at 5 PM, Wednesday, February 15th at the Wharf on Summerland Key. Thank you Donna Coon, for arranging this!

E. The Sugarloaf Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold their annual fish fry (and chicken) on Sunday, February 19th at noon. They also have a great plant/ book/ and yard sale.

#### 6. Nominations/Vote – Bart Jones

The CGPOA BOD is responsible for presenting to the membership a slate of candidates for the purpose of electing the 11 Directors comprising the Board. This slate will consist of: 5 (Five) Officers & 6 (Six) Additional Directors. The 2012 CGPOA BOD nominees were:

PRESIDENT	LARRY FRANCISCO
VICE-PRESIDENT (Not Social Director)	RANDY McDONALD
RECORDING SECRETARY	DAVID IMIG
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	BARB VIGEANT
TREASURER	MARY READEL
DIRECTOR	DONNA COON
DIRECTOR	WALT DRABINSKI
DIRECTOR	CINDY DRESOW
DIRECTOR	BART JONES
DIRECTOR	PETE PEDERSEN
DIRECTOR	JOHN SMITTLE

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominees. The motion was unanimously supported.

#### 7. Questions and Comments from the floor

How many members have currently paid Association dues? 57. Randy McDonald suggested perhaps the Association consider sending renewal notices to all property owners. The suggestion was generally supported.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. (Need help here if someone has exact time)

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Imig, Recording Secretary