

CGPOA July 2021

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Letter from the President (Kathy Niemann): Hello Everyone, as you can tell, we had another busy and productive meeting. Here are some of the highlights.

- We have a new Vice-President, Mary Bell.
- Our bank account continues to be strong.
- We received word that the ROGO units proposed for Cudjoe were not approved for this round of funding. We do not know what that means in terms of future consideration. There were 109 units approved for Marathon.
- We are continuing to keep tabs on a couple of other issues. One is the discussions on sea level rise.
- We have been contacted by a group that is interested in changing our county commissioner structure to a single county commissioner. What that means is that you vote for the commissioner for your district only. Currently we vote for commissioners for all districts. The board is taking a wait and see approach. If you are interested in this issue, please contact me at Kathy-winters@utc.edu.
- Other issues discussed involved concerns about individual complaints which are not included to protect confidentiality.

Our meetings are open to everyone. You are welcome to join us. The next meeting will be held on July 12 at Kathy Niemann's house, 20788 6th Avenue W. at 7pm. All are welcome. If you

cannot join us in person, contact me and I will give you the Zoom information.

Join Cudjoe Garden Property Owners Association (CGPOA) (Kathy Nieman)

It is not too late to join the CGPOA. We would love to have you be a part of the association. The dues are only \$75 annually. Hopefully, you can tell we are working to improve the neighborhood and working for everyone. Come be a part of it. You can send the money to P O BOX 420121 Cudjoe Key, FL 33042 or see one of the board members for more information. **New to Cudjoe Gardens or CGPOA?** Boy, do we have a deal for you! You may join for only \$37.50 for the rest of the year. Sorry, folks that have previously been members. This is designed just for new members.

Deed Restrictions: Motorhomes, Campers, or Whatever You Wish to Call Them (Kathy Nieman): We are trying to make everyone familiar with a deed restriction each month. This month I will concentrate on motorhomes. That term is designed to include a variety of things such as campers, motorhomes and trailers. There are multiple names that apply to similar items. The deed restriction is straight forward.

12.House Trailers, Temporary or Unfinished Buildings: No temporary building, house trailers, motor homes, campers or tents may be parked or placed on said land, with the exception of campers which are allowed in the Original subdivision and the First through Third additions. In no case may any of the above be used as living quarters. All deed restrictions can be found at: <https://cudjoegardens.org/cgpoa-deed-restrictions> and in the directory.



Dogs (Kathy Nieman): We love our dogs in Cudjoe Gardens, but we do not love dog excrement that is left on the side of the road. Lobster season is upon us along with more renters who may not know the rules on picking up your dog and keeping them on a leash. If you see someone without a bag walking their dog, please share a bag and nicely inform or remind them of the rules.

Veto SB 1194 (Jack Haigwood): Friends, Neighbors, Good People of the Florida Keys: Senate Bill 1194 was finally released to Governor Ron DeSantis's office early this morning. The Governor's veto powers give him the opportunity to preserve the results of last year's election in Key West, in which 80% of the people voted for a change with respect to large cruise ships. A veto from the Governor would likewise protect coral reefs in the Florida Keys from the well-documented threat of turbidity generated by large cruise ships, and protect the livelihoods of our fishermen and all who depend on clean, clear water. On the other hand, if the Governor were to sign this bill, it would cancel last year's election outcome and invite large cruise ships to resume their activities in the Florida Keys, with disastrous consequences for endangered corals and the baseline health of the ecosystem that allows them to survive and thrive. Captain Will Benson summed it up a few months back: "It's about water." Today, the Governor faces a crucial, yet simple, test. Will he conserve and protect the cleaner, clearer waters we have seen without large cruise ships by using his veto power? Or will he muddy the waters with a signature that would reward and enrich Mark Walsh, the cruise-pier operator who funded the legislative effort and gave almost \$1 million, routed through 11 different companies, to

support the Governor's reelection campaign? The choice is clear. We continue to call on the Governor to do the right thing. And we hope you will do the same. Please call or write to the Gov. DeSantis today. Ask him, one more time, to VETO SB 1194. DeSantis campaigned as an environmental champion. We need his leadership to keep our water clear. Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
email: governorron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com phone: (850) 717-9337 See here for our formal letter calling on Governor DeSantis to veto SB 1194. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Arlo Haskell on behalf of Key West Committee for Safer, Cleaner Ships Evan Haskell, President Jolly Benson, Vice President Arlo Haskell, Treasurer David Dunn, Secretary Capt. Will Benson, Member-at-large Donate today to support our veto strategy. Key West Committee for Safer, Cleaner Ships Inc. is operating as a 501(c)4 Florida Not for Profit corporation, and contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes as charitable contributions. The Committee has complied with the registration requirements of Chapter 496, Florida Statutes, the Solicitation of Contributions Act. Registration Number: CH62413. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling 1-800-435-7352 or online at www.FDACS.gov. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

Assistant Director Profile (Jo Socha): Who is Jo Socha? Jo Socha is a District 1 Station records/Special Olympics Law Enforcement representative with Monroe County Sheriff's Office. In this role, I look after/coordinate/manage, including Hurricane plans, Cudjoe Crime watch, Special Olympic events, and take care of the community that calls or visits. A big believer in helping thy neighbor, I support any non-profit that helps those that cannot help themselves. I am a qualified in Business management, Certified Pharmacy technician and hold a bachelor's degree from

Daytona State College/Walgreen's. I am no stranger to business management, Pharmacy, and law enforcement, board member, fitness instructor, where I have managed a Walgreens store, served as the Senior Pharmacy Tech, Executive Assistant to Internal Affairs, sat on the board for the MARC House and help anyone that needs direction in fitness. I have more than 16 years in business management, 12 years in Internal Affairs, 6 years on the MARC board, 15 years with the Sheriff's office and 30 years serving the Special Olympics.

Community events I have put together: Neighborhood watch, Cudjoe Crime Prevention annual meetings, Tour de Keys bike ride for The MARC house, Fundraiser for a Key West Police Dept. Officer, Fundraisers for Special Olympics (yard sales twice a year, Tip-a-Cop), golf Tournaments, motorcycle rides, etc.....And one of my biggest community events was going to Leadership Monroe class XXIII, where we learned to build a countywide network of community leaders who can enhance their problem-solving and other leadership abilities through shared perspectives and cooperation.

I have lived in Cudjoe Gardens for 16 years, I was welcomed by hurricane Wilma making me rethink my choice to move here, and so glad I did. I had the most wonderful dog, Apollo which many of you that have been here knew. Now I have another Golden Retriever, Zeus, he is a very large mutant pup, but as friendly as can be to anyone walking, running or bike riding down 1st Ave West, you are all his friends. I love to help my neighbors and have lots of neighborhood parties to get everyone together. If you want to know anything else about me, just ask. Stop by if you're walking by or come by boat, I'm like Zeus, I love to see my neighbors coming by. You may even see a rare appearance of my husband, Bernie outside too, he is a retired Law Enforcement Officer from Volusia County and is now a stay at home dad to our wonderful

Zeus. Love the neighborhood you're in because it doesn't get any better.



Rain Report (Rainman): The rain total for June was 2.69 inches.

Property Owner's Concerns: If a property owner has a specific concern, it must be mailed to the Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners Association (CGPOA) or given to a Board Member in writing. It will then be discussed at the following

Board of Directors Meeting and kept on record. Please mail any correspondence to: CGPOA, PO Box 420121, Cudjoe Key, FL 33042

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