

## **KIAWAH PROPERTY OWNERS GROUP, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUGUST 6, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Kiawah Property Owners Group (KPOG) was held at the Sandcastle on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 starting at 9:00AM. Those Board members in attendance were President Art Morgenstern, Treasurer Pete Silveston, Secretary Ron Ritchie and Blasé Keegel. Joining the meeting by phone was Vice President Arie deZanger, Past President Diane Lehder and Board Members Katie Kotz and Bob Oakman. Also present were TALK Editor Barbara Winslow and Data Manager/Membership Chair Kathy Heikes.

The meeting began with a treasurer's report from Pete Silveston. He stated that he had taken out a six month CD at Sun Coast Bank in the amount of \$95K at a rate of 4 1/4%. in addition to the existing six month CD at BB&T for \$51K at a 3.15% rate of interest. We also have \$43K in a money market account and approximately \$15K in our checking account. Since we currently have over \$100K in BB&T Art suggested we look at putting some of the funds in another bank so all of our funds are covered by, and do not exceed, the FDIC \$100K maximum insurance amount.

Pete also indicated he will be gone later in the month until the end of October. During his absence Art and Ron will fill in for him in their roles as President and Asst. Treasurer respectively.

Kathy Heikes had more good news in her role as Membership Chair. She reported that we now have 2060 property owners as members.....a new record! Given the fact that there are 3731 property owners on the island we are have garnered approximately 2/3's of all owners as KPOG members.

Kathy also reported that our new software vendor has definitely lost money on their contract with us as it has taken them far longer than they envisioned implementing all the changes that are called for in the new contract.

Lastly, only 26 people have signed up so far to be included in the FYI blurbs that we may put out from time to time. Last year we had 125 "signed up" to receive this communication. It was her perception that many former participants did not understand that they have to register once again to continue to receive these communications. Instructions regarding this procedure will be published once again in the next issue of TALK.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Safety and Security:** Bob Oakman stated that in July the traffic count at the Main Gate had remained almost flat vs. the June count, however, the count at the V-Gate went up by 8,000 from the previous month. This is a trend that we have seen for many months. Incidents also saw an increase from 15 to 24 many of these attributed to the influx of

tourists. Vandalism was almost constant from the June figures with most of these incidents involving thefts of bicycles

Roads: Art reported that he had attended a meeting at which the consultant, mutually hired by the county and the City of Charleston, had endorsed the plan that had been championed by the city. This called for a number of feeder roads parallel to Maybank Highway rather than adding additional lanes to Maybank. Where it goes from here is anybody's guess.

Development Agreement: The on going saga continues. The town sent the resort their latest proposal on May 5<sup>th</sup> and as of the date of this meeting (3 months later) the resort has yet to respond. The question was raised as to how long the town will wait to get some kind of a reply.

History Committee: The history of the town which Barbara Winslow/Wendy Kulick has been working on is proceeding nicely.

Marshland Presentation: Barbara Winslow informed the Board that the presentation by the SCDNR will be held at the Sandcastle on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. The presenter will be Billy McCord. It was agreed that we should give an honorarium of \$200 to whatever conservation organization/group/etc. that he specifies. The Board by unanimous vote agreed to allocate up to \$1K to cover this cost as well as any other expenses that may be incurred..

## NEW BUSINESS

Property Owner Survey: The question was raised as to whether KPOG should survey property owners on current local issues. The last time this was done was a number of years ago. The general feeling was this might have merit. Diane Lehder will forward to all board members the questions that we asked on the last survey and a summary of the responses. This item was tabled pending receipt of the data from Diane. The question will again be considered at the September Meeting after Board Members have had the opportunity to review the last survey results.

Annual Meeting: Due to the KPOG By-law changes approved at the last annual meeting the 2009 meeting will be held in February not in March. Given this revised calendar Art asked the Board to think about when in February it might be held and to develop a list of possible speaker(s) that we might invite to the meeting. In addition, he reminded the Board that it is not too early to start thinking about the composition of a Nominating Committee. These items will be further discussed at the September Meeting.

Meet the Candidates Night: Given the fact that elections for Mayor and Council for TOKI will be held in early December the question was raised as to whether KPOG would again sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night. KPOG did this two years ago and the only candidates who appeared were individuals running against the incumbents. Since KICA has already indicated they will sponsor such an event again this year does it make sense

for KPOG to also sponsor such a forum? The opinions of Board Members were mixed and as a result the following was decided: Barbara will contact the League of Women Voters to ascertain if they would be available to moderate such a forum if we decided to sponsor such an event. As an alternative it was suggested by Diane that we might consider a less formal Meet the Candidates Meeting which essentially would be to “meet and greet” the various candidates.. It was also suggested that we consider putting a special election issue in a fall issue of TALK. These various alternatives will again be discussed, and a final decision made, at the September Meeting.

The Board then adjourned and went into Executive Session to discuss some legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Ritchie, Secretary