

KIAWAH PROPERTY OWNERS GROUP, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MAY 7, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Kiawah Property Owners Group (KPOG) was held at the Sandcastle on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, starting at 9:00 AM. Board members physically present were President Art Morgenstern, Secretary Ron Ritchie, Board Member Katie Kotz and Past President Diane Lehder. Vice President Arie deZanger and Board Member Bob Oakman attended via teleconferencing. Treasurer Pete Silveston was absent. Talk Editor Barbara Winslow and Membership Kathy Heikes, as well as member guests Marilyn Olson and Sandy Williams were also in attendance.

The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting as well as the minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved as written.

Given the absence of the Treasurer, Pete Silveston, Ron Ritchie reported that all current bills have been paid and at the moment we have over \$11,000. in checks that are awaiting deposit. Ritchie stated that he would deposit all checks by the end of the week.

Due to the scheduled meeting dates of KICA and Town Council it became necessary to move the July and September Meeting dates. Hence the KPOG Board will meet on July 9th rather than July 2nd and in September the meeting will be held on September 10th rather than September 3rd.

Membership Chair Kathy Heikes gave a very heartening report. As of the day of the meeting KPOG had 2027 members.....a new record. This means that over 50% of all the property owners have opted to join KPOG. Only 41 property owners who were members last year decided not to join this year.

Kathy also reported that the contract for the new software has not yet been signed given a few pending potential legal issues. These will be addressed with the next few days. The vendor has indicated that failure to reach agreement within this timeframe would result in the contract cost being increased by a significant amount.

OLD BUSINESS

KPOG By-Laws – Art Morgenstern reported that he has still not been able to establish a time when he can sit with the appropriate KICA personnel to understand how that organization deals with the issue of long term renters.

Opinions - Morgenstern also asked that whenever any KPOG Board Members are addressing, either in person or via written means, opinions, positions etc. to any of the other island entities that they make it clear they are doing so solely as an island resident and not in their capacity as member of the KPOG Board.

Freedom of Information Act – Our attorney has sent a letter to the town stating our position on the town’s responsibilities under the act. Our attorney and his counterpart from the town are in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss the issue.

Safety/Security – Bob Oakman reported that during the month of April there were a number of animal incidents on the island including two alligators and two deer that were struck and killed by vehicles as well as a number of incidents involving raccoons. It does appear that the worse of the distemper problem plaguing the raccoon and fox population is over. Traffic counts for the month at the Main Gate were 179,113 vs. 183,699 in 2007 and the V Gate the figures were 70,410 vs. 100,480 last year. The significant difference year to year may be due to the fact that Easter occurred in April last year.

Development Agreement – At the last Town Council Meeting (May 6th) the Mayor reported that the agreement between the town and the resort continues to “move along”. However, various Board members reported that things are not quite so rosy. One of the major stumbling blocks appears to be what type of density would be permitted on the old inn property.

Roads – KICA will be hosting two presentations on the subject of Johns Island Roads over the next week. The presentation will be done by Dr. Paul Roberts, an island resident with an extensive background on transportation issues. The TOKI has not yet endorsed Robert’s proposal which calls for the construction of a Cross Island Parkway. The Board debated whether we should also host a presentation of the Roberts proposal a bit later in the year given the fact that some island residents might not be able to attend the sessions over the next week. It was finally decided that this course of action would not be pursued but if subsequent feedback indicated that such a session would be useful we would reconsider sponsoring such an event. In the interim we will continue to keep KPOG members inform via TALK. On a related subject Diane Lehder suggested that it might be very beneficial if KPOG did sponsor a presentation by Hall Engineering which is the firm that has been hired by the county and the City of Charleston to come up with a final (?) recommendation on what should be done with Maybank Highway. Their study will be done by early summer so an information session for island residents would not be considered until that time.

Insurance Renewal - Ron Ritchie stated that he has received a very detailed questionnaire from our insurance broker that needs to be completed so bids can be solicited for our director liability and media liability coverage’s. The paperwork should be completed by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board then went into executive session to discuss possible candidates to replace Board Member Charlie Smith. He resigned in mid April citing personal reasons. The individual selected to replace Smith will serve until the next KPOG Annual Meeting in 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Ritchie, Secretary