

KIAWAH PROPERTY OWNERS GROUP, INC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Kiawah Property Owners Group (KPOG) was held at the Sandcastle on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 starting at 9:00AM. Board members in attendance were President Art Morgenstern, Vice President Arie deZanger, Treasurer Pete Silveston, Secretary Ron Ritchie, Blase Keegel and Katie Kotz. Board Member Bob Oakman and Membership Chair/Data Manager Kathy Heikes joined by phone. Also present were Past President Diane Lehder, TALK Editor Barbara Winslow and member guests Wendy Kulick and Bill Howland.

The minutes of the October Meeting were approved with one correction.

Pete Silveston gave a treasurer's report as follows: Checking Account \$6,788.32, Money Market Account \$33,900.66, BB&T CD \$40,308.65 and South Coast Community Bank CD \$95,000.

Membership Chair Kathy Heikes reported that we again have set a new record – 2075 members. She also stated that 96 individuals have now signed up for the FYI List.

Kathy is also busy at work preparing the annual mailing to all members for the February Annual Meeting which she will have completed by next month. This will include the slate of officers, the one by law amendment which members will be asked to approve, an explanation of the FYI List and how to sign up for it and an order form for the 2009 version of the Kiawah Directory. She also asked the Board for some direction as to whether member dues will change for 2009. After some discussion, and given the sound state of the treasury, it was the unanimous conclusion that dues will remain the same.

Next year the group will once again publish the Kiawah Directory. Last year we did not print enough copies and as a result we had to turn down over 150 requests for books. Barbara Winslow was asked to send to all Board members this month her recommendation as to the number of copies that should be published next year and an estimate as to the cost to cover both printing and mailing. The objective is to price the book to cover all expenses since KPOG will not use the publication as a profit maker.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety/Security: After the meeting Bob Oakman reported there was a significant decrease in vehicle traffic last month vs. the same period in 2007. Traffic at the Main Gate was down by over 25,000 and at the V-Gate the decrease exceeded 8,000. The best guess for the decline was the state of the economy. There was an increase in traffic problems most of which were attributed to the heavy rain, and subsequent minor flooding, that occurred late in the month. There was also an uptick in the number of complaints regarding noise from renters.

Roads: The never ending saga of Johns Island Roads was again the subject of some discussion following the recent vote of the Charleston County Commission to not endorse (at least for now) the proposed Cross Island Expressway. It now appears that a committee will be formed consisting of the Mayors of Charleston, Kiawah, Seabrook as well as a small group to Johns Island residents to further work the subject. It was also reported that Paul Roberts, the Chairman of the KICA Board took it upon himself to publish a notice to all people on the KICA Mailing List urging island residents to not support a county councilman who had voted against moving forward on the expressway. This was done without Roberts first discussing his plan with the other members of the KICA Board. His action was highly unusual as KICA has never before taken a public stance on any candidate for public office. There was some discussion whether by doing so Roberts had not only exceeded his authority by acting unilaterally but had also set an undesirable precedent for the future.

Parking at Ocean Course: It now appears that negotiations for a new development agreement between TOKI and the resort are at a dead end, and for the moment at least, nothing new has developed on the subject of beach parking at the Ocean Course. KIGR now has the issue in the hands of their corporate attorney to determine whether they still have any obligation to provide resident parking at the Ocean Course since the land originally identified is now mostly under water.

Bike Path: It was reported at the Town Council Meeting on November 4th that a revised design had been resubmitted to the Corps of Engineers and a response is expected shortly. If approval is granted then the next step will be further discussions with the developers on the issue of curbing, guard rails and payment for the land being used for mitigation..

Amphitheatre: Arie deZanger informed the committee that the developer had once again come to the Arts Council to solicit their support for this facility at Freshfields. The Council restated their position that they could not support such a venture.

History Committee: Barbara Winslow stated that this project is moving slowly given the need to devote time to other more pressing work.

Financial Analysis Committee: Blase Keegel stated that his committee is in the process of taking a detailed look at the TOKI Budget and will also do the same with the KICA Budget as soon as the details are made public.

Marshland Presentation: The consensus was that this presentation, sponsored by KPOG on October 16th, was a success. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Ron Ritchie was asked to prepare letters of appreciation to both the Art Guild and the Photo Club for their assistance.

Annual Meeting: Arie deZanger informed the committee that a letter had been sent to US Senator Jim DeMint asking him to be the featured speaker at the KPOG Annual Meeting

in February. If the senator declines Arie and his committee have identified some alternative speakers that would be solicited.

Nominating Committee: The committee will submit their recommendations to the Board by the end of this month and the Board, in turn, will review same at the December Meeting.

Meet the Candidates Night: Preparations for this event, sponsored by KPOG and conducted by the League of Women Voters, are completed. The event will be held Nov. 6th at the Sandcastle. All candidates running for Town Council have stated they will attend. The mayor, who is running unopposed, has declined to participate.

KPOG Wed Site: Katie Kotz asked all Board Members to look over our web site and feed back to her any recommended changes. Since Katie will be gone out of the country in the month of December she asked that such input be given within the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Web Surveys: Art Morganstern reported that the Greater Charleston Chamber of Commerce had approached KPOG and asked us to help publicize Exec-Net, a program that will attempt to link retirees with start-up companies. After reviewing their request the Board was of the opinion that they would not publicize this activity and suggested that the Chamber advertise this activity in TALK if they wish to get participation from KI residents. Art also received an inquiry as to whether KPOG was interested in participating in a program to provide training on web surveys. The Board agreed to decline to participate.

Map Update: A revised KI map update is now available on the KPOG Wed Site according to Art Morganstern.

KICA Land Purchase: The Board spent considerable time discussing the recently announced potential purchase by KICA of a 15.3 acre tract of land just beyond the V-Gate. While the Board was generally in favor of this purchase some concerns were expressed. The principle hurdle is the very short time frame in which members will have to decide whether they will support this venture. Given the cost (\$13 million dollars) and the fact that this will be paid for by a 15 year assessment of \$400 per year to each owner of an approved property, and, \$200 per year for owners of an undeveloped lot, the feeling was this will be a tough sell especially to non resident property owners. Compounding the problem is the calendar which will require a decision during a time when many individual's attention will be focused on the holiday season. KPOG will publish the entire proposal in detail in the next issue of TALK and it will also be addressed in the President's Column.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:45AM and then went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Ritchie, Secretary