

KIAWAH PROPERTY OWNERS GROUP, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MARCH 4, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Kiawah Property owners group (KPOG) was held at the Sandcastle on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 starting at 9:00AM. Present were President Arie deZanger, Vice President Laurie Burpee, Treasurer Blase Keegel, Secretary Ron Ritchie and Board Member Pete Silveston. Absent were Board Members Bob Oakman and Diane Beck. Also in attendance were Data Manager/Membership Chair Kathy Heikes, TALK Editor Barbara Winslow as well as member guest Diane Lehder.

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved with one modification.

The outgoing treasurer, Pete Silveston, gave his final report. He stated that as of the date of the meeting we had \$9,730 in our checking account, \$85,246 in our savings account at BB&T, \$95,000 in our CD with SouthCoast Bank and \$58,040 in a CD with BB&T.

Kathy Heikes, in her role as Membership Chair, informed the Board that we finished our last fiscal year with 2077 members. As a result of the new membership drive we have had 1618 people sign up thus far and a total of 1,042 directories have been ordered. The number of directories requested is below the level vs. two years ago when the last directory was published. We also now have 339 people signed up for the FYI Alert.

Arie pointed out that Kelly Bragg, the individual who maintains our web site, is also the person who sends out any FYI Alerts. It was suggested that Kathy Heikes be trained to perform this function as well in the event that Kelly is unavailable at the time an FYI Alert needs to be issued. These two individuals will get together to make it happen.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Safety and Security:** Given Bob Oakman's absence there was no formal report on traffic/incidents on the island for February although Arie did note that traffic at both gates was down approximately 300 vehicles vs. the traffic counts in February, 2008.

**Johns Island Roads:** There was little of significance to report save the fact that Town Council Member Alan Buraford and Paul Roberts will be meeting individually with certain key property owners on Johns Island to attempt to garner their support for the Cross Island Parkway Proposal.

**KICA:** Blase Keegel informed the Board that he had attended the last KICA Board Meeting where he raised the question as to why the Board had decided to

accept questions/comments before the meeting rather than at the end. It seems this procedure is a classic case of putting the cart before the horse. In response the Board informed him that he could get a copy of the agenda before the meeting and ask any questions based on the items that were to be discussed. It also appears that Paul Roberts will serve another term as President of the Board. Parking Lot at the Ocean Course: It now appears that a path has been defined for people parking at the Ocean Course Club House and then walking to the beach. Several Board members questioned whether this route will stand the test of time given the golf facilities that have to be crossed to make it to the beach.

Bike Path to Freshfields: This project is now going out to bid since the town and KDP had reached an agreement that the latter will donate the land necessary to mitigate the wetlands that will be destroyed by the bike path and the modifications to the Kiawah Island Parkway. In return for the land provided TOKI will give up having KDP pay up to \$250K of the cost for the modifications.

Bike Path (Governors Drive): Ron Ritchie stated that KICA's M R & R Committee was satisfied with the revised design of the elevated bike path over Cinder Creek and the project would be going out for bid shortly.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Captain Sam's Spit: In light of the interest that this entire subject has raised among island residents the suggestion was made that it might make sense for KPOG to sponsor a panel discussion on the subject, with emphasis not on the possible future development of the spit, but on the revetment proposed for the area and the possible affect that this may have on the river itself. Panel participants could be KDP and the Coastal Conservation League both of which have filed appeals to the original decision to permit KDP to construct 250 feet of revetment adjacent to the Beachwalker Country Park parking lot. Arie will telephone Buddy Darby of KDP to see if they would have any interest in participating. Barbara Winslow will also pursue getting an individual knowledgeable on rivers to write an article on the subject for the next issue of TALK.

Relationship with KICA: The Board was in agreement that the relationship this organization has with KICA could be improved. After some discussion it was agreed that Arie would E-Mail all the members of the KICA Board and invite them to a meeting with the KPOG Board in an attempt to dialogue areas of mutual interest and cooperation.

Board Assignments: Arie will make assignments as to which members of the Board will be responsible for attending various island meetings e.g. TOKI Council Meetings, KICA Board Meetings etc.

Critique of Annual Meeting: The general consensus was the meeting went pretty well although some Board members expressed the opinion that the speaker from the State Department of Insurance could have provided more specifics on wind/hail insurance. Attendance was 95 people this year vs. 135 in 2008. One reason cited for the decline was the fact that many residents leave the island during the months of January and February. To move the meeting back to March (which was the month it was held in the past) would require a modification to KPOGs Bylaws.

TALK on Line: At the aforementioned annual meeting several members suggested that the Board consider making the publication available on line. After considerable discussion the Board agreed to study the subject in depth by establishing a committee. Laurie Burpee was designated as the member from the Board and will serve as Chair along with TALK Editor Barbara Winslow + two member volunteers who had also expressed an interest in the subject. Burpee has the flexibility to add other members to the committee as he deems appropriate.

Semi Annual Meetings: After some discussion a consensus was reached that it might make sense for KPOG to hold a second general membership meeting (possibly in October). This meeting would be highlighted by a keynote speaker of considerable membership interest. It was agreed that this idea would be explored further at the April Board Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM and the Board then went into executive session to discuss one financial issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Ritchie  
Secretary