

Minutes of the Clearwater Beach Association Meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Those present: Jay Keyes, David Ramos, Ron Delp, owley, Ray Massieu, Kim Porte, Dave MacNamee, Lois Davis

Absent: Bette Failor, Rosemarie Swisshelm, Gigi Boyes, Linda Kubilius, Lisa Leary, Jerry Murphy, Ellie Holmes, Mara Basic

Visiting Speakers, Jeff Kronschnabl, Bob Hall, Shelby Brown, City Code Enforcement Office, and Janet McMann, Occupational License Inspector.

Jeff brought with him a stack of binders filled with documentation information regarding the continuing problem of short term rentals. The Code Enforcement Office has been instructed by the council, city, and legal to forge ahead with their work gathering info on short term rentals. The City is firm on enforcing the code prohibits rentals of less than 30 days. The lawsuit challenging the legality of such code continues slowly. No court date has been set yet. If a property is sold, the actual property has standing, rather than the individual. Jeff asked the board to continue to call with questions and concerns.

Shelby asked that parking concerns should be address by Tracey Bruch, Parking Facilitating Manager, 562-4771.

Bob asked the board to continue to call with concerns. He comes out to the beach often to follow up.

Janet introduced herself to the group, as she is a new member of the team and thanked the CBA for inviting her.

Lt. Andrews, Clearwater Police Department, reported that the holiday was fairly quiet. Construction continues on the Causeway. The south side of the Causeway is torn up due to new pipelines for utilities to over the little bridge. Myrtle Avenue construction is behind schedule. Beach Walk is stalled. The Adams Mark will be imploded. No date given. The Sunspree has been sold and will be demolished.

Linda Hamrell, Librarian, said she'd been optimistic several months ago about the security of the Library on the beach. But now there will be no new parking garage, the Fire Station will be rebuilt, but the plans do not include the Library. So the status of the Library Beach Branch is not known at this time.

The Clearwater Beach Association Board did not have a quorum, therefore discussion and voting on issues did not take place. However, several ideas and suggestions were brought to the table.

The Beach Chamber has started a Hurricane Katrina fund. Those CBA members present want to discuss contributing to a specific organization at the next meeting.

The Website has been updated by John Britton this summer. It was suggested that volunteers would take care of the updating with some help from volunteer experts. Should we or should we not list our members, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses on the website? Could we extend our membership to a 3 year rather than a 1 year?

Dave Ramos has received the permit for the Bay Esplanade/Narcissus Triangle Park patio, and we must wait until the contractor has time to begin.

Respectfully,
Lois Davis