

FRIENDS OF LOVERS KEY, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
January 14, 2025, Board Meeting - 12:00 PM EST
Welcome and Discovery Center

11:00 Pre meeting field trip to inspect the beach renourishment project

Call to Order / Roll call

Present: Jim Remis
Kathryn Klar
Christy Hennessey
Tina Tyler
Carmen Moch
Frank Cassise
Jason Dolle
Miranda Murphy
Katie Moses
John Wesley Nash
Tim Horvatich
Absent: Karen Woodson
Guest: Janet Cassise

Approval of December 10, 2024, board meeting minutes

Motion to approve: Kathryn
Seconded: Carmen
Discussion: None
Motion approved

Park Managers Report

• Park Update: Ranger Mitch has replaced Trish. Looking to hire 2 more rangers. Started the interpretive programs. Junior Ranger "Clubhouse" on the ground nestled inside Seagrape trees is nearly complete and programming will be one day a month for kids. The beach is now enormous with all the sand renourishment and should be complete in 1 month. The bridge to the beach is starting to be built and should take 6-9 months. Exhibit hall floor will be stripped down to bare concrete and finished with a coat of epoxy. Initial flooring finish was not done properly. Lecture series is starting. Katie is going out into the community a well, speaking, and Miranda is doing so as well.

• Audit Committee- Starts 1st Quarter 2025

• Window tinting -Previously Approved: Still held up due to Dennis Goodman's busy schedule

• Other: none

2025 FOLK Budget

- **Review Park request for 2025:**

- **Forward looking park projects presentation:** Miranda gave us a presentation telling us about, and showing, plans in their request for projects to be funded this year. We have allotted \$53,050.00 for this year's budget, but projects will still need to be voted upon by the board to approve the funding.

Project	Total Cost
Storm Storage Shop Shelves	\$ 3,000.00
Parking Lot 1 Enhancements	\$ 3,000.00
Parking Lot 2 Enhancements	\$ 2,000.00
Solar Golf Cart Carport & Charging Station	\$ 15,000.00
Shark Bike Rack	\$ 4,250.00
Front Entrance and Main Bathhouse Shower Improvements	\$ 10,000.00
Junior Ranger Program	\$ 5,000.00
Trail Cams- Smart & Solar x 5	\$ 800.00
Black Island Trail Interpretive Panels	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 53,050.00

- **Administrative needs for discussion**

- **Discussion and Approval of the budget**

- Motion to approve the budget: Jim
- Seconded: Tina
- Discussion: Waves donations should cover the entire event
- Motion approved

2025 Landscaping Project

- **Review Revised Proposal:** Back to back hurricanes, Helene and Milton, destroyed much of the new landscaping at the Welcome and Discovery Center. The new plantings will be what survived being submerged under the saltwater surge.

- **Discussion and Approval not to Exceed \$65,000**

- Motion to approve new landscaping not to exceed \$65,000: Kathryn
- Seconded: Christy
- Discussion: have QR codes to tell about the plants
- Motion approved

Other items requiring approval

- Motion to approve WDC Dishwasher purchase and installation – Not to Exceed \$10,000: Jim
- Seconded: Christy
- Discussion: We did not know the state installed garage cabinets in the kitchen to cut costs, so the quartz countertop is not high enough. We now have to find someone to remove the countertop so our carpenter can

- elevate the tops of the cabinets with spacers, and replace this countertop or a new one if it is damaged.
- Motion approved
- Motion to approve tents, table skirts, dishes, glasses and coolers not to exceed \$7,500: Kathryn
- Seconded: Tim
- Discussion: We need the tent and table skirts for pop-ups
- Motion approved

Board Member Training and Volunteer Agreements: Conducted by Katie and all board members present, signed the agreements for Katie to enter into the portal for us.

Other Activities in Process

- Strategic planning process update: One at a time, there will be training on how to enter reports.
- Use of Nook Inventory: Christy has moved all t-shirts and sweatshirts to the FOLK shed. Organized by size and style in labeled bins, ready to use in pop-up events to sell them. The water bottles and other items will also be moved to storage. The new lock on the shed is set to the year the Park was opened, 1997
- Waves of Appreciation: Planning going well. Working on the invitation list. The rangers will all be invited with our top donors as a way to showcase and thank all of them for their service to the park.
- Internet Implementation: John and Mitch expect completion, the 4th week in February. Verification of proposed design, equipment and services are underway. This week, an onsite survey by a Local Starlink Authorized Installer for installation of the Starlink Antenna will occur tomorrow.
- Annual Meeting – January 22: RSVP
- Speakers Series starts January 16
- Membership Update: Katie spoke at the Woman's Club and Beach Foundation. Jan passed out membership applications. Ashlee Torgerson offered to post our events on the Margaritaville calendar. Jan and Christy are going to be on Beach Talk Radio.
- Preliminary Year End Financial Report Other activities in process: Subject to change
- Other Old Business:
 - Nominating Committee report: Tina and Karen are working on finding a new board member and Jason has one possibility.

- Jason and Christy reported on Turtle Trot 5K: planning with Jason taking the lead.
We have had excellent information on previous runs from Katie. A very exclusive run because it runs through the park and finishes with a dip in the Gulf.

- New Business: A suggestion of having a Flat Stanley program

Adjournment: 2:00

Next Meetings

- Executive Committee
February 4, 12:00 – WDC
- Board Meetings 2025
March 11 – 12:00 – WDC and Zoom
May 13 – 12:00 – WDC and Zoom
August 12 – 12:00 – WDC and Zoom
October 14 – 12:00 – WDC and Zoom
December 9 – 12:00 – WDC and Zoom
- Annual Meeting
January 22, 5:00 – WDC