

FRIENDS OF LOVERS KEY, INC
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda-Minutes
March 14, 2023 – Board Meeting – 1:00 P.M.
WDC Outdoor Classroom

Welcome and Administrative Business

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Present: Jim Remis-President
Karen Woodson-VP Operations
Megan Allers-VP Donor Development & Events
Kathryn Klar-Treasurer Chair Governance Committee
Christy Hennessey-Secretary
Tina Tyler-Donor Development Advisor (by phone)
Katie Moses-Park Manager and State Relations
Tim Horvatic-Building Committee
Louise Kowitch-Education Chair (by phone)
Mark Generales-Building Committee
Frank Cassise-Purchasing/Print/Supplies

Absent: Sandy Foreman-Events Chair
Jason Dolle-Chair Development Subcommittee

II. Approval of February 14, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to Approve: Karen
- Seconded: Mark
- Discussion: None
- Motion Approved

III. Park Managers Report – Katie Moses:

- Update on park damages and clean-up: Black Island trails and waterways cleaned by this week. Sifting of sand is starting this week. 1,000 trucks of sand to refill in south beach. Expected to take 2-3 months.
- Plans for reconstruction: Boat ramp can now be worked on and hopefully dredged. Concessions-owned Bait shack will be torn down. Met with two different construction companies to do submit complete park repair proposals. South Beach restroom will be the first to be rebuilt. Two story Ranger Station. Gift Shop will be elevated.
- Plans for reopening: Hopefully in July but not north entrance due Big San Carlos Pass Bridge construction.
- Volunteers – how and when?: Clean-up the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month with Keep Lee Beautiful. Begin with small volunteer group in the park and next month larger group. Contractors are doing 90% of the work
- Other: None
- Q and A with Board Members: None

REPORTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

IV. President's Report-Jim Remis:

- Developing a list of Park needs that FOLKS can assist in funding internally or externally: Have \$140,000 to split. \$70,000 for Park needs and \$70,000 for landscaping the WDC. FOLKS shed expected to be \$5,000. We have spent \$8,000 for an ATV, \$7,000 for a copier, and soon spending \$15,000 for another ATV.
- Off Road Vehicle Needs: We had approved \$18,000 prior.
- Lawn mower Needs: State providing.
- CSO Legislative Report: We all need to come up with our plans for the next three years, to know where we want to be.
- FOLKS Planning for Reopening and 2024: Sandy is out sick, so no plan presented.
- Meeting schedule for EC and Board: May 9th for the Executive Board and also on Zoom.
- Other: Entire park all new electric \$280,000 and take 6 months to get entire park on grid. Waiting for Bonita to issue the permit.

V. VP of Operations Report-Karen Woodson:

- FMB Update: Debris deadline for pick up is March 31st. Beach re-nourishment has been put off until May.
- Beach Talk Radio Education Fundraising: Sunset Celebration Residents' Night Out Saturday night and we will have a FOLKS table. Eco-camp education items at a cost of \$3,700 lost in Hurricane. Ed Ryan with Beach Talk Radio in a matter of hours, raised \$4,000 to purchase everything on the list.
- Nook Guidelines: Still looking for POS system. There are grant opportunities to pay \$50,000 for an employee, but this person must be someone who lost their job and home damaged by Hurricane Ian.

For Artists:

- #1. Nothing may come into the Nook without first being inventoried:
- #2. All items for sale we purchase or consignment, must be prior approved at or before dropped off at the Nook

- Timing of Nook opening: unknown
- Merchandise replenishment: Only the white manatee t-shirts survived the hurricane.
- Hardware and Software for Nook – POS/retire Salsa: We have Square but don't know if it can manage donations and everything. We are getting donations online but don't know how.
- Paid employee: Looking for a paid employee.
- Membership tracking: Salsa is a problem because Jason, Kathryn and Karen M. are all locked out. If you haven't used it in 60 days, you are locked out. who is admin.
- 2024 GALA Planning: February 24, 2024 and will begin planning soon.
- Other: Let the PO Box go after Ian. It is in our charter we have to have a separate address from the park. New address will be 8710-C Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, 33931.

VI. VP of Development and Events Report-Megan Allers:

- New FOLKS Shed Update: 10x10 shed to begin with and add another later.
- Planning for Events: Megan is planning on Beach and Brews in November and getting that going. Already has potential sponsors.
- Other: Karen M. tried to get a hold of Salsa support but was on hold for one hour.

VII. Secretary Report-Christy Hennessey:

- Revisions to Members Cards: Needed some different wording required by the state. New cards being ordered.
- New T Shirts Designs: New updated Logo
Hot colors preferred for T-shirts.
 - Motion to have 200 T-shirts printed not to exceed \$3,000: Mark
 - Seconded: Frank
 - Discussion: none
 - Motion approved.
- The BTR Sunset Celebration in Time's Square, March 18: Preparations for FOLKS table have been made:
- WDC Landscaping and Activities Project: Need more options presented for landscape architects. Estimated cost for landscape plan could be \$25,000 minimum, looking for no more than \$10,000.
- Newsletter: Trish, Katie and Christy get together each month to see what to add from Trish's newsletter for the FOLKS newsletter.
- Other: Christy to create a new membership application

VIII. Treasurer's Report-Kathryn Klar:

- February Financial Statements: Discussed prior in the meeting.
- Issues with Split Rock Phase Three (with Tim):
 - #1. Tim said the concrete poured where the manatee is going, is not sufficient to support the structure. The structural engineer is now working on those plans. Joe Orlandini and Scott Allen were both suggested as possibly doing the concrete work. Also OAK. Structural engineer said we need to make a change in materials from galvanized steel to stainless steel at \$19,000. Split Rock says we must pay but they gave us a fixed price for the design and it is on them. Tim is going to be discussing it with the president of the company. The stainless steel needs to be marine grade.
 - #2. Tim also reported the engineers stated there needs to be a concrete cap over the base. Because split Rock is responsible for the base, Tim feels they should be responsible for this cap. It is aesthetic and also protects the integrity of the joints. Kathryn suggested Split Rock pay for this and we will give them a tax deductible receipt for it as a donation. Still on schedule for a July installation.
- Disaster Temporary Jobs Grant: Discussed \$50,000 grants prior in the meeting.

- Other: Community Foundation contacted Kathryn last week to see if there is anything else we need for the park. There is a list of needs. Usually do \$1,000 donation.

IX. Other Reports:

- Advisory Council – Tina Tyler: Requesting to approve an advisory committee. We have the process to create this advisory group, in our charter.
 - Motion to approve an advisory committee with Tina as Chair: Mark
 - Seconded: Tim
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion approved.
- Event Planning – July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024 – Sandy Forman: No report
- Other: Need a nametag: Karen, Katie and Megan.

X. Open Board Members discussion about the future: None

XI. New Business: None

XII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Megan
- Seconded: Kathryn
- Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Next Board Meetings

May 9, 2023 – 2:00 - Board Meeting with location to be determined and via Zoom

August 8, 2023 – 2:00 – Board Meeting – Location to be determined and via Zoom