

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2010; 3:00PM
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER**

- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Orban called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
- II. Roll Call:**
Present: Steve Orban, Chairman
Jim Broadus
Doug Dodge
Dick Sula
Joe Pezzullo
- Also Present:** Joe Croughwell, KICA
Captain Brady, CCSO
Chief Stanley, St. Johns Fire District
- III. FOIA:** Notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:**
A. Public Safety Minutes for October 20, 2009
Mr. Dodge motioned to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009. Mr. Pezzullo seconded them motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. Citizen Presentation:**
None
- VI. Old Business:**
None
- VII. New Business:**
A. Review of Charleston County Sheriff's Office Activity Report-Captain Jim Brady
Captain Brady stated that he has been unable to do a year-end recap and that he took over Operations and Patrol Divisions in November. A death was investigated that occurred on Crested Flycatcher. The investigation showed that the cause of death was drug overdose. The deceased was in his late 20's and a resident of Kiawah Island. There were several televisions stolen from KIGR properties and no arrests have been made in association to those thefts. Radar patrol is being performed on Kiawah Island Parkway. Mr. Orban noted that the number of citations appears to be up and asked about the hit and run that occurred on Beachwalker. Captain Brady responded that the island is in good shape overall and that there was minimal damage to the vehicle involved in the hit and run.

B. Report from KICA Security-Joe Croughwell

Mr. Croughwell stated that island visitation was down 200,000 with 1.6 Million in 2009 and 1.8 Million in 2008. Deer killed by vehicle is down 50% in 2009 with six deer were hit and killed in 2009 and 12 in 2008. Covenant violations were up 400 with 2,400 in 2008 to 2,800 in 2009. Noise complaints also reduced in 2008. Mr. Croughwell stated that KICA Security responded to 21,700 calls in 2009. KICA has started a new "Pride in the Community" Committee and Rusty Lameo is a member. Property owners will no longer be issuing citations for non-compliance with KICA Covenants. The newly formed Committee has seven members. Mr. Dodge asked how the electronic gates are performing. Mr. Croughwell stated that one gate is providing a bit of intermittent functionality and that is being worked on. Mr. Croughwell stated that part of the design function gets vehicles to slow down. Mr. Orban stated that he feels the electronic readers should be moved further away from the gate to allow adequate time for the guards to react to the reading. Mr. Sula also suggested moving the reader closer to the gate and this requires a full stop. Mr. Lameo suggested adding a green or red light that the driver can see. Mr. Lameo stated that it has also been discussed adding a stop sign on the inbound lane just before Beachwalker Drive. Mr. Croughwell stated that he thinks a stop sign there is a great idea and they can override it during heavy traffic events such as the KIGR Marathon.

C. Report from St. Johns Fire Chief-Chief Stanley

Chief Stanley stated that the 911 consolidation has gotten pushed back a few months with a proposed begin time frame of April 2010. Fire trucks may be on the streets more often to do pre-incident surveys. The false alarm situation is still being looked into. Mr. Orban stated that any recommendations would be appreciated. Chief Stanley noted that space heaters have caused several fires recently. Mr. Orban stated that the question arose at a holiday event whether to call 911 or the main gate in the event of an emergency. He stated that he believed the protocol was to always call 911 but another person suggested calling the main gate for speedier service. Chief Stanley stated that you should always call 911 in an emergency. Mr. Orban asked Mrs. Rucker to publish an article in Town Notes educating on the 911 number.

D. Review of Beach Patrol Performance

Island Beach Services has taken over the beach patrol contract. They are all certified and up and running. Although the beach is quite now, Mr. Lameo stated that the level of service during the busy months should remain excellent. Mr. Lameo stated that Rob Edgerton and Sasnaski are Code Enforcement during the summer and are heading up the Beach Patrol. Mr. Lameo stated that he is happy they are working with the beach service.

E. Ad-Hoc Safety Committee Report No Report

F. Bike Path Opening

Mr. Orban stated that he would like to open the Bike Path this coming weekend. The last of the guardrail has been installed near the Sales Center and it is safe for pedestrians. Mr. Orban asked that a notice be sent to the KICA list to open the path. A dedication will take place sometime in February. He stated that a lot of people seem to be enjoying it and that it looks very nice. Mr. Croughwell stated that the guardrails look nice and that he does not think they could be any better. Mr. Lameo stated that today was the first day that they received a negative complaint and the citizen was worried that the speeds of contractor trucks remain too high on the Parkway. Mr. Lameo stated that he thinks it is a nicely designed path and feels far enough away from the road. Mr. Lameo recommended installing an advisory 25MPH for the steep curves. He also recommended placing a sign that alerts drivers that “two lanes ahead, right lane residents” just near the sales office. Mr. Orban asked that Mr. Lameo look into the installation .

**VIII. Correspondence:
None**

**IX. Committee Member Comments
Dick Sula**

Mr. Sula had been asked to relay a suggestion from a member of the KICA Safety and Security Committee regarding the new bike path to Freshfields. This individual felt that the new path had some safety concerns and suggested that a sign be placed at both ends reading, “Ride at your own risk.” Mr. Orban stated that he does not feel the bike path is unsafe and does not recommend installing those cautionary signs. Mr. Sula also recommends that reflectors be placed on the posts along the bike path. Mr. Orban asked that Mr. Lameo install the reflectors and a sign that reads “No Fishing from the Bridge.”

Mr. Lameo again recommended installing a stop sign on the Parkway in the incoming lane at the intersection of Beachwalker and the Kiawah Island Parkway. Mr. Croughwell and Mr. Pezzullo stated that he agrees with Mr. Lameo. Mr. Orban stated that the Town can have a traffic engineer from Charleston County to inspect placing a stop sign in that area.

**X. Citizen Comments:
None**

**XI. Adjournment:
Mr. Sula motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:57pm. Mr. Broadus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by,

Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk

Approved by,

Steve Orban, Chairman

Date