

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2009; 3:00 PM**  
**Kiawah Island Municipal Center**  
**2nd Floor Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order: Mr. Orban called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

**II. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Steven Orban, Chairman  
Doug Dodge  
Dick Sula  
Jim Broadus  
Joe Pezzullo

**Also Present:** Rusty Lameo, TOKI  
Juan Martin, TOKI  
Joe Croughwell, KICA  
Cpt. Jim Brady  
Jackie Stanley, Assistant Chief St. Johns FD  
Curtis Watlington, St. Johns FD  
Charles R. Lipuma, Town Council Member  
Cathy Wilson, Town Clerk  
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator  
Liz King, KIGR

**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 Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2008**

**Mr. Dodge moved to approve the October 14, 2008 minutes. Mr. Broadus seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

**V. Citizen Presentation:**

None

**VI. Old Business:**

None

## **VII. New Business:**

### **A. Report from KICA Security-Joe Croughwell**

Mr. Croughwell stated that things have been quiet. Mr. Croughwell mentioned accidents at the V gate and on the Parkway.

### **B. Review of Charleston County Sheriff's Office Reports (See Attached)**

Captain Jim Brady stated that activities have been relatively slow. The only incidents were traffic violations and accidents along the bridge. Captain Brady stated that the accident that blocked traffic for a few hours on Sunday, January 11 did not result in life threatening injuries and resulted from high speed. Captain Brady stated that the Town's procedure for opening traffic lanes for emergency situations is adequate and a good plan to have. The roads were closed during the investigation and removal of the vehicles to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and could have been opened to allow for emergency vehicles to pass. Helicopters are on standby for every emergency call on Kiawah due to the distance to hospitals. Consolidated 911 dispatch center is now coming all under one roof and the City of Charleston has agreed to join.

#### **Year Recap**

Written Warnings	106
Citations	140
Traffic Observation Hours	301

### **C. Report from St. Johns Fire Department- Jackie Stanley, Assistant Chief St. Johns FD**

Chief Stanley stated that false alarm calls have reduced over the past three months. St. John's Fire Department is now completely digital in regards to communication. No actual fires on the Island to report.

### **D. Review of Beach Patrol Performance**

Mr. Lameo stated that the beach patrol is very slow this time of year and down to only one person manning the beach. Jay Van Gordan is the patrol person on the beach during this time of year. Mr. Lameo stated that there has been one dog incident and that information has been turned over to the Court. Tommy Vickers is no longer with A Services Group but they will still be providing Beach Patrol services and two additional vehicles will be

used during the summer months. The Town has purchased additional recycling and garbage containers to place along the beach. Fifteen will be purchased in 2008 and fifteen additional will be purchased in 2009. A State Grant along with A-Tax helped fund the beach bib purchases and a new "Tow-Cat" machine from Bobcat. The machine will be used to remove large debris items from the beach. Mr. Lameo explained that a lot of the beach boardwalks have been converted to wheelchair accessible. Mr. Sula suggested that the signs should be made and placed along all accessible boardwalks because most of them are weathered and unreadable.

#### **F. Ad-Hoc Safety Committee Report**

Mr. Croughwell stated that the Committee discussed Captain Brady's views on the accident along the parkway. Mr. Croughwell stated that the Committee discussed communications among all entities and offered KICA's assistance for any beach patrol assistance. Mr. Croughwell explained that speeding has reduced and that he attributes that to Deputy visibility on the island. Captain Brady

#### **G. Speed Limit on the Parkway**

Mr. Lameo stated that on behalf of the Mayor, the Town is having the roadway speeds checked by Charleston County Traffic Engineers to ensure traffic law compliance and motorist safety. Mr. Orban stated that the information will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee at their next meeting.

#### **H. Marathon Check-In Traffic**

Mr. Orban stated that the KICA personnel did the best they could do but the traffic situation needs to be addressed. Mr. Croughwell stated that he suggested to Yvonne Johnston that KIGR send out passes to marathon registrants via email. That pass would allow access to the East Beach Center where they will be given their race packets and any further passes necessary. Mr. Croughwell stated that KIGR has been very helpful in this process. Mr. Croughwell stated that KICA would like to add personnel for next year's event and stated that the cost would be around \$1,560. Mr. Orban stated that the race sponsor should contribute the funding necessary to ensure public safety for the event. Mrs. King stated that the race is a community race and over 31 residents raced and 75 volunteered. The race provided funding to the Kiawah Conservancy and other local organizations. She explained that the Resort is willing to work with all entities in order to make the event run more smoothly. Mr. Orban suggested that a group get together in early fall of 2009 to discuss strategic plans for the Marathon. Mrs. Rucker suggested that KIGR factor additional personnel into the total equation for the cost of the event.

**I. Town Hall Traffic Circle Direction**

Mr. Lameo stated that Mr. Charlie Lipuma had requested that the Town post signage directing the traffic to go in only one direction around the circle as it was originally intended. Mr. Lipuma stated that the signage, whether on the pavement or standing sign would be beneficial. Mr. Orban asked Mr. Lameo to place the signs as requested and to depict fire lanes as requested by Mrs. Rucker.

**J. Beach Services Vehicle**

Mr. Lameo stated that Mr. Butch Neal requested to use trucks instead of GEO Trackers for provided services on the beach. The Committee had no objections.

**IX. Correspondence:**

None

**X. Committee Members' Comments:**

None

**XI. Citizens Comments:**

Mrs. King stated that the Resort is currently planning the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks and working with the River Course to stagger the fireworks displays. Currently the plan is Friday night at Night Heron and another on Saturday.

Mrs. Rucker stated that the Town has scheduled the Disaster Awareness Day for June 4, 2009.

**Chairman's Report:**

None

**XII. Adjournment:**

**Mr. Sula moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 PM; motion seconded by Mr. Dodge. The motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine C. Wilson, Town Clerk

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Steve Orban, Chairman**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CC: Public Safety Committee Members:**  
**William G. Wert, Mayor**  
**Dennis Rhoad, Town Attorney**  
**Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator.**