



PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

FEB 23, 2019 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Eden Condominium

The Perdido Key Association (PKA) held its 2019 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2019, beginning at 10 AM at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key, Florida. Approximately 50 people were in attendance; 93 membership proxies had been received prior to the meeting.

Quorum: With a quorum established, PKA President Charles Krupnick brought the meeting to order and welcomed those attending; Alan Dennis presented an inspiring invocation and then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PKA Vice President Kelly Robertson covered the selection process for PKA Directors for 2019. The two current Directors up for reelection volunteered to be considered for reelection as Directors; no additional candidates came forward. With four open positions and two candidates, no election for Directors was required.

PKA Board of Directors: Kelly went on to introduce the 2018 and 2019 PKA Board of Directors: Mae Dean, Alan Dennis, Pat Hodson, Charles Krupnick, Kelly Robertson, Joe Stone and Dent Williams. Sarah De Lazzer continues as PKA Administrator.

2018 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes: PKA Secretary Pat Hodson presented the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes. Charles called for a vote of approval; all present approved the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes as presented.

Membership Report: Pat then briefed those present on current PKA membership. At the end of 2018, PKA had 361 members – a decline from 405 at the end of 2017. PKA is planning to release a mail-out to Perdido Key registered voters who are not PKA members to increase membership and participation.

Financial Report: Charles presented PKA's 2018 Financial Status using Acting-Treasurer Mae Dean and PKA Administrator Sarah De Lazzer's report. He explained the substantial expense required for the 2018 World Oceans Day event and the extra income provided by a Visit Pensacola grant to help finance the event. Charles called for a vote of approval; all present approved the 2018 Financial Status report as presented. Charles also discussed the 2019 PKA budget which addressed the funds required for the 2019 World Oceans Day event and a hoped for Visit Pensacola grant.

Guest Speaker: Charles introduced Dana Pagador, Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce Director. Ms. Pagador emphasized the importance of PKA for residents and owners and welcomed PKA as a member of the Chamber. The Chamber intends to become more active with Perdido Key activities and in coordinating with PKA to promote and conduct events. She provided a contact information list for all present and encouraged PKA members to become involved with Chamber activities. In answer to a question from the

audience, she noted the Chamber accepts individual memberships in addition to businesses and organizations.

Featured Speaker: Charles went on to introduce Escambia County Commissioner Doug Underhill, noting his Navy career, experience in business, and community service in addition to his election and recent reelection as District 2 Commissioner. Commissioner Underhill began by declaring he had been a PKA member well before he became a County Commissioner and would continue as a member after leaving office. He then addressed many of the issues important to Perdido Key property owners and residents, including the Perdido Key Shared-Use/Multi-Use Path – generally on track despite the loss of some previously expected funding; the Pensacola Pass Inlet Management Plan – study approved by the Board of County Commissioners that should lead to a process where sand dredged from Pensacola Pass would be deposited on the Perdido Key Area of the Gulf Islands National Seashore and be available for migration to the rest of Perdido Key; Florabama traffic – incremental progress being made, but an elevated pedestrian cross-over is unlikely; Escambia County budget issues – current spending may not be sustainable for the long-term; efforts to create public beach access and parking at 16400 Perdido Key Drive – an initiative he opposes that has an uncertain fate; and, the Perdido Key Master Plan – which he identified as the “People’s Design Document” – where discussions continue with the principal developer. Commissioner Underhill also noted the importance of the Habitat Conservation Plan as a defense against overdevelopment and provided detailed responses to multiple questions, which seemed much appreciated by those in attendance.

President’s Remarks: PKA President Charles Krupnick reported on PKA’s activities during 2018. These included periodic testimony at government decision-making bodies on issues relevant to Perdido Key, co-sponsorship of International Coastal Cleanup Day in September – which was highlighted by the participation of students from the Tuskegee Institute, and Adopt-A-Highway cleanups of a portion of Rt. 98 every quarter. He described in some detail the very successful World Oceans Day event in June at Perdido Key State Park where an estimated 400 people came to view a variety of ocean conservancy relevant exhibits, plus sculptures in the beach sand and colorful kites in the skies. He explained the significant funding required bringing Navarre Beach Marine Science Depot’s Discovery Depot touch tank and exhibit to the event, an expense that seemed appropriate given the response of those who attended the event. A similar World Oceans Day event is planned for Friday, June 7, 2019 – noting that the actual World Oceans Day is Saturday, June 8, 2019. Charles also noted the completion of the County’s Perdido Key Dune Restoration Project, but that little progress had been made towards underground utilities on Perdido Key.

Good of Order: With no further questions or comments and following an expression of appreciation for those attending, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion carried and the meeting ended at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hodson, PKA Secretary