



## **PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

**FEB 27, 2021 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Eden Condominium**

The Perdido Key Association (PKA) held its 2021 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2021, beginning at 10 AM at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key, Florida. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting in-person with a similar number online.

**Quorum:** PKA President Charles Krupnick brought the meeting to order and welcomed those attending; former PKA Director Joe Stone gave the Invocation; PKA Vice President Kelly Robertson then led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that a quorum had been established with 116 membership proxies received prior to the meeting.

**PKA Board of Directors:** Charles reviewed the selection process for 2021 PKA Directors: one person joined the Board in mid-2020 and one left in December 2020, one Director up for reelection remained a candidate and one additional candidate came forward; with five open positions and two candidates, an election for Directors was not required. Charles then introduced the 2021 PKA Board of Directors: Mae Dean, Charles Krupnick, Kelly Robertson, Valerie Short, Connie Walker and Dent Williams; Sarah De Lazzer continues as PKA Administrator. Charles expressed PKA's appreciation for departing Director Alan Dennis for his many contributions and long-term dedication to PKA and Perdido Key. He also asked members to consider becoming PKA Directors.

**2020 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes:** PKA Secretary Mae Dean presented the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes; Charles called for a vote of approval; those present approved the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Membership Report:** Charles reported PKA had 398 members at the end of 2019, a slight increase from 395 at the end of 2019. A postcard mail-out to over 3,000 Perdido Key property owners not currently PKA members was in progress with addresses from the 2020 Perdido Key Property Owner mailing list. The postcard informed recipients survey results were available on the PKA website and suggested they consider PKA membership.

**Featured Speaker:** Charles introduced featured speaker Escambia County District 2 Commissioner Doug Underhill. The Commissioner focused his remarks on the results of the 2020 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey, including development, traffic, wildlife and environment, and governing concerns. He emphasized factors that have kept Perdido Key from being over developed, such as the Perdido Key Master Plan and the endangered species present on Perdido Key, and encouraged more emphasis on the value of both. The Commissioner noted County control of Perdido Key Drive has allowed more rapid safety improvement and traffic flow on the island such as the crosswalk/traffic light installation at the Flora-Bama and plans for a roundabout at the Johnson Beach Road intersection. The Commissioner also fielded questions from attendees, including beachfront access and erosion issues, noting that public ownership of beaches in developed areas could lead to

extensive beachfront commercialization and that private property rights were very important, but allowing visitors to have a pleasant beach experience should also be considered. His presentation was very comprehensive and informative.

**Financial Report:** Charles presented PKA's 2020 financial status using PKA Administrator Sarah De Lazzer's report. The report was noteworthy for the approximately \$9,000 required beyond 2020 membership revenue for the 2020 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey. With COVID-19 restrictions, other expenses such as June World Oceans Day activities were not incurred or significantly reduced. To ensure PKA had operating funds going into 2021 because of the survey, the PKA Board approved a \$9,000 loan from the Legal Fund to the Operating Fund in \$5,000 and \$4,000 increments and began 2021 with an Operating Fund balance of approximately \$8,400.

**President's Remarks:** PKA President Charles Krupnick then reported on PKA's activities and Perdido Key issues during 2020 and into 2021. The main achievement of the year was creation, distribution, and analysis of the 2020 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey. The survey forms were mailed and returned mid-year; the rest of the year was spent in analysis and compiling the report of survey findings; printing and mailing survey reports carried into 2021. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, World Oceans Day in June was conducted online and featured a week of ocean-related PowerPoint activities posted on the PKA website; International Coastal Cleanup Day in September was similarly restricted, though volunteers from PKA and the Friends of Pensacola State Parks conducted cleanups at Perdido Key State Park and Big Lagoon State Park to remove debris caused by Hurricane Sally. Charles noted PKA had participated in the State of Florida's Adopt-A-Highway program for three years picking up litter from on a portion of Rt. 98 every quarter. Illness and lack of participation, however, led to a mid-year termination of PKA's participation in the program. He also covered progress toward the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path, including the likely creation of a Preservation Park with solar windmill, but noted little obvious movement toward creation of an Urban Center as featured by the Perdido Key Master Plan. Citizen science projects, such as salinity and seagrass monitoring and monthly profile and tar ball surveys of Perdido Key beaches, were on hold for much of 2020 and into 2021 because of COVID-19 and other precautions. Charles expressed concern over the current status of Perdido Key beach parks: because of Hurricane Sally, Perdido Key State Park was closed for reconstruction and access to Johnson Beach was restricted beyond the main pavilion and parking area – creating challenges for the coming vacation season.

**Good of Order:** President Charles Krupnick thanked members for attending and the Eden Condominium for use of its facilities. He gave particular thanks to Eden personnel April Adams and Brook Davis for helping set up and operate Zoom and PowerPoint for the meeting. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn; motion carried and the meeting ended at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Dean, PKA Secretary