



## **PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

**FEB 25, 2023 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Eden Condominium**

The Perdido Key Association (PKA) held its 2023 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2023, beginning at 10 AM at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key, Florida. Approximately 30 people attended; Zoom difficulties prevented online participation.

**Quorum:** PKA President Charles Krupnick brought the meeting to order and welcomed those attending; he led a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and announcing a quorum had been met for the meeting.

**2022 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes:** Charles presented the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes noting guest speaker Escambia County Senior Natural Resources Manager Tim Day covered a wide range of issues relevant to Perdido Key, such as progress on the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path, Johnson Beach Road/Perdido Key Drive roundabout, Perdido Key Master Plan, and Escambia County's Habitat Conservation Plan. Mr. Day also discussed Perdido Key beach erosion issues and potential effects of global warming and sea level rise on the Perdido Key Area. Charles then covered PKA financial and administrative issues, its participation in several community activities, concerns for golf cart and similar vehicle use on Perdido Key roads and sidewalks/paths, beach access and parking concerns, plus other Perdido Key relevant issues. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2022 Minutes as presented; motion carried.

**Featured Speaker:** Charles introduced guest speaker Matt Posner, Director of the Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) who provided valuable information on the health of our region's waterways as well as activities of his organization. He noted how important seagrass was to our estuaries and that seagrass health varied by location, with the Perdido area in fair shape but Pensacola Bay less fortunate. He also spoke to the recent partial oyster harvest closure in Pensacola Bay because of excess bacteria, but pointed out local oysters being sold were safe to consume. He emphasized PPBEP's several goals, including as a source of watershed information and its efforts to improve water quality and reduce sedimentation. The organization also plays a role in programs such as the Carpenter Creek Restoration and Perdido Watershed Initiative. PPBEP is currently part of Escambia County government and recently completed its first "Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan for the Pensacola and Perdido Bay Watersheds." It is seeking "National Estuary Program" designation to make it eligible for federal funding. The audience appreciated Mr. Posner's informative presentation on PPBEP and watershed issues important to the greater Perdido Key area.

**PKA Board of Directors:** Charles reviewed the selection process for the 2023 PKA Board of Directors noting there were five positions with two candidates, so an election for Directors was not required. PKA Directors for the coming year are Charles Krupnick, Mae Dean, Connie Walters,

Mark Richardson, Stan Capua and Steven Huggins. Selection of 2023 PKA Officers will occur at the March 13, 2023 Board meeting; Suzanne Kenworthy continues her position as PKA Administrator.

**Membership Report:** Charles reported 320 PKA members at the end of 2022, a decrease from 338 at the end of 2021.

**Financial Report:** Charles presented PKA's 2022 Financial Report and noted 2022's lower Operating Income because of fewer PKA members plus the \$1,000 transfer from PKA's Operating Fund to the Legal Fund to continue repaying the \$9,000 transferred to Operating Funds for 2020 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey expenses. He noted strains on the budget from increased cost of goods and services as well as the modest drop in membership and that the 2023 budget has reduced some expenses and does not include a \$1,000 transfer to the legal fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2022 Financial Report as presented; motion carried.

**President's Remarks:** PKA president Charles Krupnick went through the Board of Directors goals for 2022 and highlighted the many Board initiatives to increase PKA membership, including letters to condominium organizations, purchase of PKA magnets for distribution at events and to members, plus Director appearances at various events and condominium meetings. He noted actions taken or planned to help keep Perdido Key roadsides clean and manage beach access and parking. Unfortunately, no progress was made in 2022 toward underground utilities for Perdido Key. He updated attendees on progress toward completing the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path with west portion construction likely to begin in May 2023, repairs underway at the Perdido Key State Park East Area and likely to begin at the Perdido Key Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore in fall 2023. Charles noted the continued rapid pace of residential construction on the island as well as traffic and other concerns for the Altura apartment complex being built at the north end of Theo Baars Bridge. He highlighted PKA's activities in 2022 including arguments made at the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners meetings, presentation at a Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast briefing and participation in the June World Oceans Day event. He also spoke to PKA's charitable contributions and relationship to other organizations, noting in particular the newly formed Perdido Key Chamber Foundation. The last portion of the meeting featured discussion on the current "We are Perdido" incorporation initiative. Audience comments included determination to wait and see what the ongoing feasibility study had to say as well as concern that Perdido Key property owners would have relatively few votes in a "Perdido" municipality because so many were nonresidents. "We are Perdido" leader Steve Brendtro in attendance pointed out nonresidents could still be represented on committees that would help direct the new community's activities. Charles encourage the audience to renew their PKA membership for 2023 if they had not done so already as well as to consider becoming PKA Directors.

**Good of the Order:** Charles thanked those attending and the Eden Condominium for use of its facilities. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn; motion carried and the meeting ended at 11:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Dean, PKA Secretary