

**General Meeting
October 8, 2007
MINUTES**

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President - Michael Dreikorn
Treasurer - Robert Montgomery
1st Vice President - Bob Glennon
Secretary - Marilyn Porthouse
2nd Vice President - John Cammick
Director - Bob Johnson
Director - Genevera Koonce

1. Call to Order – President, Michael Dreikorn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the season.
2. Introduction of the Board – President, Michael Dreikorn introduced the officers present: 1st Vice President, Bob Glennon; Treasurer, Robert Montgomery; Secretary, Marilyn Porthouse; Director, Bob Johnson. 2nd Vice President, John Cammick and Director, Genevera Koonce were not present.
3. Michael Dreikorn introduced our speaker, Mr. Ken Wilkinson, Lee County Property Appraiser. Mr. Wilkinson distributed handouts and spoke about Save Our Homes, which he is very proud of, and the proposed portability of this provision. He explained the “super exemptions” which were proposed and junked by a judge’s ruling. John McKay wants to get rid of sales tax exemptions. He also discussed other options at length. Save Our Homes and its portability will probably be on ballot on January 29th and he has asked that our group not only promote support for the amendment but that we sit at the polls and ask voters to sign petitions to retain this program.
4. A questions and answer period followed
5. After a five-minute recess the brief and informal business meeting followed:
 - a. Robert Montgomery reported that we realized an approximate profit of \$400 from Mango Mania and we have a balance of \$2,400.
 - b. Marilyn Porthouse stated that she tries to send out email newsletters each month, since we do not have sufficient funds to mail them.
 - c. Michael noted our new website, bokeeliafl.com and encouraged all to visit it and submit materials to post there.
6. The November 12 meeting was discussed. It was noted that it is Veteran’s Day and perhaps we should find another date. Marilyn will research. It is

hoped that we will be able to have Mr. Russell Weintraub or his developer, Banks Engineering as speaker(s) to discuss Treeco Village. John Cammick has made the contact. Some of the known facts were discussed. We will put whatever we have on the website.

7. Old Business –
 - a. Water fountains on Bike Path - A member wanted to know what happened regarding the water fountains on the bike path. Marilyn will contact Bill Thatcher at the water company.
 - b. Bocilla Seaport Marina – It was suggested that we put a fact sheet on the website and in the newsletter to bring members up to date. The SFWMD staff recommendation is for denial of the application for a permit for construction of the Marina. The final decision will be made by the Governing Board at a meeting on October 11th. We will report updates.
 - c. Bokeelia Boat Ramp – Nothing has been done since Sally Tappenger took over the project because the permit request is still in Tallahassee. They must approve it because it is a DEP project.
 - d. Station Three – Marilyn reported that the MPIFCD Commissioners broke ground for this project on October 5th. Estimated completion date will be July 27, 2008. We should see equipment on site in about two weeks.
 - e. Station Four – Commissioners are very close to finding available land for purchase.
8. New Business
 - a. Bokeelia Community Plan – Does Bokeelia need this now. This will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.
 - b. Second Bridge to Pine Island – Is it too early to start discussing this seriously.
 - c. Perhaps a tunnel!
9. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Marilyn Porthouse, Secretary
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