

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
July 9, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shuman, Bruce Walker, Ray Sullivan, Bill Anderson, Mark Jones, Christina Friday, Kate Penn

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Donna Shuman, Lisa Gebbic Danielle Franz, Lila Beall, Julie Crudele, Michael Gray, Linda Elkington, Chris Elkington, Jeri Singleton, Frank Groblewski, Danielle Brooks

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Minutes from the May General Meeting were distributed and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Walker gave an overview of the current budget. We have \$322,196 in our accounts. Bruce discussed handouts and took questions from the floor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bill Shuman – nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers reported we have 541 members to date. The next *Sea Breeze* will be a combined July/.August issue.

BEACH: Kate Penn reported that permits have been acquired for the beach parking lot improvements. Water quality at the beach is presently good. Do not swim 48 hours after a storm. Waste from pets and water foul affect the water quality after a heavy rain. Pet owners need to cleanup after their pets. ESA is working on data collection for the shoreline study.

STORMWATER: Ray Sullivan reported that a rain garden will be constructed at the corner of Great Lake and Phipps Drives. We are applying for a Grant from Arlington Echo in conjunction with South River Federation. This is a \$26K project – all but \$5K is in grants. HSIA has approved \$5K toward the project. Looking to have a comprehensive stormwater plan to submit to the community. The next stormwater walk is scheduled for July 18.

SECURITY: Bill Shuman reported on an alert from South County Police about vandalism in Quiet Waters Park. Kids are spray painting the ampitheater, cutting down trees, and making bike ramps. Police believe the kids are coming into the Park from Hillsmere along Forest Hill Drive. Additional police patrols are in Hillsmere and residents should report anyone that goes into the Park after dark. Someone drove into our beach sign. HSIA may be making a claim with our insurance company. We have budgeted to replace the beach sign. Blueguard is doing community patrols.

HISTORIAN: Julie Crudele is looking forward to talking to everyone interested in giving historical information. Key School has been very open to sharing documents in public domain. You can reach Julie at historian@hillsmereshores.net.

DUVALL CREEK DREDGING: Bruce Walker reported that 12 days after our last general meeting, BayLand held spur workshops. The County ruled and has frozen funds. BayLand will

work up our permit, but it won't be submitted. Bill Shuman took care of coordinating the Piers & Harbor permits with BayLand.

PIERS & HARBOR: Mark Jones reported that the marina gate has been moved onto our property – no longer on the Nuskind property. The gate was put on a steel structure to help stormwater drainage. It is on a sun-sensor for opening and closing. No crab pots are allowed at the marina. Crab traps are okay. Mark has removed two pots and they are at his home.

TRAFFIC: Frank Groblewski mentioned that he gets about 1 email a month about speed humps on Hillsmere streets. Cost of speed humps is about \$1500. The County would need to do speed data collection before a speed hump could be considered.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING: Bill Shuman reported that we've never been sprayed yet for mosquitoes. It's either been raining or not enough mosquitoes landing. Bill had maps explaining the "opting out" buffer. Originally, we had a 300 foot buffer around a resident that "opted out". The Board voted to request to change the exclusion zone to "house on either side and in front – 100 foot buffer". After Bill sent out an email explaining the buffer zone, a few residents changed their "opt out". Frank Grobelwski mentioned that he felt the board exceeded their authority and should have gone to vote on this issue at a general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Pool lease renewal. HSIA came up with a list of items that should be included in the new pool lease and have given the list to Tom Trimmer of the Pool Association. Bill Shuman will be in touch with Hillsmere Pool Association to restart meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator