

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
July 11, 2013**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christian Elkington, Nancy Fulton, Kathy McFadden, Bill Anderson, Helene Raven, TJ Hurlburt, Noel Gasparin, Ray Sullivan (Absent: Shannon Frece, Perry Geib, Tracy Stanley)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

GUESTS: Linda Elkington, Kevin Green, Jennifer Vaccaro, Sue King, Michael Drucis, Phil Jones, Denis Ahr, Jeri Singleton, Brooke George, Steve Wagner, Charles Flanagan, Sandra Anderson, Ann Smith, Danielle Franz, Michael Raum, Mary T. Gray, Lenore Naranjo, Steve Vanderbosch, Kate Penn, Michael Clark, Mary Franz, Chris Moore

Christian Elkington called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Quorum present.

Minutes from the May General meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Christian Elkington announced that Nancy Fulton is moving out of Hillsmere and therefore resigning as Treasurer. Christian thanked Nancy for all her hard work through the year and wished her much success in her new community. She will be greatly missed. Nancy Fulton gave an overview of the budget and took questions from the floor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christian Elkington mentioned that BGE called for an energy conservation day on Wednesday of this week. We had an ice cream and dessert party at the beach to watch local fireworks. It was a very successful event. HSIA has purchased 75 "No Soliciting" signs. The signs are for sale for \$20 and can be attached to a wooden mailbox post.

WATERSHED STEWARDS: Kevin Green spoke about a watershed pilot program that Hillsmere has been chosen for. Kevin will be keeping the community apprised of the program. Kevin introduced Sue King from the Watershed Stewards Academy to talk more about the program and take questions from the floor.

BEACH COMMITTEE: Kate Penn reported on the shoreline renovation project. HSIA selected Shoreline Design to do the renovation. Shoreline Design was the contractor that did the east beach revetment. The beach will be cordoned off from the swale in the middle to the east end. The tot lot will be closed. The west end will remain open, along with the west end entrance. There was a question from the floor about the standing water between the large pavilion and the large playground. Kate answered that the contractor that installed the new swing set next to the pavilion bought in heavy equipment and damaged the drainage area between the pavilion and playground. We cannot fix that area now. It would be too much disturbance to the critical area while the shoreline renovation is happening. The repair of the drainage area will need to be a future project.

PIERS & HARBOR: TJ Hurlburt reported that the pier replacement project is complete. Piers & Harbor is in a pilot project to put all piers & harbor lists and documents on a cloud so designated persons can access and update information. This pilot is working well.

POOL: Mike Drucis thanked all the volunteers that have helped with the pool this season. Because of their creative ideas and hard work, the pool is doing well. Black Walnut Cove residents have joined. Subcommittees are being formed to look at membership, the pool contract, and pool rules. Anyone that would like to help or volunteers can contact pool@hillsmereshores.net.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Christian Elkington reported that the Board has approved the installation of five pet stations; two at the pool; 2 at the sandspit; and one by the beach. The pet stations are tamper proof. Christian mentioned that Dumpster Days has been rescheduled to July 19 and 20.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Kathy McFadden reported that 20 welcome bags were passed out to new residents last month. The Welcoming Committee has received lots of positive feedback.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: TOWING AT THE MARINA AND BEACH:

1. Christian Elkington recognized Sandy Anderson who spoke about security in Hillsmere. When we hired Blueguard Security, several steps were supposed to take place to secure our neighborhood. One step was to ensure that everyone that parked at the beach and marina had a sticker on their car. Stickers are not being put on vehicles. The marina guest passes that have been put in place recently are being passed out to people living outside of our community. Our Blueguard Security Officer is constantly issuing citations on vehicles without stickers. And our Blueguard Security Officer gets verbally abused when he does his job.
2. Christian Elkington gave a history of security in Hillsmere. HSIA hired Blueguard Security and an after-hours A.A. County police officer to patrol our neighborhood. At the last board meeting, our HSIA Security Chair, Matt Franz, asked to reinstate towing.
3. **TJ Hurlburt motioned that HSIA resume towing vehicles at the community marina that do not display an HSIA resident sticker or a marina guest pass. Towing shall be resumed on a date specified by the HSIA Board of Directors with prior notice to the community. All vehicles identified for towing shall have the concurrence of the Chair, Security Committee, and one of the following: Chair, Piers and Harbor, President, HSIA, or Vice President, HSIA. If the Chair, Security Committee is unavailable, towing shall require the concurrence of a minimum of two of the designees. The Board of Directors, Chair, Security Committee and Chair, Piers and Harbor Committee shall implement appropriate measures to minimize the risk of towing of resident vehicles. This motion shall require the concurrence of the Board of Directors prior to implementation. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion.** Discussion and many questions and answers followed. TJ Hurlburt mentioned this has been discussed at the Piers & Harbor Committee meetings. Towing at the marina is supported by the Piers & Harbor Committee. A sticker on a vehicle is to identify a Hillsmere resident. The motion on the floor will still go back to the Board and be discussed at the next Board meeting. **Jim Schwallenberg called the vote. Vote taken – 42 in favor (with proxies); 4 opposed (with proxies). The motion passed. The Board will consider towing at the marina at the next Board meeting.**

4. **TJ Hurlburt motioned that HSIA resume towing vehicles at the community beach that do not display an HSIA resident sticker or are not vehicles of guests accompanied by a resident. Towing shall be resumed on a date specified by the HSIA Board of Directors with prior notice to the community. All vehicles identified for towing shall have the concurrence of the Chair, Security Committee, and one of the following: Chair, Beach Committee, President HSIA, or Vice President HSIA. If the Chair, Security Committee is unavailable, towing shall require the concurrence of a minimum of two of the designees. The Board of Directors, Chair, Security Committee and Chair, Beach Committee shall implement appropriate measures to minimize the risk of towing of resident vehicles. This motion shall require the concurrence of the Board of Directors prior to implementation. Kathy McFadden seconded the motion. Discussion. Brooke George mentioned that at times, our Blueguard Security Officer can be confrontational. Lenore Naranjo mentioned that, in defense of our Blueguard Security Officer, she's witnessed many very aggressive non-residents that are confrontational with our Blueguard Security Officer. **Vote taken – 46 in favor (with proxies); 1 opposed (with proxies). The motion passed. The Board will consider towing at the beach at the next Board meeting.****

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator