

**ST. ARMANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
Held at Bird Key Yacht Club
February 1, 2007**

DIRECTORS PRESENT – Bill Rex, President, Rebecca Anderson, Manuel Chepote, Debbie Cusano, Buck Fry, Jim Grace, Joanna Grace, Michael Losey, Earl Scott, Don Vercauteren.

DIRECTORS ABSENT – Hytham Bakr, David Day, Marlene Lancaster

GUEST PRESENT – Vice Mayor Danny Bilyeu, Commissioners Lou Ann Palmer and Ken Shelin, Neighborhood Coordinator Michele Mician, and Officer Donzia Franklin

Following the cocktail reception Bill Rex, President welcomed everyone. He introduced Commissioners Palmer, Shelin, and Vice Mayor Bilyeu who made a few brief comments. He then introduced Bill Nies who gave our invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – Joanna Grace introduced the present board members.

TREASURY REPORT – Buck Fry, treasurer, gave the annual treasury report.

INTRODUCTION OF NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Michael Losey, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the following for new positions on the board: Jan Haynes, Ron Herman, Ed Pinto, Ken Pippin and Martin Welheim. He also proposed the re-election of Jim Grace, Marlene Lancaster and Michael Losey. Placed into nomination were the following slate of officers for 2007:

**President – Bill Rex
1st. V.P. – Marlene Lancaster
2nd V.P. – Jim Grace
Secretary – Jan Haynes
Treasurer – Buck Fry**

ELECTION OF NOMINEES – Jim Grace made a motion that the nominees and officers be accepted as presented. Approval was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS – President, Bill Rex, presented a plaque to Past President, Manuel Chepote in recognition and appreciation for his tireless dedication, leadership and service to our community. A plaque was also presented to Rebecca Anderson for her contributions and duties as secretary for the past three

years. He then gave a special award to Joann Grace for all her efforts in getting the Tree Canopy Program started in our neighborhood.

SAVE OUR STATUES PROGRAM – Bill Rex, president, recognized Michael Losey, Ed Pinto and Michele Mician for undertaking a Save Our Statues (SOS) initiative to catalog, repair, preserve, and in some cases, replace the priceless statues on our Key. Ed Pinto briefly explained the program and cost of adopting a statue. There were immediate pledges from our residents kicking off this campaign with \$21,500.00 in commitments.

RECOGNITION OF ANNUAL DINNER COMMITTEE – Bill Rex, president, thanked Deb Cusano and her committee helpers Vicki Fry, Betsy and Jesse Hannan, Jan and Terry Haynes and Michele Mician from the City's Neighborhood Partnership Office. All of their efforts turned this into a very enjoyable evening for everyone. Thanks again for a job well done.

INTRODUCTION OF ENTERTAINMENT – Buck Fry introduced a wonderful group called The Florida Studio Theater Improv who gave a very entertaining program.

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**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Anderson, Secretary**