

St. Armands Residents Association Meeting Minutes for Nov. 6, 2007

The regular meeting of the St. Armands Residents Association was held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007 at the St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, classroom #2, President Bill Rex being in the chair and Secretary, Jan Haynes present. Board members present were Hytham Bakr, Manuel Chepote, Buck Fry, Jim and Joanna Grace, Marlene Lancaster, Earl Scott and Neighborhood Watch Representative, Jesse Hannan. Board members absent were Deb Cusano, Ron Hermann, Michael Losey, (ex), Ed Pinto(ex), Ken Pippin(ex) and Martin Wilhelm(ex). President Rex brought the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed guests Longboat Observer Reporter, Robin Hartill, new residents, Frank and Joslyn Dolan and Sy Sherr. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without correction. Bill Rex announced that future meetings will continue to be held at the Church.

The Treasury report was delivered by Buck Fry and approved. Bill Rex announced a neighborhood meeting set for 5:30 P.M., Oct. 18, 2007 at the Lutheran Church to discuss Rezoning, Site Plan, Minor and Major Conditional Use of the hotel property located at 1008 Benjamin Franklin Drive. Jim Grace reported on attending a meeting on an Exploratory Concept for a hotel on a site facing John Ringling Blvd. Jim will be leaving the Board in December and Hytham Bakr has agreed to take over the Web Site management from him. Jim also reported on progress for funding for the Power Line Project and a possible \$500,000.00 in support from The Penny Tax referendum vote today. Marlene Lancaster reported on great success in her efforts to increase memberships. The Board approved a request by Manuel Chepote for \$645.65 to PCI Publications, Inc. to publish 300 copies of a 28 page residents' directory in the current booklet format with some of the cost to be offset by advertising. The booklet will be distributed to all residents of the Key. The Board was asked to check current listings for possible updates for neighbors on their blocks.

Bill Rex reported on the SOS Project for Ed Pinto. New statues are expected to arrive the last week of November with installation to begin the first week of December.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.