

**GOLDEN BEACH ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
**Minutes from Board Meeting at Vencie City Hall/Firehouse**  
**September 5, 2023**

**Officers and Directors in Attendance:**

Sandi Knepp, Gene Dillahunty, Steve Oglethorpe, Dee Leatherbury, Bob Mondelli, Kelly Scolaro, Rick Tuss, Margot Urmano, Andy Liscow

**Absent:** Jeanne Johnston, Karen Fallon, John Burkhardt, Bill Sinibaldi, Peggy Parys

**Committee Chairs and Other Members in Attendance:**

JoAnn Bova, Dick Eberhart, George Leatherbury, Nancy Liscow, Michael Mueller, Kaj Jensen, Mike Muhlbauer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Sandi Knepp at 6:30 p.m.

**May 2023 Secretary's Report**

The Minutes from the May 2023 meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Sandi Knepp presented the report on behalf of Jeanne Johnston. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**August 2023 Treasurer's Report**

Andy Liscow reviewed the Treasurer's report emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion made to accept the 2023 Treasurer's Report without change. Vote to approve was unanimous. Andy also presented 2024 Fixed Cost Estimate document. Total fixed cost estimate is \$8,447. Concern over water/sewer usage costs. The costs have been high lately. Concern about liability insurance coverage. May need to change coverage which may increase cost for 2024. Discussion ensued about reserve funds and question whether to have 1 year or more in reserve. No action was taken on these items at this time.

**Committee Reports**

**Social Committee-** Dee Leatherbury presented the social committee report. Octoberfest is coming up on October 14 (rain date October 15). GBAI will provide brats, hotdogs, and sauerkraut. Dee will be recruiting volunteers to cook. Paperless Post invite will go out to GBAI members.

**Membership Communications** – JoAnn Bova has updated the database and it now has tabs for committee use. Membership letters have been updated for 2024. Margot Urmano reported that all membership materials have been printed and the goal is for mail out on/around September 18. Still looking for a volunteer to take over the directory. If no volunteer is found, JoAnn Bova and Sandi Knepp will do the 2024 directory. The Board agreed the front cover picture contest should occur again and entries will be requested via the GBAI newsletter.

**Beach Access-** Andy Liscow is still serving in this role in addition to treasurer position. A volunteer is needed to take over. Andy reported that the sea grapes were pruned. Andy also reported that the grass needs to be re-seeded and ant treatment is needed. Clean up day is still needed. Hurricane Idalia destroyed 2 benches located on the beach and buried 1. Volunteers are needed to remove the broken benches and dispose and then dig out the intact bench. Steve Oglethorpe will try to recruit some volunteers to deal with the benches as soon as possible. The Board discussed Gazebo use on holidays.

There was a large party at the Gazebo on Labor Day but no reservation had been made. No action was taken on this item at this time.

**Newsletter/Website-** Steve Oglethorpe sent out newsletter today. Discussion about the lost/found bicycle and need to find owner. The bicycle is not registered with Venice Police Department.

**History/Archives** – Dick Eberhart – nothing to report

**Street Captains-** Nancy Liscow has welcomed several new residents.

**Community Affairs/Charter/Bylaws-** Gene Dillahunty – nothing to report

### **New Business**

**Election Committee-** Michael Mueller is seeking volunteers to be on the committee and people to run for 3 Board openings (Kelly Scolaro, Dee Leatherbury, and Bill Sinibaldi terms are ending). Also, the treasurer position will be on the ballot as Andy Liscow was approved to replace Dale Kunz until the end of 2023.

**Airport Update-** Sandi Knepp reported on the City's plan to re-zone the North portion of the airport to Government and the East to Airport Industrial. She reported on the community meeting that was held on August 23. She provided pictures and an article from the Gondolier.

**Flooding** – Hurricane Idalia caused significant flooding in the Golden Beach neighborhood. North Golden Beach Blvd-Everglades-Hibiscus-Villas-Gardenia-Flamingo were all affected. Estimated 6 feet flooding. Drainage ditches were clogged and did not work properly. Mike Muhlbauer reported that City workers tried to hand dig out the ditches on Wednesday, August 30 but wind was pushing the water toward Golden Beach. Kaj Jensen reported that flooding and drainage issues are not new to this portion of Golden Beach. Prior to Hurricane Irma (August 2017), there was a rain event and water backed up and flooded the same area. The City Council knows about the issue (it is on their website) and Golden Beach was on a list in 2017 for storm water/drainage improvements but only temporary fixes (e.g. removing vegetation) have been done. Sandi Knepp read an email from former Mayor Holic encouraging neighbors to attend City Council meetings and speak up. Rick Tuss will contact James Clinch at the City and find out who we should be speaking with at the City level. Rick will report back to the Board. Sandi Knepp will speak with the HOA presidents at MacArthur Beach club, Villas condos, and Ocean Sands and propose a joint meeting of our groups and the City to discuss remediation.

### **Old Business**

Sign topper inventory/status – Michael Mueller reported that 3 are on hand and he will contact the City to replace toppers at Coral/Roberts; Villas/Poinsettia; and Villas/Hibiscus. 1 topper came down at Golden Beach/Harbor due to Hurricane Idalia and needs to be replaced.

**Adjournment** – Motion made for meeting to adjourn. Vote to adjourn unanimous. President Sandi Knepp adjourned meeting at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Scolaro substituting for Jeanne Johnston, Secretary