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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, April 1, 1971.

President Trahan called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Directors Welcher and Grady were unable to attend. Their absence was excused.

Ventura Port District: President Trahan introduced Commissioner Larry Rasmussen who had been asked by the VKA Board to attend this meeting to discuss the status and plans for the Marina. Mr. Rasmussen discussed, with the Board, three broad areas of concern as follows:

Planning and Development of the Marina: Mr. Rasmussen reaffirmed the responsibility of the Marina to maintain access to the sea for the Keys channels. This responsibility extends from the property line near the Barranca to Seaward. With respect to the Barranca, Mr. Rasmussen's understanding is that the Marina and the Portobello Maintenance District must accept the water flow because they intercepted a natural drainage flow to the sea. However, the Marina or Portobello Maintenance District's responsibility for accepting the large amount of silt and debris carried by the Barranca (under the jurisdiction of Flood Control District Number Two) has been challenged. The County plans to construct debris basins to intercept the silt and debris before it reaches the Marina and Keys.

Subsequent to the January-February 1969 floods, the Port District has completely changed the leasing program and revised and updated the Master Development Plan. The Commissioners have investigated the possibility of an overall developer for the Marina. Two of the main reasons for not completing such an arrangement are the state government requirements for competitive bids and the many stipulations requested by the developers.

With respect to Parcel 9 (north side of Marina entrance at Pierpont), Mr. Rasmussen indicated that it was his personal belief that Marina related development should and does take precedence over residential development in the Marina. In the case of Parcel 9, however, his analysis, and that of every professional contacted, indicates that multi-family residential is the most appropriate usage due to surrounding land uses, street utility systems, and physical isolation from the Marina. Residential development will provide the best financial returns to the District. Mr. Antoine's proposal for Parcel 9 is being reviewed and will be discussed at the next Ventura Port District meeting April 7, 1971.

Mr. Rasmussen reported that the first increment of boat slips in the Marina is due to be completed in June. This comprises 300 slips, and construction of the second increment will start when 80% of the first are rented. The dredging program for the 800,000 cubic yard sand trap south of the new breakwater will also start this month. Breakwater construction is on schedule.

Staff and Commission: To the Commissioners, their assignment to the Port District is in addition to their normal professions and the question has been raised, "Do they have adequate time to deal with the immense problems still facing the Marina." Mr. Rasmussen reported that the purpose of the Commission is to guide the development of the Marina and set policy with the support of professionals for the tasks of operation, maintenance, negotiations with other agencies, etc. Mr. Rasmussen reported that within the next 120 days this position will be further evident to the public.

City Council Activities: Passed a change of order motion calling for an additional \$15,000 to be paid to O'Shaughnessy Construction Co. in its Pierpont Improvement District work. The money will be used to provide pipes through which water from the company's digging operations on Pierpont Boulevard can be discharged into the ocean instead of through existing drainage facilities into Ventura Keys channels. Materials in the water draining into the Keys were causing a silting problem there.

On their visit to Washington, the City Council proposed to ask the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to take over the maintenance dredging of the channels of the Ventura Keys. This was one of the recommendations made by the Portobello Maintenance District and accepted by the Council.

Membership: THERE ARE NOW 145 PAID MEMBERS OF THE VENTURA KEYS ASSOCIATION. If every member gets his non-member neighbors to join, we should have quite a turnout for the meeting April 29th.

Newsletter: The Keeper of the Keys tries to write items that will be of interest to the residents of our community. If you have any news, letters to the editors, etc. that you wish to share, please contact Buck Buchan at 642-9314, or drop me a line at 3059 SEAVIEW.

Reclamation: Many of us don't like half filling our

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trash barrels each week with discarded newspapers, but don't know what to do with them. If you would like to let them pile up in your garage and have them picked up on a bi-weekly basis, the Church of the Latter Day Saints will do so. Contact Richard McCulloch at 648-3838 for arrangements.

Other Local Agencies: Mr. Rasmussen reviewed the situation that exists at the Barranca when you have three governmental agencies involved: i.e. Port District, Flood Control District No. 2, and the Portobello Maintenance District. The responsibility for removal of the silt coming primarily from the Flood Control District, and deposited both in the Keys (Portobello Maintenance District) and in the Marina, has not been determined. Mr. Rasmussen expressed interest in having Port District Commissioners meet in the immediate future with the VKA Water Ways Committee.

Membership Committee: Mrs. Measures reported that, as of this meeting, we have 145 paid members. Billing statements were sent March 22 to the 845 owners and residents. Mrs. Measures also reported that the City of Ventura has mailed owner's notices to clear vacant lots by April 5th or be assessed for weed removal.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McDannel reported that our total assets amount to \$3,668.31 with only a few outstanding bills amounting to less than \$100.00. President Trahan's letter to the Internal Revenue Service was read to the Board. Basically, this provided information in support of the VKA's designation as a non-profit organization.

Taxes and Legal: The Committee will draft a letter to Keys residents concerning violations of cc and R's (TV antennas, etc.). The Committee also plans to meet with the County Tax Assessor in the near future.

VENTURA KEYS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING APRIL 29, 1971

The Ventura Keys Association will have a general meeting at the Pierpont School Cafetorium on Thursday evening, April 29, 1971, starting at 8:00 p.m. The officers of your association will present a Progress Report concerning the activities of the Association during the first part of 1971. Besides our wonderfully successful dinner-dance, the Shipwreck Party in January, the Association Board of Directors have been very active in publishing the Keeper of the Keys, promoting new membership, acquiring gardener service for the two beaches and the Keys entrance, and lobbying for the benefit of all our membership with the Ventura City Council, the Ventura Marina Port District, the Ventura County Flood Control District, and the Portobello Maintenance District.

The featured program for the evening will be a presentation by two officers of the Ventura City Police Department. These Officers are representative of the L.I.N.C. (Law Enforcement in Neighborhood Conference). Officer John Ortega and Officer Dee Dowell will lead a discussion on burglary prevention and will also answer other questions from the audience.

Let's try to have every family in the Ventura Keys represented at this meeting. The program will provide information beneficial to each one of us.



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