



THE KEEPER OF THE KEYS

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For at least the immediate future, the waterways in the Ventura Keys will be considered as streets, and the city will spend \$7,000 annually to maintain them.

That was the key action taken as far as the Keys were concerned by the Ventura City Council in a joint meeting with the Portobello Maintenance District advisory committee.

The \$7,000-per-year maintenance fee for the Keys channels was approved as the result of a motion offered by Councilman Sam Heil which was approved on a 5-2 vote. Included in Heil's motion was the provision that the \$7,000 figure not be perpetual because the situation might change.

Actually, the \$7,000 will be used as soon as possible to help pay for dredging the channels of large deposits of silt which have built up since the Keys area was developed seven years ago, mainly as a result of run-off from the disastrous 1969 floods.

In another matter directly related to dredging of the Keys, the council unanimously approved another motion by Heil to allow the city to make use of the electric dredge currently being used by the Port District in the Marina entrance to clear as much silt as it can from the entrance channel to the Keys.

City Manager Edward McCombs told the council recommendations for the complete dredging of the Keys would be submitted early in November after city staff members discuss the situation in more detail with the Portobello advisory committee.

In addition to the \$7,000, the council also unanimously approved paying \$4,254 to the maintenance district as the city's share of dredging in the entrance channel to the Keys last spring. It also unanimously approved authorizing the Port District to dredge the Keys entrance channel to a minus 20 foot level so that utility lines running under the channel can be lowered to that depth.

Most of the discussion at the joint meeting, which drew only a sparse audience, centered around the \$7,000 maintenance cost figure.

Ray Ellison of the advisory committee contended the city should pay for all maintenance costs and classified the

\$7,000 as "a token gift" and added, "It isn't really going to help."

Councilwoman Barbara Udsen, who voted against the motion with Councilman Dave Eaton, also felt \$7,000 wasn't enough. She said the Keys situation should not be compared with other street maintenance figures because it is not "normal" and added, "We should take care of it."

Councilman Eaton, however, felt \$7,000 was too much for the city to spend on Keys maintenance. He thought an annual rate of \$2,720 would be "more reasonable" and said he didn't think "we have the right to inflict (the \$7,000) on the rest of the taxpayers."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October, 1971

Members in attendance: All members except: Cordy, Kearns, Moorhead.

The minutes of the September 2, 1971, meeting were approved as written. Mr. Grady, however, wanted to explain the expenditures for maintenance referred to in the minutes. During the summer months the Beachmont area was cleaned twice a week, rather than just the normal maintenance schedule. Also, about \$40 was spent for fertilizer and soil conditioner. The maintenance program is now back to our \$80 per month.

Mr. McDannel presented the Treasurer's Report, indicating a balance of \$3,609.02, as of September 30, 1971.

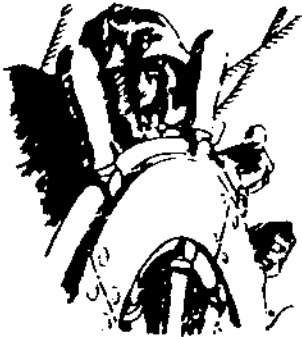
Information & Communications was reported on by Mr. Trahan. He indicated he had attended the Portobello Maintenance District meeting. He requested they do some dredging in the Keys while the dredge is still here.

Membership was reported at 249. Mr. Clinton moved and Mr. Grady seconded that we purchase envelopes for the 1972 dues. Motion was unanimously carried.

Under News and Press the problem of getting the Keeper of the Keys on time was discussed. Mr. Trahan advised he would meet with the distributor to iron out any problems and report back next meeting.

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On Traffic and Waterways, Mr. Aggen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grady, and unanimously approved that we continue our attitude that adequate pump-out stations and other sanitary facilities be provided to keep pollution in the Ventura Marina and contiguous Keys area at a minimum.

The President's Report provided more information regarding lighting the Palm Trees on Peninsula. Mr. Trahan indicated he would see if a few sample lights could be installed to show the overall effect. He also reported the city has advised that prior to allowing any future permits, it would require conformity with the C.C. & R. presently in effect in the Keys area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Floyd F. Fiduk
Secretary

The Ventura County Branch of American Association of University Women has compiled an updated master list of major area recycling centers. You may want to clip the list for continued reference:

STEEL CANS should be crushed and delivered to Jet Scrap Metal (which pays \$6 per ton), 5925 Perkins Road, Oxnard, 488-5611; or Los Angeles By-Products (\$5 per ton), 1810 E. 25th St., Los Angeles, (213) 233-4175.

OTHER METALS (copper, tin, brass, lead, scrap iron, stainless and nickle alloys) may be brought to Jet Scrap Metal; Max Marquez and Son Junk Dealers, 247 Leighton Drive, Ventura, 643-8009; Proffer and Bonner, 77 N. Garden St., Ventura, 643-7491; Oxnard Metal Co., 1441 Mountain View, Oxnard, 483-0512. Proffer and Bonner will pay up to 30 cents per pound for brass and 40 cents per pound for copper. AAUW reports the others will also pay.

GLASS CONTAINERS may be brought to the Ventura College Recycling Center, 4900 Loma Vista Road, the first Saturday of each month between 9 a.m. and noon; Camarillo Community Center office, 1605 E. Burnley Road, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; and Camarillo Community Center teen center, Monday through Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. The Ventura College Center also accepts aluminum, tin, and cardboard. It accepts newspapers during the months of September, December, March and June only. Glass containers should be separated into clear glass, green and "other" and should be relatively clean. Labels may be left on.

NEWSPAPERS may be taken to Kraft Corp., 5936 Perkins Road, Port Hueneme; which pays by the ton; Unitarian Church, 4949 Foothill Road, Ventura; YWCA, 2341 Lexington, Ventura; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura (deliver on Sunday).

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