

JUNO ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
July 13, 2009  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Juno Isles Civic Association Board of Directors was held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at Holy Spirit Church on Ellison Wilson Road.

❖ **Roll Call and Call to Order:**

President Louis Vilardo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following Board members were present:

Felice Beyer	Present	
Bob Bittenbinder	Present	
Blas Contreras		Excused
Susan Czelustra	Present	
Wayne Hatten	Present	
Jim Jackson	Present	
Linda Lindquist		Excused
Mary Ann Martin	Present	
Dave Mastran	Present	
Jim Moore	Present	
Louis Vilardo	Present	

❖ **Approve Minutes:** Louis Vilardo

June 1, 2009 – Bob Bittenbinder made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne Hatten seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Old Business**

**New Website update and request for content**

Louis Vilardo reported that the new website has been launched, and he has successfully posted information.

Louis Vilardo said the forum and the classified areas of the website are available, and suggested folks begin to use it so there would be something there when residents visit the site. Louis also said email is working properly for all Board members, and personalized login information has been sent to each Board member.

Jim Jackson submitted a disc to Louis Vilardo with pictures from the picnic and other Juno Isles photos for the website.

Mary Ann Martin arrived at 7:15.

❖ **New Business**

**Discussion of recent burglaries and exploration of additional response with representative of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office**

Louis Vilardo said there had been several burglaries in the community this year. He said the representative from the Sheriff's office would share his knowledge of those robberies and review options available if the Association wanted to take additional measures in crime prevention.

Deputy Buchanan referenced the following activity:

- 5/8 stolen vehicle on Radnor
- 4/20 theft on Packwood, mower in the yard
- 5/19 theft at 1966 Ardley during the afternoon, guns and jewelry,  
broke lock on sliding glass door in back of house
- 5/28 theft at 2133 Ardley, called in at 10:44 a.m.,  
entered through back door that may have been unlocked
- 6/1 theft at 12954 Ellison Wilson Road, called in at 6:24 p.m.  
entry was through a doggie door.
- 6/27 theft at 1654 Bowood, broke glass door in back of house

Louis Vilardo asked if finger prints were taken at each burglary scene. Deputy Buchanan replied that the investigators took finger prints, as well as DNA. However, when there is not a strong case and no suspects, it takes months to find a match.

Deputy Buchanan discussed the following optional measures of prevention:

- 1) hire the sheriff's office to patrol at \$42 per hour, with a 3-hour minimum
- 2) form a neighborhood crime watch
- 3) form citizens on patrol (COP) in which 25 residents are trained (as a group) to patrol and observe. The sheriff's office provides a marked vehicle with yellow lights on it that remains in the community 24/7, and the patrolling residents contact the sheriff's office if they observe anything suspicious. Abe Axle is the contact person in the COP office for further details.
- 4) hire a permanent full-time deputy. Deputy Buchanan said to phone headquarters and ask for 'alarms and permits' to find out the cost.

Deputy Buchanan said Juno Isles lies within District 3, which ranges from Tequesta, west to Belle Glade, south to Belvedere Road. Wayne Hatten asked if there were officers assigned to District 3. Deputy Buchanan said the commander for the north end region is Major Jenkins. Louis Vilardo asked how often an officer is patrolling the Juno Isles area, outside what the Association is paying for. Deputy Buchanan was not able to provide that information. Dave Mastran reported an intrusion in his neighborhood around 9:30 this morning. He was pleased to see three sheriff's cars respond promptly. Deputy Buchanan said thieves usually knock real loud at the front door. Then when there is no answer, they go around back of the house and look for a way in.

Jim Moore asked if any of the homes burglarized had an alarm system. Deputy Buchanan said they did not, and that the Sheriff's office would only respond to an alarm if the resident had an alarm permit.

Dave Mastran left at 7:50.

Deputy Buchanan shared the brochures he brought with him, saying his intent was to educate. Louis Vilardo thanked Deputy Buchanan for coming. Louis Vilardo recognized members of the community that were present and asked if they had any questions for the deputy. A resident asked Deputy Buchanan if there had been vandalism of boats. He replied, "Not this year." Deputy Buchanan recommended 'operation identification' to mark all possessions with a driver's license number. Louis Vilardo thanked Deputy Buchanan for his time.

Louis Vilardo said Bob Bittenbinder checked other options, including private patrol by Juno Beach police. Louis Vilardo said Juno Isles was outside their jurisdiction, and Juno Beach police were not allowed to patrol the area, even during off hours for pay. Bob Bittenbinder said the Association presently hires the Sheriff's office for four 3-hour shifts per month. Louis Vilardo encouraged everyone to talk with their neighbors about a COP group and try to create interest. He said the newsletter and website announcements have generated no interest, and the program requires a minimum of 25 people.

❖ **Treasurer's Report:** Mary Ann Martin

Mary Ann reported a total balance of \$73,724.93. She said 95 residents have not yet paid their assessments, of which 40 have not yet received an invoice.

❖ **Committee Reports**

▪ **Architectural Committee** – Jim Jackson

Jim reported the Architectural Committee has not met since the last meeting of the Board. He said Pam Paulus put up a wooden fence on the west side of her house, and a black chain link fence and gate with silver posts, for which the committee has not received an application. Jim said he would send a letter requesting plans. Wayne Hatten pointed out that the Covenants do not state that materials must be consistent. He stated he was in favor of a change to the Covenants, making the broad area covering aesthetics more specific.

Jim suggested a more streamlined process of architectural review whereby a list of architectural items could be pre-approved by the Board. Then applications for items listed could be approved by the Architectural Committee chair, without holding a committee meeting.

Jim said he phoned Lee Heaton, and Lee said he was in the process of acquiring proposals to tile the shed at 2141 Ascott that currently has a tin roof.

- **Covenants Committee** – Bob Bittenbinder  
Bob reported there were 14 violation letters mailed. 5 residents complied. The remaining 9 responded that they felt they are being singled out.

Bob initiated a discussion with the Board whether sheds were allowed. It was concluded that all out buildings must meet the requirements stated in the Covenants, and plans must be submitted and approved by the Architectural Committee.

- **Crime Watch** – Bob Bittenbinder  
Louis Vilardo asked if the Association could get a monthly activity report from the Sheriff's office.
- **Social Committee** – Wayne Hatten  
Wayne reported a successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, including a visit from Uncle Sam and the fire department. He thanked Jim Jackson and Mary Ann Martin for their participation. Wayne said the next event would be the annual picnic in October.
- **Landscape Committee** - Louis Vilardo  
Louis reported the large flag is frayed, that he would replace it with a smaller one during the hurricane season and order a large one.
- **Community Improvements** – Blas Contreras  
No report.
- **Communication** – Jim Jackson  
Jim reported the newsletter went out. Louis Vilardo said he had asked the Board for articles, received no response, and asked the Board to be more responsive to requests for content for the newsletter. Jim asked when the Board would like to send another newsletter, planning for the annual meeting. Louis Vilardo said September was optimistic, since it is already the middle of July. Wayne Hatten suggested sending a newsletter a couple of weeks before the annual picnic. The annual meeting will be November 19; upon discussion, the date for the annual picnic was set to October 10.

#### ❖ **Adjournment**

Wayne Hatten made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bittenbinder seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Thomas