



Minutes of the Meeting
Sunset Beach Community Association
Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00 pm
Sunset Beach Nobles Family Community Building
16861 12th St. Sunset Beach

Kevin Paulson, President	present
Anthony Nobles, VP	present
Denise Paulson, Treasurer	present
Dawn McCormack, Secretary	present
Paul Mueller, Director	present
Brandi Bigler, Director	present
Tom Ellis, Director	present

Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of those present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

March Deposits were \$750.00 from a party rental

March Expenses totalled \$284.05 which included utilities and web support

March Ending Balance was \$40,110.27 in the SBCA account and \$41,494.18 in the Reserve Account

Board Member Comments

- Dawn McCormack commented that the berm is coming down quickly and that the HB public works and life guards are doing a very good job.
- Kevin Paulson stated that Jim Myers Memorial will be held at the Community Center on May 31 at 1pm.
- Kevin & Denise Paulson updated the board regarding the collection of easter eggs for Waymakers, the HB Youth Shelter. They have already made and collected over 200 easter eggs. The balance are needed by April 14 in order to be delivered prior to Easter. Las Damas is collecting easter eggs to support the effort at their next meeting.

Public Comments

- Mike Van Voorhis said there was a high speed chase about 2 weeks ago involving 2 prius cars each going over 100 mph. Drivers were apprehended by HBPD.

Guest Speakers

Captain Derek Peters and Captain Dan Khagua, Co-Captains for the Sunset Beach Marine Safety (Lifeguards) area spoke. They were knowledgeable, very interesting and covered a lot of ground.

- They spoke about how HB Lifeguards are organized and how they patrol.

- HB employs a progressive approach to lifeguarding, using a proactive, preventative philosophy. They employ a perimeter defense model and the organization is considered one of the finest lifeguard programs.
- Focus is on Communication; Anticipation; Prevention
- All beaches are staffed from June 15 thru Labor Day, Shoulder Seasons are taken day by day depending on beach traffic and events.
- In Sunset Beach, the Lifeguards utilize three primary access points – Warner, Broadway & Anderson
- There are 6 Towers in Sunset Beach – they are located at 4th Street, 8th Street, 12th Street, 17th Street, 22nd Street and 26th Street.
- The 1st truck on the beach arrives between 8 and 9:30am depending on volume of traffic and remains till 5pm
- After that response primarily comes from Main Beach as needed
- Kite Boarders are allowed to use a wide area of the beach than in the past. It was found that when they were too crowded into one area it was less safe.
- Kite surfers are encouraged to stay 100 to 200 feet away from swimmers.
- Due to safety concerns, the following are not allowed:
 - Holes deeper than 2 to 3 feet
 - Alcohol and smoking on the beach
 - Dogs on the beach
 - Barbeques and fires on the beach
- In assessing potential risk, Lifeguards consider
 1. Aquatic related
 2. Medical issues
 3. Municipal regs

Captains Peters and Kahgua also discussed the algae bloom, referred to as HAB – Harmful Algal Blooms. It is an unprecedented multiple toxin event. There are TWO different types of marine algae present – each produces a unique neurotoxin that can cause illness and death in marine mammals and seabirds.

- Domoic Acid (DA) - amnesic Shellfish poisoning
- Saxitoxin paralytic - shellfish poisoning (PSP)

They stated it doesn't affect people unless ingested but suggested leaning toward caution in consuming shellfish. There is not a lot of knowledge as to what specifically is causing this algal bloom although there are theories that the fires may have exacerbated it. Domoic acid can cause marine mammals to act erratically and aggressively. The Pacific Marine Mammal Center has gotten reports of sea lions biting surfers and swimmers and charging people and dogs when they feel threatened.

- If you see a sick sea lion or dolphin on the beach, stay away. Federal guidelines state that people must remain 50 yards away (4 to 5 car lengths)
- Do not pet, give water, touch, coax or try to help the animal
- DO CALL the Rescue Hotline 949-494-3050 to report sick sea lions or dolphins on the beach. You can also report a stranded animal to Marine Mammal Stranding Network at 866-767-6114.

Police Officer Lt Schrieber was not able to attend due to an HBPD Call.

Upcoming Events

May

- Sunset Beach Art Festival Firehouse Art Gallery Opening Reception & Sales Fri, May 9 – (free and open to all) 12th Street and at the Sunset Beach Community Center
- Sunset Beach Mothers Day Art Festival Sat, May 10 & Sun, May 11

JUNE

- SBCA Meeting Thurs, June 5 at 7pm, Sunset Beach Nobles Family Community Center
- SBCA Battle of the Bands – June 14th Sunset Beach Community Center

JULY

- SBCA Pancake Breakfast Saturday, July 12 8:30 -11:00 Sunset Beach Community Center
- SBCA BEACH CLEANUP Saturday, July 19 8:30 am at Broadway & the Beach, Coffee & Donuts afterwards at the Sunset Beach Nobles Family Community Center

AUGUST

- Electric Magic Rock Concert Beach Fest – August 16th , Sunset Beach Community Center

SEPTEMBER

- SBCA Meeting Thurs, Sept 4 at 7pm, Sunset Beach Nobles Family Community Center
- 26th Annual Sunset Beach Chili-Cook off Saturday, September 20 11am-5pm at the Sunset Beach Community Center and 12th Street

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn McCormack, Secretary, SBCA