

Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Present: Jimmy Weekley, Chairman
Christine Russell
Gloria Sellers
Janet Kelly
Paul Clayton
Kevin Boucher
Nick Trivisanno
Vivian Perez, City of Key West Mayor and City Commissioners Office

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Chairman Jimmy Weekley stated that there are several members that will be out for a few weeks. Chairman Weekley also stated that Diane Gibson is unable to attend the meetings on Wednesday do to a conflict with the Bank.

Chairman Weekley welcomed Nick Trivisanno to the meeting. Mr. Trivisanno is a resident off of Duval Street.

Chairman Weekley has members at the last meeting to come up with some recommendations in order to the similarities between them. Chairman Weekley stated that he would like to pick some of the recommendations and put them in a letter and present them to the City Commission.

Paul Clayton believed that a better way to submit recommendations to the City Commission is to do it formally in way of a Resolution or Ordinance change.

Chairman Weekley stated most of the recommendations are already Ordinances and one of the recommendation would be enforcing the Ordinance along with recommending the hiring/increase the number of Code Enforcement Officers.

Chairman Weekley stated that are a number of Ordinance that could be enforced if the City had an adequate number of Code Enforcement Officer i.e. no addresses on the buildings and on the trash receptacles on Duval Street.

Christine Russell mentioned that Mr. Sullivan from Waste Management stated at the last meeting people were not paying their bills.

There was a discussion concerning the time when the trash/garbage get picked up, delinquent accounts and whether or not the Commercial and Residential Buildings on Duval Street have the correct account with Waste Management. It was stated the some business/residents share accounts. Annalise Mannix suggested that one of the

recommendations is to require each business to have their own account and not share with someone else in the building.

Chairman Weekley believes that Waste Management should have a tracking system on who on Duval Street has a garbage bill or if it is current. Chairman Weekley stated that in the past the City would give out stickers to be placed on the trash receptacles if you were current and this was a way of enforcing that people pay there bills on time.

Chairman Weekley also believes that the businesses Occupational License could be suspended for non payment.

Annalise Mannix believes that the State clarified their law in the past year. Chairman Weekley asked Annalise Mannix to check with Carolyn Walker on whether or not this tool is available.

Nick Trivisanno was wondering why the City of Key West go after the landlords/property owners for violating the Ordinances. Chairman Weekley stated that the committee has discussed it not on the garbage issue but mainly on the T-shirts, profanity and other building violations.

Chairman Weekley was wondering if the Duval Street Committee making a set of recommendations and Clean Key West making a set of recommendation regarding the cleanliness of Duval Street would be duplicating efforts. Chairman Weekley asked if the Duval Street Committee should make recommendations to Clean Key West and Clean Key West combine their efforts on trash/garbage.

Chairman Weekley stated that the Committee will bring forward some recommendations for Ms. Mannix and let Clean Key West take care of the cleanliness of Duval Street and that way the Duval Street Committee will go forward with other issues on Duval Street.

Chairman Weekley stated a few recommendations for Ms. Mannix and they were:

1. Each Businesses garbage accounts are maintained
2. Containers need to have addresses on them
3. More Recycling efforts on Duval Street
4. Encourage the evening Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the trash Ordinance

Annalise Mannix also thinks that the City could utilize the evening Code Enforcement Office to enforce garbage Ordinances on Duval Street.

There was a discussion on educating business owners on the Ordinances that pertains to the downtown area by i.e. newspaper ad, pamphlet, and checklist.

Annalise Mannix explained to the Committee that Bonita Myers created a door hanger that is not a citation with a phone number to call her. Ms. Mannix stated that 90% of the time Ms. Myers gets a call back.

Along with this door hanger Ms. Myers attaches excerpts of the Ordinances so the person is aware of the problem and gives them a chance to make good before issuing a citation.

Chairman Weekley wanted to talk about the open container law. Chairman Weekley asked Kevin Boucher from Margaritaville to give his opinion of the open container law.

Mr. Boucher believes if the Committee begins their efforts with enforcing the drinking and drinking cups on the streets in Key West particularly on Duval Street the Committee will get major resistance and wondered if the Committee was prepared to deal with the resistance.

Chairman Weekley reminded everyone that there is an open container law already existence in the Ordinance but that it is selectively enforced.

Mr. Boucher believes the Committee should begin with other problems and other violations and slowly evolve to the open container law.

Chairman Weekley suggested informing businesses that in mid July 2009, the City of Key West plans to start enforcing the open container law. Chairman Weekley thinks this will give the bars/restaurants/businesses ample to time to get rid any personalized inventory.

Annalise Mannix stated that the real issue is not people walking around with cups but the people not placing those cups in the trash (littering). Ms. Mannix reminded everyone that it is also illegal to litter in the City of Key West. Ms. Mannix believes placing signs warning if you litter you will be fined.

Annalise Mannix discussed the use of compactor trash cans, she stated this cans cost \$3000.00 a piece, that handles about 7 days of garbage, the sides can be used for advertising.

Chairman Weekley asked if that was dry garbage; Ms. Mannix stated that it was both wet and dry garbage and that it is completely sealed. Chairman Weekley asked how the compactors are power; Ms. Mannix responded by saying that they are solar powered and the mechanic are on the top, so if it floods the mechanics are safe. Ms. Mannix even stated that the compactor talk back to you when trash is thrown inside of them.

Ms. Mannix will email Chairman Weekley the information on the compactor trash cans.

Mr. Trivisanno suggested have business sponsor the compactor since they would be able to use the sides as advertisements.

Chairman Weekley asked what the hold up was on the City purchasing some of these compactors. Ms. Mannix stated that the City has extra money in the Solid Waste Fund.

Chairman Weekley suggested putting a few of those compactors on the busiest locations as demonstrations.

Annalise Mannix stated that the City has ordered recycling containers. Ms. Mannix believes that there should be a recycling container next to every trash container on Duval Street. "If you give the people the option to recycle they will".

Chairman Weekley asked Ms. Mannix to present the Duval Street Committee's recommendations to the Clean Key West Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008.

Chairman Weekley suggested leaving the open container law alone for now and focus on beautification of Duval Street, allowing free parking every Sunday in certain area of downtown, Café bring out a few tables; things to bring the locals back into old town.

There was a discussion on imprinted sidewalks and imprinted street pavements.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at 525 Angela Street in the ADA Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 3:20 p.m.