



July 19, 2010

Hello Members!

Below is a summary of the July 19, 2010 *Mornings with Joe* session. Where appropriate, replies have been researched, clarified and/or expanded upon. These sessions are part of the association's continuing efforts to enhance communications to and from members. Joe Bunting, chief operating officer, hosts these meetings with members on the third Monday of every month at 10 a.m. The next session will be Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at the community association's administrative office located at 23 Beachwalker Drive.

Meetings are typically at the association offices but can move, so please check your news flash or our website (www.kica.us). Representatives of the town, developer and resort are invited to attend these meetings so that questions relating to their organizations can be answered quickly.

Joe began the meeting by highlighting upcoming events at Freshfields Village. To access the events at Freshfields, you may visit its website at <http://freshfieldsvillage.com/> .

Joe also reported to guests about a non-profit organization named *Fields to Families*. This organization takes fresh vegetables (that cannot otherwise be sold) to families in need. KICA member Greg VanDerwerker is a volunteer for *Fields to Families* and informed those in attendance that more volunteers are needed. You may view a recent Moultrie News article about *Fields to Families* at: <http://www.moultrienews.com/news/-14HELENFIELDSPICS-> . Follow this link: <http://www.fieldstofamilies.org/> to learn more about the *Fields to Families* organization and how you might help.

Shannon White, Director of Operations, presented leisure trails on Kiawah Island. In a PowerPoint presentation, Shannon explained KICA maintains 22 miles of leisure trails, 25 beach access locations and three marsh view towers. Kiawah Island Golf Resort and various regimes also maintain/own leisure trails and beach accesses around the island. The 2008 leisure trail study showed that bicyclists make up the largest group of trail users at 78.6%. This is followed by child bicyclists at 13.2 %,

runners at 5.2%, pedestrians at 2.7% and in line skaters at 0.3%. The study also determined that mornings are the highest usage time.

KICA's routine maintenance schedule of leisure trails is as follows:

- Trails are blown weekly,
- Routine pruning is done year round,
- Major pruning of trails is performed in April and September,
- Patching and repaving of leisure trails is done annually.

The 2010 planned trail maintenance projects are: patching along Kiawah Island Parkway leisure trail, repaving of trail in Sparrow Pond along the lake edge and a new trail connecting Eugenia Avenue to the Sandcastle parking lot. In addition:

- Boardwalk 15 (Eugenia/Oceanwoods) has been changed to handicap accessible and re-decked,
- Boardwalk 38 (114 and 120 Flyway) has been re-decked,
- Boardwalk 39 (157 and 162 Flyway) has been re-decked,
- Boardwalk 10 (Eugenia/Surfwatch Rd) is being redesigned.

An upcoming KICA project is to add a walk-bridge over Cinder Creek along Governors Drive. This comes with recommendation from the KICA Security Committee and the 2008 Leisure Trail Study. The OCRM permit has been received. An amount of \$425,000 has been budgeted in 2010 for this project with the remainder \$425,000 to be budgeted in 2011. Work is projected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2010 but may be pushed to 2011 depending on Reserves income

To view KICA's map of leisure trails, you may visit the website at <http://www.kica.us/PDFs/leisuretrailsmap.pdf>. Also, Guest Guides with the Strategic Plan and trail map are available at the KICA administrative offices, the Town of Kiawah Island, KICA's main security gate and at island rental agencies.

In a round table discussion regarding leisure trails, members asked the following questions that were answered by Shannon:

Q: When repairing leisure trails what do you do about the roots that cause the damage to the trails?

A: The roots are cut and removed from under the paths.

Q: Does this damage the trees or prevent growth?

A: No, this does not damage the trees.

Q: What part of those trails along the lake behind Sparrow Pond cottages does KICA own?

A: KICA maintains the leisure trail from Duneside Road behind Sparrow Pond cottages up to the Kiawah Island Inn property.

Q: Why is Eugenia unpaved?

A: Eugenia Avenue is a historic street built before the KICA was formed. A small portion of it has never been paved. Interestingly, while some owners on that portion want paving, others do not prefer its current condition.

Q: Who owns the trail behind Parkside Villas?

A: That leisure trail is regime owned.

Q: The trail at the 16th green at Fairway Oaks is rough and floods after a heavy rain. Is that KICA owned?

A: This trail is KICA's responsibility; we will investigate this trail further and incorporate repairs into the Operations Plan.

Q: What about Mariners Watch trail, running along the lake behind Mariners Watch Villas? It is a very rough trail. Will KICA repair this?

A: Yes. KICA will investigate this trail further and incorporate repairs into the Operations Plan.

Q: In approaching the main gate leaving the island on the leisure trail, there isn't enough turning radius to access the trail leading to Freshfields. Is KICA planning to improve that area?

A: KICA is planning major patch work to the Kiawah Island Parkway trail, with several locations near the main gate. We will investigate this situation further.

Q: What can be done about the trails that KICA doesn't own?

A: KICA can create a trail standard that ARB approves, and then treat all substandard trails as covenant compliance violations.

Q: We use the beach access between Windswept and the townhouses which face the beach. In the past several years, sand has been allowed to collect on the ramp to the extent that the last 2-3 yards of ramp are now covered. It is becoming increasingly difficult to walk there, with the much greater width of soft, deep sand to cross. Older guests and those with strollers have a very tough time. Couldn't some attention be given to cleaning it off?

A: KICA does routinely adjust boardwalks due to accretion of sand or loss of sand. We typically do 3-5 boardwalks per year. We will look at this particular boardwalk. Members are reminded that sand accretion is a natural process. The town has a soft sand accessible wheel chair. When members and guests need it, they may contact Rusty Lameo, encroachment officer, at the Town of Kiawah Island, at (843) 768-5111.

Q: Are NEVs allowed on leisure trails?

A: No. Neighborhood Electrical Vehicles or NEVs are not allowed on leisure trails. They are street licensed vehicles permitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Q: What is the rule about NEV?

A: According to the *Handbook of Frequently Encountered Rules and Regulations*, NEVs are permitted on Kiawah's roads (but not on leisure trails) provided the vehicle is properly registered as a motor vehicle in accordance with the state requirements and that the user has a valid driver's license. As with any member vehicle, a KICA barcode is required.

Q: How do people find out about the leisure trails on Kiawah?

A: Guest Guides are distributed in New Member Welcome packets; the rental agencies on the island place them in the rental units, at Town Hall, at the KICA administrative offices, the main gate and are on the KICA website.

Comment: The leisure trails on Kiawah are a real benefit to the island.

Comment: I would like to see a group or committee that focuses from the sport cyclist's point of view.

In a round table discussion, the following question was asked and answered by Joe Bunting:

Q: Is there any news regarding the Development Agreement?

A: The Town of Kiawah will hold public information meetings on Monday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m., on Wednesday Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. and on Friday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., (all at council chambers at 21 Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island.) The membership is encouraged to attend these sessions and hearings.

*The next **Mornings with Joe** session will be on Monday, Aug. 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the community association's administrative office located at 23 Beachwalker Drive. A toll-free conference call can connect out-of-town members to the administrative conference room. Teleconferencing instructions are available on the Web at www.kica.us/mornings_with_joe.htm, or contact Tomi Moore at 1-866-226-1770, ext 217 (please contact us **no later than Friday before the meeting** so we can expect you for teleconferencing) or by e-mail at tomi.moore@kica.us.*

Written inquiries may be submitted at any time to the staff or the board at kicaadmin@kica.us.