

PKA News

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Pine Knoll Association—the early days

Pine Knoll Association of 1967 was all about organizing and setting a course for the future community, while establishing bank accounts and other details of good governance, in accordance with North Carolina law. Within several months of incorporating on May 31, 1967, the PKA bylaws were presented and approved by the original Board of Directors. An interesting historical note is the original budget from August 1967 included \$1,000 for maintenance and \$1,500 for capital improvements. The Capital Improvement Committee was chaired by Don Brock, with members A. C. Hall and Charles King. Many of the features we enjoy today for the town and the homeowners association started with this original group of individuals who helped build both a community and, ultimately, a town.

The first PKA annual meeting was held on June 22, 1968, at the Atlantis Lodge with 19 people in attendance. The goals of the association were discussed and the charter, bylaws and restrictive covenants were reviewed. The annual assessment for the next three years was kept at \$10. Canal plans and water expansion plans to Sycamore and Beechwood drives were projected for 1969 and 1971.

The second PKA annual meeting was held on June 4, 1969, at the Atlantis Lodge with 19 members present. Canals were reported as being in good shape with no anticipated maintenance for the next year. Plans for improvements at Ocean Park and Hall Haven were presented.

The third PKA annual meeting was held on June 13, 1970, at the Atlantis Lodge with 26 members present. The bank balance was reported to be \$2,449.86, with some outstanding bills. A study of bulkheading McNeill inlet from the bridge was undertaken. Speeding in the canal was discussed, and beach buggies and motor bikes on the beaches were discussed. VA mortgage eligibility had been granted on non-beachfront lots. One thousand dollars was budgeted for maintenance and \$3,000 was budgeted for capital improvements to the parks.

The fourth PKA annual meeting was held on June 12, 1971, at the John Yancey Motor Hotel with 40 members present. It was reported the McNeill inlet bulkheading project cost approximately \$32,000, and the pros and cons of bulkheading the rest of the canal were discussed. A culvert under Mimosa Boulevard was discussed, and it was reported that the last properties would be put on the market in 1971. The Roosevelts' grant of 290 acres to the State of North Carolina was discussed.

The fifth PKA annual meeting was held on June 10, 1972, at the Coral Bay Club with 80 members present. Already a discussion about incorporating into a municipality was being explored. It was reported that the new bridge on Mimosa Boulevard was expected to be completed by late July 1972. It was also reported that a new boat ramp at Brock Basin was required due to the deteriorating condition, and that Salter Path Road would be widened and improved.

The sixth PKA annual meeting was held on June 9, 1973, at the Coral Bay Club with 150 members present. The bank balance was reported to be \$6,902.48. It was reported that all residential lots had been sold so the association transitioned from a developer-managed HOA to an owner-managed HOA. The bill to incorporate Pine Knoll Shores had passed the legislature, and voting was to take place on August 1, 1973. It was reported that 30 to 40 new homes had been built in the past year, and that the Abonita properties had been brought into Pine Knoll Association.

As we kick off the 50th anniversary celebration of PKA next year, we are grateful for the strong beginning of the association that established a tradition of member involvement which continues to contribute to the common benefit and enjoyment of all homeowners.

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