



GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 2024

PRESIDENTS REPORT / ARTURO SOTO

Good morning, members of the Surfside Property Owners Association. Thank you for joining this general meeting, where we come together to discuss important matters concerning our community. Your active participation is crucial as we collaborate to enhance and maintain the quality of life within our neighborhood.

Let me present you the annual report of the presidency of the POA.

INFRASTRUCTURE.

Although in recent years we have made progress in infrastructure in the community and have been able to solve problems with storm drains and culverts we have had important challenges with the streets since the large growth in vehicular traffic and especially the traffic of heavy machinery constantly damages the streets, especially during rainy seasons.

The costs of maintaining the streets are very expensive and we have not been able to have the resources we would like to give them the maintenance we want. The Mayor's office of Santa Cruz has ignored this area for many years, we hope that after the elections next month we can have the interest that is required from the Municipality since the time is coming to make different proposals for the development of the infrastructure in Surfside.

Regarding the streets of Surfside, an important achievement was being able to fully open Playa Central street, which was apparently being hindered by some developers. We took steps and pressured the Municipality to carry out the inspections and it was confirmed that the street should be opened from north to south in its entirety, which was done.

Regarding external roads, we have participated in different meetings with ministries and congressional deputies making very detailed presentations of the current situation of the roads that connect Playa Potrero with the rest of the cities and the airport, we have seen the progress that has been made with Route 911 and we already have information on plans to expand other important routes that will benefit us greatly.

In several meetings with government authorities and Congress we have expressed our great concern about the issue of the lack of water infrastructure, which is extremely urgent for the area and which has not been resolved for many years.

Locally, Jesus' constant hard work is essential to keeping important areas clean, demarcated and safe. We appreciate the constant collaboration of John Moore and Justin who always been willing to help when needed.

SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

The POA has supported different collaborative initiatives for the Potrero Beach School, managing to make important, much-needed improvements in said school. It has also continued to support parties and activities with the children.

The POA is a member of the Ecological Blue Flag Program and we keep supporting this important initiative that keeps the beach and the community with this important certification.

SECURITY

This security report outlines our primary goals to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Our objectives include enhancing security measures among the neighborhood working close together with the different police forces, implementing communication protocols and fostering a culture of awareness among residents. By addressing these goals, we aim to create an environment where everyone, home and business owners, feels secure not only for ourselves but also for our guests and visitors.

In 2023, the authorities managed to reduce the level of crime to a notably low level compared to previous years. The different police forces carried out important operations that managed not only to identify and arrest members of criminal organizations but also to remove them from the area. The constant challenge in this is the judicial system, at the political level there are many discussions and proposals in Congress to modify laws that are weak and favor criminals. While that happens we must maintain constant guard as we have done throughout this year.

During this year we attended different meetings with the Security Commission of the Chamber of Tourism and the government and judicial authorities to develop joint security plans for the different tourist areas. We also met with officials from the United States Embassy who are supporting this efforts with resources and training for police forces. We also had individual meetings with the management of the Tourist Police who are our first link for security and emergency issues.

Finally we have continued collaborating directly with the Tourist Police and Coast Guard with materials for the maintenance of patrols and boats, and this year we donated computer equipment for the Tourist Police office at the Liberia Airport.

Security will always be our number 1 priority.

THE CHALLENGES FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.

Costa Rica received a total of 2,751,134 tourists in 2023, 17% more than in 2022, and 770,000 arrived at the Liberia airport alone. Playa Potrero is located in a strategic point exactly in the middle of Playas del Coco and Playa Tamarindo, and with the eventual opening of Route 911 this area will become one of the most attractive destinations on the coast of Guanacaste. We are feeling all this growing development in Surfside and the challenges and opportunities are going to be many. It is essential to maintain a united and allied community that can

understand the needs we have for the present and the future with proactive and determined leadership in order to overcome obstacles and achieve the goals we want to continue maintaining a healthy, safe and beautiful community.

Thank you for your attention and I highly appreciate your support to the Surfside Owners Association and the board of directors.

Best regards