

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes – December 4, 2006
College Park Community Center
2393 Elizabeth Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804

Call to order 7:03 PM – Leza Tellam

Directors in attendance:

President – Leza Tellam; **Treasurer** – Alana Brenner; **Secretary** – Monarcha Marcet; **Directors** – Anda Lucia Ariail, Diane Dahlquist, Grace Hagedorn, Bill Jennings, Pam Lindon, Jodi Rubin, Bruce Thomas.

Leza Tellam, President CPNA welcomed everyone.

Minutes from November 6, 2006 meeting – approved.

President's Report:

- Leza said that elections resulted in Ric Keller and Scott Randolph winning. She volunteered as a poll worker and encouraged all to get involved if possible.
- Leza reported that the Home Tour had very good attendance. Several thoughts for next year are 1. advance ticket sales, 2. invite Plein Air artists again, 3. secure an Artist to donate oil painting of Kerouac house in exchange for vendor spot at Sunday in the Park event, 4. display said oil painting in Community Center with plaque. A \$ 500.00 check was to be presented to the Lake Silver Principal from the Michael Welborn Grant (Home Tour proceeds).
- Leza recognized volunteer efforts of Logan Kayne with a \$75.00 certificate to Taste Restaurant.
- Leza recognized 2006 officers: Alana, Monarcha, Monica and special volunteer: Anda Lucia with signed copies of the Home Tour poster.

Community topics:

Sandy Martin with 10,000 Villages, a non-profit organization, discussed how their shop on Park Avenue helps with poverty reduction and social awareness by giving a venue to selling handcrafted items from impoverished countries.

Commissioner Stuart gave update:

- Community Center is in the process of acquiring security cameras with remote access.
- Princeton Playground – gathering bids with construction to begin in the spring.
- Mathews Park – Orange County Field of Dreams grant will go toward practice fields. The City will evaluate the entire park. There is a possible gift of \$50,000 if a Cell Tower is constructed in the park.
- Garbage pickup – working out issues and hope to have whole city with cans by February.
- Safety and Security – be vigilant and be on guard, especially this time of the year. Commissioner Stuart is working on a top 10 safety tips list with Mike McCoy.
- Questions were taken from the members present:
 - Re: trash – large items are tagged and reported by radio dispatch for pickup.
 - Re: Tennis courts – EHS is not available as previously planned. The City is looking at Mathews Park (without lights) and other parks for a location for courts.

- Re: Walmart – Most calls to Commissioner Stuart are running 1 against to 10 for the Walmart. Commissioner Stuart said that it seems that the County is waiting to make decisions about Big Box Stores until the City decides and the City is waiting till the County decides. A member voiced concern about increased traffic on Princeton/Smith Streets. Commissioner Stuart encourages citizens to go to MPB meetings and be involved in the process. This development is in District 5.

Walmart Update:

John Vaughan and Greg Mellowe with WARN distributed a handout. WARN states that the property does not have the proper Zoning and that there are inconsistencies with the growth management plans. December 19 is the next MPB meeting. Walmart has not responded to having a community meeting.

Gateway Sign Maintenance:

Darryl Clark reported that he had been maintaining the landscaping at the Lakeview sign himself but CPNA has now hired a company for \$1750 for 12 services – includes materials and mulch. Maintenance is scheduled for the third week of the month. The Garden Club is donating \$ 450 which results in a net cost to CPNA of \$1300. Darryl would like illumination of all signs by next year. The maintenance of the ABC and 7-11 signs, per Bill Jennings understanding is that each of the businesses gave a verbal agreement to maintain. Darryl will research and report back to CPNA.

Leza stated that there is one Board Position for 2007 open as Lillian Scott is unable to serve due to prior commitments. Leza indicated that she would put Darryl Clark up for Board vote in January to fill the open Board seat.

Membership Committee:

- Diane Dahlquist gave update – prior to the Home Tour there were about 192 members. Currently there are 309.
- Going to email for newsletters results in less mailing at a high rate per piece. She would still encourage emailing the newsletter.
- She will be mailing a renewal letter this week.
- Leza introduce Bob Carr as the membership chair for 2007 and challenged Board members to bring in 10 new members each. A letter of appreciation has been given to Diane for her volunteer efforts.

Treasurer's report:

- ❖ Alana Brenner stated the expenses for November were \$781.35 and the income was \$6240.00 with an ending balance of \$15,229.88.
- ❖ The budget was presented for approval with income of \$29,825 and expenses of \$24,915. Leza moved to approve and Diane seconded. An amendment to the motion was made to increase the Easter Egg Hunt expense from \$200 to \$300 (expense total revised to \$25,015). Bill moved to approve the budget as revised and Jodi seconded. A voice vote of Board Members was taken and the Budget was approved.

I-4 Committee:

- Bill Jennings reported that there was a concern that buildings that had been taken were not being demolished but said that now they are being removed.

- Bill learned that the I-4 at Lake Ivanhoe ramp is going away. There will be a service road to cross Hwy 50 to Robinson. This is due to current guidelines that won't allow a ramp, not enough usage and not enough opposition to removing the current ramp. Colonial Drive will be revised also.
- Bill said, according to the DOT the project is at 50% of Design/Build. The project was started over 10 years ago.
- Bill will continue to be CPNA Liaison and will also be chairing the Orange County Citizens Corp Council.

I-4 Design Update:

John Ruffier – reported that the area under I-4 proposed pedestrian bridge (East side of Lake Ivanhoe) is being looked at. The Design contract should be let early 2007.

Announcements:

Mayor's Holiday Tree lighting is December 5 at City Hall.

Leadership Training Center Program – Saturday 10-12 at the History Center.

Community Venues – Arena, Arts Center, contact Susan Harris 246-2779.

Mayors Neighborhood Summit – April 28 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

Neighborhood Conference in Sarasota – summer 2007.

Dr. Martin Luther King Parade will be January 13.

Jim Pruett announced that XL106.7 and Watson Realty are having a Toy Collection.

Next meeting: January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the College Park Community Center.

Adjourn : 8:45 PM

Signed:

President – Leza Tellam

Secretary – Monarcha Marcet