

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes – January 8, 2007

College Park Community Center
2393 Elizabeth Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804

Call to order 7:00 PM – Leza Tellam

Directors in attendance:

President – Leza Tellam; **Vice-President** – Bob Carr; **Treasurer** – Alana Brenner; **Secretary** – Monarcha Marcet; **Directors** – Ann Brown, Diane Dahlquist, Cleave Frink, Nancy Glasgow,, Miles S. Hardy, Tom Jaeger, Jim Pruett, David Rose, Jodi Rubin, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas.

Leza Tellam, President CPNA welcomed everyone and recognized Rep. Scott Randolph's aide, Alex Barrio, Congressional candidate Todd Long and Commissioner Stuart. The 2007 Board of Directors did self introductions. Leza mentioned that 2007 is the 20th anniversary of College Park Neighborhood Association.

The following committee chair positions were announced:

Membership - Bob Carr

Communications – Anda Lucia Ariail

Sidewalk issues – Ann Brown

Lake Ivanhoe – Diane Dahlquist

Crime issues – Cleave Frink

Publicity, P.R. and sponsorships – Nancy Glasgow

Traffic issues – Miles Hardy

Easter Egg Hunt – Tom Jaeger

EHS and school issues – David Rose

Historic – Jodi Rubin

Sunday in the Park and other park issues – Bruce Thomas

Minutes from December 4, 2006 meeting – approved.

President's Report:

- Leza presented the Michael Welborn Grant proceeds from The Historic Homes Tour to Lake Silver Elementary Principal Dodge. Principal Dodge explained about improvements to school facilities and invited CPNA members to visit the school. She suggested that the school may purchase benches with the Grant money.
- Leza said there is one Board position to fill and nominated Darryll Clark. Monarcha Marcet moved to accept the nomination, Alana Brenner seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote of members present.

Community topics:

Alex Barrio provided informational flyer about Rep. Scott Randolph's district. He mentioned that there are programs available for youth as pages and interns. Questions can be directed to Alex.

Treasurer's report:

Alana Brenner stated that the December Income was \$ 465.08 and Expenses were \$1,176.51. The Income for 2006 was \$ 28,852.50 and Expenses were \$ 21,895.08. The December ending balance was \$ 14,518.45.

Committee Reports:

Walmart:

- Bob Carr reported on the December 19, 2006 Municipal Planning Board (MPB) meeting in which the Walmart being proposed at the corner of JYP and Princeton was open for public input He stated that he spoke on behalf of the College Park Neighborhood Association with concerns about increased traffic and crime. Bob addressed Commissioner Stuart at the CPNA meeting and reminded him about the City's responsibility to protect its citizens. The MPB passed the Walmart proposal and subsequently appeals have been filed by several organizations. Leza said that CPNA would like the City to put the Walmart issue on a discussion agenda instead of a consent agenda when it comes before the City in about 4 months. David Rose said that there is money available for traffic mediation, "we just need to make sure it is applied to Princeton". David mentioned that at the MPB meeting a request was made to prohibit construction vehicles as well as semi-trailers from using Princeton.
- Miles Hardy commented that a small group developed a website, www.preservecollegepark.org, distributed 1000 flyers and met with the media during only 6 days prior to the MPB meeting to educate the public on the Walmart issues. Other developments will impact the JYP/Princeton corner as well – Princeton Villages and Princeton Promenade. Miles encourages members to join the CPNA traffic committee.
- Leza mentioned that "bricking" Princeton is an option but money would be an issue. She recognized Fr. Grady with the WARN organization at the CPNA meeting.

Membership:

- Bob Carr said that a reminder letter has gone out to about 200 un-renewed prior members to renew and/or join CPNA.

Sunday in the Park:

- Bruce Thomas said that Sunday in the Park is scheduled for March 25th and that Board participation is expected.

Announcements:

- ✓ There will be a public safety meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM at the John Jackson Building.
- ✓ There is a Wetlands Festival scheduled for February 24 from 9 AM – 3 PM.
- ✓ Free tickets can be picked up on January 20th from 10 AM – 5 PM for the UCF Shakespeare Festival on February 17th.
- ✓ A commuter rail meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18 at 6 PM at the Sheraton on Lake Ivanhoe.
- ✓ Todd Long announced a meeting re: Our Children's Future to be held January 23 at 6:30 PM at the College Park Women's Civic Center.

Next meeting: February 5, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the College Park Community Center.

Adjourn: 8 PM (Go Gators)

Signed:

President – Leza Tellam

Secretary – Monarcha Marcet