

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes – February 5, 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, Nancy Glasgow, Claramargaret Groover, Miles S. Hardy, Pam Lindon Jim Prueett, David Rose, Jodi Rubin, John Ruffier, Bruce Thomas.

Leza Tellam, President CPNA welcomed everyone, recognized Commissioner Stuart and asked for new members to be recognized: Todd Brouillette, Spruce St., Doug Stelzner, Ivanhoe, Troy Wieberg and Brigid Williams, New Hampshire introduced themselves.

Minutes from January 8, 2006 meeting – approved with clarification that Bob's comments at the MPB were coordinated with Leza even though CPNA did not take a position on the Walmart issue.

President's Report:

- Walmart – Leza said an appeal is pending from multiple individuals. Her understanding is that MPB will be appealed and reviewed. Several disturbing things have occurred since the MPB meeting, the team selling property to Walmart called individuals that had spoken at MPB and in some cases have showed up at their doors. Leza suggests the people contacted should not answer their doors. Leza will contact Walmart's lawyer and let them know about what is going on.
- Community Planning Exercise – Leza has met with Jason Burton, a zoning official about this. College Park (CP) will be the "model" and a committee will be formed to include CPNA, the Merchants Assn, residents (non-developer driven). There will probably be several "led" walking tours to gather comments. Area to include Edgewater, EHS, Princeton/Smith (exclusive of Ivanhoe area).

Commissioner Update:

- Planning exercise – Comm. Stuart said the goal is to look at Edgewater Drive development and what might occur over the next 5 years.
- Crime statistics – Comm. Stuart stated there is good response time from the Police and that he feels the media may be giving an incorrect image. Violent Crime is down and burglaries are about the same in CP. A CP. neighborhood Watch Captain meeting is to be planned. A substation was suggested for CP but Comm. Stuart would rather have another officer.
- Tennis Courts – A document has not been located allowing for an EHS joint use agreement. There are issues with the public entering school campus due to Security (Jessica Lundsford Act). Mathews Park may be an option and Comm. Stuart has directed staff to look at costs for unlit tennis courts.
- Property Taxes – a State meeting is scheduled for February 22 at 6 PM at Valencia re: property tax reform. Reform will impact City by \$25,000,000 dollars and effect future growth.
- Mayors Public Safety Forum – event February 13 at 7 PM at Rosemont.
- District 3 Forum – will be scheduled for March.
- Safety cameras for Community Center – Comm. Stuart is getting prices from vendors.

- Gun Bounty Program – flyers were made available.

Community topics:

- Neighborhood Watch – Leza said that there will be a Neighborhood Watch table at Sunday in the Park (SIP).
- Mathews Park – Leza requested that a plan of the park be presented to CPNA when it is developed.
- Mass Mailer – Leza said the newsletter will be mass mailed before the SIP event and asked for information to be submitted for inclusion in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report - Alana Brenner stated the income was \$1,880 (includes \$1000 from SIP) and expenses were \$2405.89 (includes deposit on SIP rides) with a balance of \$13,992.56. Alana presented to Leza a gift certificate to Taste from the Board and stated her accolades from 2006. Leza thanked the Board.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Membership – Bob Carr – sent out 200 letters for membership and got back 43 replies and 5 new members. Bob suggests a membership contest until SIP – have new members put sponsoring members name on the back of the form to be counted. New members signing up at SIP – can get an 18 month membership. Bob suggested raising CPNA rates to \$20 sometime in the future. Leza said the 18 mo. rate for SIP would be \$20 (reason for 18 mo. is to simplify bookkeeping) and the membership is for now till Sept. 30, 2008. Clairemargaret Groover moved to proceed with the 18 mo. rate, David Rose seconded the motion and motion passed with a voice vote. Bob reminds Board members to get 10 new members. Membership is currently 378 (25% new in 2006). Historically the highest membership was 700 – 800. The budget has \$6000 income for membership.
- ❖ Poster for SIP – Leza said she has an offer from frame shop to donate artwork (1985 bicycle poster). Pam Lindon has agreed to organize a poster for SIP.
- ❖ Sunday in the Park – Bruce Thomas said the event is scheduled for March 25. Florida Hospital is the main sponsor. More sponsors are needed. There are 60 vendor spaces available on a first come first served basis. Volunteers are needed and Lillian Scott is the volunteer coordinator. All Board members are required to work a shift.
- ❖ Signs – Pam Lindon said that Board name tags, yard signs and Sunday in the Park event signs are being made. Leza said we are over budget on cost for signs but that the printing costs would be taken out of the existing printing budget – with the expectation that the effort will net us money and also provide incentive for new memberships at SIP.
- ❖ EHS – David Rose stated that an Architect has been chosen to design the master plan for EHS – C.T. Chu. The process is to include community meetings. There has been no movement on land – staff has been instructed to purchase land and has authorized the use of eminent domain. The school board has recommended closing 17 – 18 elementary schools. Lake Silver and Princeton are on the list. A “Save our Community Schools” group got on the state agenda. The legislature let the school board know that decisions would not be made without public input. Leza said that she expects the school board to make the eminent domain condemnation order by the end of March. Leza will contact Ron Blocker and Ann Geiger to ask that CPNA be allowed to have community input.

- ❖ Traffic – Miles Hardy said he met with Comm. Stuart. and is encouraged that Comm. Stuart believes in traffic monitoring. Miles reported that lights at Westmoreland and Rio Grande are collecting data but that the data is not being reviewed and more devices should be put between those two locations. Roads that are being looked at are Edgewater Drive, Princeton St and Maury Rd. Tom Allen at the City has an idea for a boulevard concept on Maury Rd. however, when curb changes are made the water flow is affected and the project becomes more complicated. Maury Rd changes are on hold due to EHS design unknowns. Miles attended a commuter rail meeting. Route from Deland to Poinciana, 61 miles, is being looked. Brochures were made available and a spokesperson will speak at CPNA April meeting.
- ❖ Sidewalks – Ann Brown reported that Rick Howard, city engineer now has the ability to reinterpret the sidewalk requirements and will no longer require laying a sidewalk where there is no sidewalk on either side [adjacent property], however, a homeowner will still have to pay into a sidewalk fund. If there is an existing sidewalk on either side [adjacent property] the homeowner would have to lay a sidewalk. Comm. Stuart has been working on the issue, she has not heard from the Code Enforcement Board. She will be speaking to a Lake Davis neighborhood group on Wednesday.
- ❖ Newsletter – Leza reporting for Anda Lucia – Monday Feb. 12 is the deadline for the mass mailing newsletter.

Announcements:

- Orlando Blues night – Feb. 17, 4-9PM at City Hall Plaza (free event).
- Merry Wives of Windsor plan – April 7, 2 PM (free event) – must pickup tickets March 10 10 AM – 5 PM at Loundes Shakespeare theater. There are 325 available.
- Mayors State of the City address – Feb. 28, 10 AM at City Hall.
- Paws in Park – Feb. 10, 9 AM at Lk Eola.
- Project Graduation Golf – Feb. 25, register by Feb. 19. Leza said CPNA will not donate to this event this year.
- Restore Voter Trust – Feb. 27, 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM at Doc's Restaurant.
- Senior Links – volunteers needed.
- Comment – Jim Pruettt has concerns about recent tornados and is interested in sirens on public buildings. He suggests asking Comm. Stuart if there is something CPNA can do.
- CERT – Bill Jennings said that cost of sirens is cost prohibitive because all metro are must be covered. It would be cheaper to give everyone weather radios. Orange County had a grant and distributed over 1000. Bill suggests a reverse 911 system may work. Bill announced that a Pilot program with the Red Cross of a Damage Assessment Class is open to train volunteers – Feb. 26 at 7 PM at community center. Bill thanked Comm. Stuart for his kind remarks about CERT. CERT has had its 5th ham radio class recently.
- Comment – Rob Hudson, legal aide to Rep. Randolph introduced himself and asked that any concerns be brought to his attention.
- MyRegion.org – Leza said the “How shall we grow” initiative is taking surveys – hard copies were made available and survey can be done on line at www.myregion.org.

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

Adjourn: 8:30 PM

Signed:

President – Leza Tellam

Secretary – Monarcha Marcet