

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes – April 2, 2007

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

Call to order 7:03 PM – Leza Tellam

Directors in attendance:

President – Leza Tellam; **Vice-President** – Bob Carr; **Secretary** – Monarcha Marcet; **Directors** – Anda Lucia Ariail, Ann Brown, Diane Dahlquist, Cleave Frink, Nancy Glasgow, Miles S. Hardy, Tom Jaeger, Samuel Mason, Jim Pruett, David Rose, Susie Sherman.

Leza Tellam, President CPNA welcomed everyone and asked for new members to be recognized: Phillip McMicken, Barry Mita and Charles Smith introduced themselves.

Minutes from March 5, 2007 meeting – approved.

Presidents Report:

- ❖ Leza recognized Bruce Thomas and Lillian Scott for their volunteer work for the Sunday in the Park (SIP) event. Leza presented a \$100.00 gift certificate to Nancy Glasgow for the “K” restaurant from the SIP committee as special recognition for her on-going SIP volunteer efforts. Leza said a SIP recap meeting will be scheduled in the near future. This year’s event had \$ 7,850 in sponsorships and made over \$ 9,000 (final numbers not tabulated yet).
- ❖ Treasurer’s report – Leza reporting for Alana Brenner stated the ending balance was \$22,720.41.
- ❖ Leza stated that Pat Duggins (SIP M.C) will be doing a report on WMFE related to the property tax issues. Comments can be submitted to Pat or to Leza.
- ❖ Re: Planning process in College Park – Leza commented at length on an email that she sent to the Board this week with concerns about being given notice of planned meetings and about CPNA representation on planning issues. She said that a representative from the City of Orlando is willing to come to speak to CPNA Board members about the issues. Leza would like the City to speak to the community – including CPNA members at an open meeting. Commissioner Stuart took the floor and addressed his concerns about the accuracy of Leza’s statements in regard to the organizing of a group to look at issues related to Edgewater Drive. He said that because of Leza’s email that Mayor Dyer will now be involved in the formation and/or continuance of this group. Questions and comments from the floor included:
Q: Should Commissioner Stuart have let CPNA pick its representatives?
Commissioner Stuart answered no, that he does not agree, that he selected core active members of the community and of CPNA. Comment: David Rose stated that CPNA never claimed to represent College Park, that we are simply a group of volunteers.

Community topics:

Miles Hardy, Traffic committee chair introduced the speaker: Marianne Gurnee, DOT representative for the Commuter Rail. A video presentation was shown and a brochure was available. Ms. Gurnee explained some of the details of the plan for Commuter Rail - 61 ½ miles long from Deland to Poincianna. Funding will be 50% Federal, 25% State and 25% local. Questions from those present: Q: Will there be stops in College Park? A: a stop is planned for Florida Hospital. The next would be the lynx central station with plans to extend the free Lymmo to College Park. Q: How does Commuter Rail affect Amtrak? A: Commuter Rail will have total control over dispatch responsibilities. In other words, Amtrak waits for the commuters. Q: Will CSX traffic increase in the evenings if asked to wait for

Commuters during the day? A. No, a new “S line” is being upgraded for CSX use with a new intermodal center planned for Winter Haven. Q: Are concessions being developed as a means of income for the Commuter Rail? A: Commuter rail planning does not include concessions planning. That will be up to local counties and cities. CPNA members are encouraged to contact Marianne at mgurnee@clf.rr.com and the website is www.cfrail.com.

Committee Reports:

- Edgewater High School (EHS) – David Rose stated that the school board had voted to take the mobile home park property after the Demetrees bought the property and planned to close the mobile home park. CT Hsu Architects presented a design concept last month at a public meeting at EHS. The EHS task force has concerns that commercial areas are planned. They would encourage the school board not to sell any parcels until the school is built. David would like CPNA to send a letter encouraging open access to the planning process.
- Traffic – Miles Hardy – announced three speed bumps in place on Westmoreland as a victory. Miles has drafted an outline asking the City for a three phase approach to traffic issues specifically on Smith/Princeton. Leza questioned whether a letter is needed or whether direct interaction with the transportation planning department would be more effective. Leza suggested Miles continue researching.
- Historic Committee – Leza reporting for Jodi Rubin. Jodi presented the applications for the three districts and gained approval from the State Preservation Board. Now the proposal goes to the National Park Service and if approved, National Register listing may happen this summer.
- Crime – Cleave Frink said that seven new block captains for Neighborhood Watch (NW) signed up at the SIP event. He will be convening a NW meeting in the near future and has attended the Mayors safety meetings.
- Membership – Bob Carr said that eighteen new members signed up at SIP. The winner of the membership drive is Nancy Glasgow. She won lunch for 2 at China in College Park. Leza reminds Board members to get 10 new members. Michael Heavener is recognized as getting 24 households to join.
- Storage – Pam Lindon has lined up a storage facility – any CPNA related “stuff” now has a home away from your home. Please get “stuff” to Pam.

Announcements:

- ✓ Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 7th at 9 am at Albert Park – Tom Jaeger, chair.
- ✓ Mayor’s Neighborhood Summit – April 28 from 8 am – 2 pm at Orlando City Hall. Register with Susan Harris at susan.harris@cityoforlando.net .
- ✓ Community Planning exercises to be determined.
- ✓ Newsletter entries due Friday, April 6th to Anda at ariaail@cfl.rr.com.
- ✓ Next meeting topic may change and may not be Lynx. Florida Hospital has been invited to speak. Bob Carr asked if the Edgewater Crew team can be put on next months agenda.
- ✓ The Rotary Club of College Park event “Taste of College Park” will be April 26.

Next meeting: May 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the College Park Community Center.
Adjourn : 9:00 PM

Signed:

President – Leza Tellam

Secretary – Monarcha Marcet