

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes – August 6, 2007

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

Call to order 7:03PM – Leza Tellam

Directors in attendance:

President – Leza Tellam; **Vice-President** – Bob Carr; **Treasurer** – Alana Brenner; **Secretary** – Monarcha Marcet; **Directors** – Anda Lucia Ariail, Diane Dahlquist, Cleave Frink, Nancy Glasgow, Miles S. Hardy, Pam Lindon, Monica Lochmandy, Jim Pruett, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas.

Leza Tellam, President CPNA welcomed everyone and asked for new members to be recognized. Bob Carr's new neighbors, Matt and Elizabeth introduced themselves.

Minutes from the June 4, 2007 meeting – approved.

Commissioner Stuart update: apologized to Leza for some comments made at the April 2, 2007 CPNA meeting. He suggested all should turn on porch lights at 6:00 PM tomorrow night to recognize National Night Out. The EARS project received a lot of input that is currently being reviewed. The Edgewater Drive Task Force application deadline is August 15. Around the first of September nine people will be selected. There have been about 35 – 40 applications so far. Comm. Stuart explained that even with potential property tax reforms that public safety will not be impacted if City budgets are reduced. The Dubsdread golf course project is running a bit late due to weather delays.

Community topics:

Speaker: Bill Donnegan, Orange County Property Appraiser. A presentation with “slides” centered around the property tax reforms being proposed. Mr. Donnegan gave background information about what brought about the reform idea and explained how the “Save our homes” compares with the “Super exemption”. A Comparison Estimator can be found at the Orange County property appraiser website www.OCPAFL.com and Mr. Donnegan demonstrated its use with some CPNA members participating in the exercise. Susie Sherman asked to have a link to the OCPA website on the CPNA website. Leza agreed and will also include info in newsletter.

President's Report:

- Leza Tellam said that the recognition plaque for the Frescos in the Community Center has been done by the City.
- Leza congratulated Cleave Frink on having about 16 people attend a Neighborhood Watch Block Captains training session.
- Leza read that at a leader's forum luncheon, several District 3 individuals were honored with Bernie Hunt receiving an exceptional Senior award.
- Florida Hospital provided a packet of information on the DRI and Leza has asked Anda Lucia Ariail to monitor. They will be asked to present at an appropriate time.
- The Mayors neighborhood matching grant deadline has been extended to October. \$ 5000 is available as matching funds and Leza has information about a training session. Leza asked for volunteers to coordinate and/or proposal to be submitted if anyone is interested. No proposals or volunteers have been received to date.

- Edgewater High School – Leza has prepared a letter to be sent to the Orange County School Board (OCSB) asking for a more public process and will forward to the CPNA Board for review. Bob Carr spoke and expressed the EHS Task force frustration with obtaining information from the OCSB.
- The Historic Homes Tour date will be Nov. 18, 2007 with a theme of additions. For the first time the tour will be advertised with a banner over Edgewater Drive.

Treasurer's report - Alana Brenner stated the June income was \$ 265.00; expenses were \$ 1372.13. July income was \$ 180.00; expenses were \$ 955.06 with an ending balance of \$ 19,356.70. June expenses included \$ 400 website fee and \$ 200 water bill for a water leak at the Ivanhoe sign (Alana has submitted a request for review to OUC). July expenses included quarterly bill \$ 438 for landscaping and \$ 230 for the board social.

Committee Reports:

Bruce Thomas mentioned National Neighborhood Day is scheduled for Sept. 16 and is designed to bring neighborhoods together (this is different than National Night Out). On Aug. 25 there will be a Neighborhood Leaders block party at Loch Haven Park. Bruce will man a booth showcasing the CPNA "Sunday in the Park" event.

Announcements:

- Edgewater Drive Planning Task Force – applications deadline is Aug. 15th, the form can be found at www.cityoforlando.net/planning/cityplanning/edgewaterplan.htm
- City budget hearings are Sept. 10 and Sept. 17 at 5 PM.
- Leza read: Mayor Dyer thanks the community for the Community Venues passing.
- Leza read: The Orlando Police Department operation "All Hands on Deck" is reported to be a success and per Chief McCoy will continue for another 30 days. An illegal gun bounty program will be done – call crime line.
- Per Cleave Frink – a neighbor, Ed Bowes, house on Westmoreland burned down last night.
- Per Bill Jennings – CERT Graduated it's fourth class and had a disaster drill last week with Monarcha Marcet participating as a victim. Bill encourages members to join CERT.
- CPNA 20th Reunion will be recognized with a party for Current and Previous Board members (attendees will pay a fee to attend) Sept. 6 at Dubsdread.
- Rotary of College Park will host a BBQ on Friday, Aug. 24 as a fund raiser.
- Monarcha attempted to move that a resignation mentioned in an email from Miles Hardy not be accepted by the CPNA Board. Discussion included input from Cleave, Alana, Susie and Miles, with a suggestion being made to fill the vacancy being created by electing Miles back to the Board. Leza insisted that the resignation had been accepted by the President per the Bylaws and the vacancy will not be filled.

Next meeting: [not announced] Sept. 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the College Park Community Center.

Adjourn: 9:05 PM

Signed:

President – Leza Tellam

Secretary – Monarcha Marcet