

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes – October 8, 2007

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

Call to order 7:05 PM – Bob Carr, Jr.

Directors in attendance:

President – Bob Carr, Jr.; **Vice-President** – David Rose; **Treasurer** – Alana Brenner; **Secretary** – Monarcha Marcet; **Directors** – Cleave Frink, Tom Jaeger, Jim Pruett, Jodi Rubin, John Ruffier, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas.

Bob Carr, Jr., President CPNA welcomed everyone and asked for new members to be recognized. None were present however Bob announced that Susan Tayloe and Stephen Smith recently joined on-line.

Commissioner Robert Stuart Update:

- Commissioner Stuart thanked CPNA and Bob for their leadership with the community meeting last month (Edgewater High School issue and large attendance).
- On Tuesday, October 16 at 5:00 PM the Princeton playground will be dedicated and all are welcome. It is also Princeton's Open House night.
- The Edgewater Drive Planning Task force will be officially announced Nov. 1st with Chair, Claramargaret Groover and the following appointees: Eric Apen, Greg Bryla, Robert Carr, Tom Cook, Mary Dees, Eric Shawn Houston, James Pruett, Karen Schimpf, Phyllis Tuell and Robert Ward. Commissioner Stuart hopes to have a "kick-off" community meeting with a fact finding "walk-around" of Edgewater Drive around the middle of November. A member asked if any resurfacing of Edgewater Dr. would be done. Comm. Stuart said this is not the focus of the task force but that he would contact the proper City department and is preparing a list for citizens of the top 10 departments to contact for City help.
- The Jazz Fest sponsored by the City is coming up.
- In the Spring 2008 the District 3 forum is being planned for the last weekend in March at USA Heritage Park.

Presidents Report:

- ❖ Bob announced the resignation of Diane Dahlquist and Ann Brown and recognized their service to CPNA.
- ❖ Bob announced that for 2008, since he was appointed to the Edgewater Drive Task force, he has notified the nominating committee that he should not be considered for CPNA president for 2008.
- ❖ Bob recognized that last months meeting was good and that CPNA accomplished the task of keeping College Park neighbors informed.
- ❖ The College Park Jazz Fest is November 3rd, 6 – 10 PM
www.downtowncollegepark.com .
- ❖ The Edgewater High School Marching Eagle Band will be having its annual door to door fund raising October 11, 22 & 24. Individual monetary donations are needed and Corporate Sponsors are needed also.

Minutes from August and September 2007 meetings – approved.

Treasurer's report - Alana Brenner stated the September Income was \$ 300.00 and Expenses were \$ 1003.26 with an ending balance of \$ 19,265.80. She elaborated that the Board Social had \$ 1190.00 income (some that RSVP'd did not cancel or pay) and \$ 1312.61 expenses, leaving a shortage of about \$ 122.00 for that event.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Drive: There is currently no membership chair from the Board but Mike Heavener has agreed to chair and Bob suggests he be nominated to the Board.
- Crime and Neighborhood Watch: Cleave reported almost having his car broken into this week but his driveway sensor (“the reporter” obtained from www.smarthome.com) alerted him to the prowler. Orlando Police responded and arrested an individual for loitering /trespassing.
- Signs: Although Darryll Clark resigned from the Board, he will still help with the signs. Bob and Darryll are researching possible solar lighting and xeriscaping as “green” alternatives.
- By Laws Revision: David Rose moved to present a proposal to members for vote at November meeting amending the number of Officers and Directors to the Board to 15 (revising the proposed 16 from the September meeting). John Ruffier seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- By Laws Revision: John Ruffier moved to present a proposal to members for vote at November meeting revising the by laws to say that; the board should move immediately to fill a vacancy created among the officers through the process of taking nominations and voting at the next regular meeting following the vacancy. Cleave seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Historic Homes Tour: Jodi Rubin, chair reminded us the tour is November 18. She almost considered cancelling the tour this year due to 4 houses dropping out this week. She would like 8 -10 houses on tour and has now contacted Realtors for help. Approx. \$ 1000 has been budgeted for a banner and it will be made when house commitments are finalized. The Plein Air artists are scheduled to participate again this year. College Park Lifestyle magazine is running an article featuring two homes and Nancy Glasgow is arranging press releases for publicity. Since Princeton Elementary was recently renovated it is being considered for the tour but the OCSB requires insurance (Lillian Scott is looking into obtaining). Volunteer help will be needed for the Tour.

Announcements:

- Ghost Stories at Leu Gardens – Friday, Oct. 19th opens at 6 PM readings 7:30 – 10 PM. Fee - \$ 9.00 adults, \$ 6.00 members and children. Event may not be suitable for small children.
- Mayors Matching Grant Workshop – Monday, Oct. 15th 11 – 1 PM at Colonial Town Community Center.
- David Rose: recognized John Ruffier as having been appointed by Governor Crist to the Florida Real Estate Commission.
- Bob Carr: appoints Cleave Frink to the nominating committee.
- David Rose: Edgewater High School Task Force community meeting on Oct. 1 was well attended but no OCSB members were present (although they had representation). More information can be found at www.equality4EHS.com . David gave a summary of the presentation and handed out copies of the

power point presentation from that meeting and said that he was asked by the Task force to ask CPNA for a resolution about the concepts presented. Jodi Rubin moved that CPNA support concept "C" or "B" with "B" modified for traffic to access Maury Road and possible further refinements as necessary. John Ruffier seconded. Motion passed with voice vote, Bruce Thomas and Susie Sherman abstaining.

Community Topic Speaker: Tom Pylant, Principal, Lee Middle School, gave us an update on the construction at Lee that was started in the late spring 2007 and is expected to last 2 ½ years. The school has 920 students. He elaborated on the IB program that was started 2 years ago and educated us on the FCAT grading system.

Next meeting: **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** November 5, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the College Park Community Center will also feature Katie Kulbaba, Public Awareness Specialist, City of Orlando, Streets and Stormwater Division.

Adjourn : 8:50 PM

Signed:

President – Bob Carr, Jr.

Secretary – Monarcha Marcet