

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-February 4, 2008
College Park Community Center
2393 Elizabeth Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804

Call to order 7:00PM - David Rose

In attendance:

President - David Rose; Vice-President-Bob Carr Jr.; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Directors; Alana Brenner, , Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Tom Jaeger, Adrian La Sala, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, Jodi Rubin, Eben Self, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas and about 25 Members/Visitors.

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 7th, 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for January 2008 was \$164.26 with expenses of \$1,236.90. The Association's account balance as of January 31st is \$23,742.94.

President's Report:

David Rose announced that he had received a letter from the Edgewater Parent, Teacher and Student Association inquiring if the College Park Neighborhood Association would be making its annual grant contribution to 'Project Graduation'. David assured the board that the traditional \$100 grant has been budgeted for this year.

Applications are being accepted for the Mayor's Matching Grant program.

The Annual Neighborhood Summit, sponsored by the city, will be held on April 12th. Nominations are being accepted for Neighborhood of the Year.

Answering Service Report:

Miles Hardy reported the results of a cost/benefit analysis of the Associations current answering service. From Dec'06 - Jan'08 (ie, 14 months) 30 calls were received on the answering service line (average of just over 2 calls/month). The cost of the service during that period was \$518 (\$37/month * 14 months) or \$17.26 per call.

Several alternatives were discussed including switching vendors, prepaid cell phone service and board members answering calls. A recommendation was made to list board member names and contact numbers. This alternative would provide the best responsiveness to the community and save the Association about \$445 annually.

Motion: The motion was approved that the current answering service would be discontinued and replaced with a listing of board members names and contact numbers. Participation by board members would be voluntary.

Princeton/Smith Corridor Update:

Miles Hardy reported on the progress of the Princeton/Smith Corridor Committee during the last year. Enforcement of existing traffic regulations has been increased but the impact is almost impossible to determine give Orlando Police Department's current data gathering, monitoring and analysis abilities. City Councilman Robert Stuart has been a strong supporter of the project and with his patronage, a traffic monitor system is being installed within the corridor which will provide a clear picture of traffic patterns and provide for a 'data-driven targeted enforcement' policy. Elements of a long range plan to protect and preserve the corridor were discussed. Miles' talking point are included as an appendix to the minutes.

Motion: A motion was approved to admit the Princeton/Smith Corridor Committee into the Association as one of its working committees. Miles will chair the committee.

Liability Insurance:

Tom Jaeger provided information on the name and rates of a Liability Insurance company willing to underwrite liability insurance for the Association. A \$2,000,000 policy should be available for a cost of about \$922/year. The Down Town College Park Partnership has allowed the College Park Neighborhood Association to piggy-back upon its liability policy in the past and will continue the courtesy in 2008. But as the Neighborhood Association continues to grow and its events become larger and more successful, it may be time to consider purchasing our own liability insurance.

Committee Reports:

NICS- Bertie Hunt reported that crime in College Park declined 33% in a month-to-month comparison between January 2007 and January 2008.

Sunday in the Park- Bruce Thomas reminded the group that the event is scheduled for March 16th, 2008 and that it was time for board members to begin volunteering for one or more of the 4 shifts. A sign-up sheet was distributed during the meeting. Board members who were not able to attend Monday's meeting are encouraged to contact Bruce and choose at least one shift. This year's event will have about 60 vendors, 12 attractions and the Brownie Contest. Mayor Dyer is expected to attend.

Newsletter-Adrian La Sala did a beautiful job of producing the first newsletter of 2008. Copies were distributed via email and hardcopies mailed to members without email addresses.

Historic Homes Tour- Jodi Rubin reported her committee's recommendations for Micheal Wellborn Educational Grants following last year's block-buster success with the Historic Homes Tour. The program grossed \$5,035 with a net income of \$3,360. It was the committee's recommendation that a \$500 grant be awarded to each of the four public schools in College Park. The remaining \$1,360 will be retained in the Association's general operating fund.

Motion: The Home Tour committee's recommendations was approved. \$500 will be awarded to each of the four public schools within College Park. The four principals will be invited to attend the March CPNA meeting to receive the awards.

Website- David will send the website address of 'Apricot' to all the board members for their review. Apricot provides web based association support including the ability to post

items such as minutes and reports, a membership data base, membership renewal support, credit card payments and more. Susie Sherman suggested that Logan Kayne be included in the product review process to insure that Apricot's package is comprehensive and meets all the Association's needs. She also suggested that CPNA secure the WWW.COLLEGEPARKORLANDO.ORG' universal resource label (URL) by insuring the designated administrator is actively involved with CPNA and its website management. David Rose will contact Susan and Anda Lucia discuss the registration of the URL and administration of the website with them and consider appointing a new person to accept these responsibilities.

Easter Egg Hunt- Mike Norato & Tom Jaeger. Mike reported that the event permit has been secured from the city and that eggs and candy are being purchased. He hopes that board members will spend a few minutes helping to stuff eggs at next month's Association meeting.

Edgewater High School Task Force-Nancy Robinson announced that the Orange County School Board will be meeting on February 12th. It is hoped that they will vote to acquire the shopping center and trailer park for the Edgewater High School renovation project. All Association members are invited to attend. Wear red to show your support of Edgewater High School.

Next meeting:

Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center.

Adjournment: 8:19PM

Signed:

President - David Rose

Secretary - Miles Hardy