

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-March 3, 2008

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

Call to order 7:01PM - Bob Carr Jr.

In attendance:

Vice-President-Bob Carr Jr.; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Directors - Jorge Borrelli, Alana Brenner, Loren Ford, Cleave Frink, Nancy Glasgow, Bertie Hunt, Tom Jaeger, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, Jodi Rubin, Eben Self, Bruce Thomas and 21 Members/Visitors.

Michael Welborn Educational Grant Presentation

Jodi Rubin introduced the three attending public school principals and presented each with a \$500 Grant. William Pylant of Lee Middle School said his grant would be used in reading programs with a historical theme. Cindy Dodge of Lake Silver Middle School said that her grant would be used to enhance the school's garden and related classes. Shayne Grove said her grant would be used to replace deteriorating picnic tables and to purchase new lab coats for advanced science students. Bob Carr will hand deliver Edgewater High School's grant.

Commissioner's Corner:

City Commissioner Robert Stuart announced the formation of the Central Florida Regional Commission on Homelessness. It's stated mission is to end homelessness within the city in 10 years. Check out the website www.cfhomelesscommission.org for more information.

Several Mainstreet Program grants for development have been approved and will be awarded by the City of Orlando. Two of three awarded belong to District 3: Downtown College Park Partnership (formerly College Park Merchants Association) and the Ivanhoe Village (formerly know as Antique Row).

Commissioner Stuart spent some time reassuring the neighbors that contrary to Channel 6 TV reports, College Park was not having a 'crime wave'. Although there have been a rash of crimes at the Edgewater and Fairbanks intersection area, this area is not even in the City, much less College Park. Orlando Police Department is cooperating with Orange County Sherriff's Office to strengthen patrols in that area and catch the perpetrators of these crimes.

Guest Speaker:

The Commissioner introduced the evenings guest speakers, Jim Hunt and Katie Kulbaba from the City's Streets and Storm water.

With the exception of Lake Ivanhoe, most of the lakes in College Park have been classified as 'Impaired' due to excessive nitrogen and phosphorus levels.

During the next several months a study will be conducted by the City to determine the amount of nutrient material the lakes can naturally tolerate. This is know as the 'Total Maximum Daily Loading'. Once acceptable levels have been determined , a plan must be developed to capture and filter excess material.

The community can help keep harmful materials out of our lakes by preventing oil,

fertilizer, pesticides, grass clippings, leaves, pet waste and detergents out of the storm water system. The City's motto is 'Only rain down the drain!'. For additional questions call the Storm water Hotline at 407-246-2370.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 3rd, 2008 meeting were approved pending one change.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for January 2008 was \$4,130.00 with expenses of \$2,249.24. The Association's account balance as of February 29th is \$25,623.70.

President's Report:

Bob reported that the College Park Leisure Homes trailer park law suit appears to be winding down which could mean a possible move forward by the School Board to purchase the property for Edgewater High School renovation.

New Business & Committee Reports:

NICS- Bertie Hunt reintegrated that the recent robberies and shooting at the Pizza Hut and Cumberland Farm businesses at the Edgewater and Fairbanks intersection area occurred in unincorporated Orange County, not in the city of Orlando and certainly not in College Park. Law enforcement agencies from both jurisdictions are cooperating to find and apprehend these culprits.

Edgewater Drive Vision Taskforce- Jim Pruett provided a report on the progress of the Taskforce. Two meetings have already been held at City Hall. Taskforce members have been introduced to the 'language' of city planning and a framework for development has been described. The next public meeting will be held on March 6th at 3:30 in City Hall. A neighborhood meeting is being scheduled for March 20th at 3:30 at the Edgewater High School Media Center. The public is invited to attend any and all of these meetings. Public input is also available at the Taskforce website.

Sunday in the Park- Bruce Thomas reminded the group that the event is scheduled for March 16, 2008 . The event is progressing on schedule.

Gateway Signs-Monarcha reported that she had just paid O'Mally Landscaping for maintenance of three of the Gateway signs. ABC Liquors maintains the Gateway sign at Par and Edgewater. This topic will be added to the April meeting for additional discussion. Eric Apen of Appenberry's Nursery will attend next month's meeting and participate in the discussion.

Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Watch - Cleave Frink announced that several community grants totaling \$450,000 are available from the Bank of America. The 'Local Hero' award seeks to honor individuals who have worked to benefit their communities. Five 'heroes' will be selected and will have \$5,000 donated to the charity of their choice. The 'Neighborhood Award' (\$200,000) seeks to support community development in the health and human services. Contact Cleave for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt- Mike Norato brought 2,500 eggs and 50 pounds of candy. Egg stuffing began at 6pm and all eggs had been filled by the end of the meeting.

It was requested that a progress report of the Dubsdread Golf Course be presented by Commissioner Stuart next month. Miles made a note to include the topic on next month's agenda.

Next meeting:

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

Adjournment: 8:20PM

Signed:

President - David Rose

Secretary - Miles Hardy