

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-July 7, 2008

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

Call to order 7:00PM - David Rose, President

In attendance:

President-David Rose, Vice-President-Bob Carr Jr.; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Directors - Loren Ford, Cleave Frink, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Tom Jaeger, Adrian La Sala, Jim Pruett, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas and 6 members/visitors.

Commissioner's Corner:

District 3 City Commissioner Robert Stuart announced that Dubsdread Golf Course will open for business at 6:30am on Friday July 11. The 9 million dollar improvement project was financed in large part by contributions from the St. John's Water Management District And the Florida Department of Transportation. Several innovative water management concepts have been integrated into the redesign of the golf course. There are more water reservoirs on the course which aids storm water control. Fertilizer run-off is trapped in the reservoirs and then put back onto the course by drawing irrigation water from the reservoirs.

National Night Out is planned for Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

Applications for the Mayor's Matching Grant program are being solicited. The program awards up to \$5,000 or \$10,000 in matching funds for money raised or sweat equity invested towards community improvement projects. Both Miles Hardy and Cleave Frink expressed interest in the program.

The Commissioner announced that a section will be added to the District #3 section of the City's website to answer commonly asked questions about popular projects and programs such as traffic calming and decorative street lighting.

The old Links bus station will be torn down and the site used to construct a new facility for Fire Station #1.

Guest Speaker:

Joan O'Neill, resident of Fairway Lane, did not appear.

Scott Randolph, Florida Representative District 36 and his aid, David Plotkin attended the meeting. Mr. Randolph announced that the state budget is down about 10% this year and will likely remain down by about this much for the next year. Education and Health Care are the two areas hardest hit. Fortunately, the number of students enrolling in the public school system is not expected to increase.

Mr. Randolph reported that he has supported bills to deter copper theft and restrict predatory home mortgage lending/advertising.

The 'Florida Forever' program will continue as planned. This program purchases sensitive land for the people of Florida and protects it from damaging development.

Commuter Rail will likely be discussed by Florida Legislators in a special session after the elections.

Loran Ford spoke about the Kerouac House Project.

Minutes:

Minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for June 2008 was \$3,425 with expenses of \$220.66. The Association's account balance as of June 30 is \$28,499.07.

It was agreed that \$400 would be set aside in next year's budget to pay for water used at the Princeton Gateway sign. The bill will be payable whenever the owner requests payment.

President's Report:

David Rose asked the board to decide if there would be a regular monthly meeting in August since the previously scheduled School Board Candidate Forum was cancelled. Ann Geiger failed to qualify and the position is now uncontested. The board decided to honor the tradition of not having a meeting in August.

David offered to contact the candidates of the Primary election and invite them to attend the Association sponsored August 16th Candidates Forum.

David also asked that a Board Member review IRS form 990 to insure that the Association conforms to the requirements of its not-for-profit charter. Susie Sherman volunteered to review the form and its requirements.

(Susie later responded with the following report:

"Contained within the list of "Organizations Not Required to File Form 990/EZ", is an exemption for "organization whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less." The key word in this phrase is "normally."

In cases such as CPNA where the organization has been in existence for 3+ years, the IRS uses a 3 year Gross Receipts Test to define "normally." (Actually previous 2 and current, so in our situation, this would be 2006, 2007, and 2008.)

If the average of these 3 years is less than \$25k per year, then the organization is not required to file a 990. So, unless CPNA had a couple of really good years recently or has a huge windfall this year, there will not be an need to file a Form 990 for 2008.")

Old Business:

Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force:

Bob Carr reported that the Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force has completed its originally scheduled work sessions. A city planner is now attempting to write the Task Force report. A summary feed-back will be made to the Task Force on July 17 and a presentation to the City Council will take place August 4, 2008. No date was mentioned for a final report or project completion.

New Business & Committee Reports:

Crime Committee:

Cleave Frink shared a draft version of a plan for responding to requests from College Park residents to help control crime in troubled neighborhoods. He asked that Board Members review his notes and make suggestions and comments.

Bertie Hunt reported on several Orlando Police Department's crime statistics. The number of 'calls for service' in 2008 is running slightly less than the year-to-date numbers for 2007. She also mentioned that there have been 25 calls for service near the Fairway Lane area in Dubsread Heights but no record of arrests for drugs or prostitution at the specific address which is creating such a problem in Joan O'Neill's neighborhood. Bertie's research also revealed that the land owner of the problem property on Fairway Lane seems to be a non-Florida resident who is claiming homestead exemption on her property. This situation has been reported to the office of the Orange County Property Appraiser.

Adjournment: 8:57PM - David Rose, President

Next meeting:

Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center
(Note: No meeting was held in August).

Signed:

President - David Rose

Secretary - Miles Hardy