

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-January 5, 2009

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

Call to order 7:00 PM - Bob Carr Jr., President

In Attendance:

President-Bob Carr Jr, Vice-President-Eben Self.; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Board members - Jorge Borrelli, Alana Brenner, Loren Ford, Cleave Frink, Bertie Hunt, Adrian La Sala, Bryan Labutta, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, David Rose, Jodi Rubin, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas, Dena Wild and 13 members/visitors.

Commissioner's Corner:

The City Commission will take up the Edgewater Drive Task Force Recommendations and the Florida Hospital DRI amendment at its next meeting on the 12th.

The city is considering one, possible two, tennis courts for Mathews Park. The courts will probably not be lighted.

Dubsdread golf course appears to be profitable. Turf managers have recommended that the course not be reseed for winter which means there will be natural browning due to cooler temperatures. The grass will green up again as the growing season progresses.

The funding timetable for the Citrus Bowl renovation may be adjusted to better match revenues but the city is still committed to hosting a lot of great teams in the future.

Guest Speaker:

Bertie Hunt reported the attempted robbery of the convenience store on the corner of Edgewater and Maury road earlier this week. Although shots were fired by the robbers, they seem to have been accidental and panicked the would-be thieves into fleeing the scene. No one was injured and the suspects are still at large but good video films were obtained.

The problem tenant on Fairway Lane has been arrested on utilities thief and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is still in jail.

Minutes:

Minutes of the December 1, 2008 meeting were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report:

Monarcha Marcet presented reports for both November and December. Monthly income for November was \$5,110.00 with expenses of \$430.38 for a balance of \$31,251.99. Monthly income for December was \$331.89 with expenses of \$772.70 for a balance of \$30,834.63.

The proposed budget for 2009 was also presented. The current economy and last year's budget performance were taken into account when planning for 2009.

Motion: A motion was presented to approve the 2009 Budget as written. The motion was adopted.

The \$75 Kerouac grant will be given for 2008 and 2009 since it was not awarded last year.

President's Report:

2009 President Bob Carr, Jr. expressed his satisfaction with the current board members and officers of the Association and outlined a few goals he will attempt to achieve during the coming year.

He would like to see a student scholarship grant established for some exceptional College Park Student.

He hopes that the Wellborn grant will be awarded to all four public schools in College Park as it was last year.

The gateway signs should be made as 'green' as possible. Xenoscaping and solar powered lighting are a few options which suggest themselves.

Old Business:

Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force:

A draft of an Association Position Statement, created by Miles Hardy, was distributed to Board Members and discussed at length. Issues were raised about how many of the Task Force members actually expressed strong opinions to protect residential property. The Position Statement should not say 'every' unless that is certain. It was decided, after polling the perceptions of the two Association board member who also served on the board and the association members who attend most of the meetings, that it was fair to say 'most' of the task force members expressed support for protecting 'R1' residential property.

It was also suggested to put the Association's position at the very beginning of the statement, not buried in the third paragraph.

It was decided to treat the Position Statement as a motion rather than have individual board members and officers sign.

To prevent the impression that there is objection to the entire plan, language was proposed focusing concerns on the Urban Form recommendations.

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the Position Statement with the provision that the revised version be review and approved by a majority of the board. The motion was adopted.

Motion: A second motion was made to add language urging the removal of the 'Transect' maps and term from the Urban Form Objectives and Recommendations page of the plan. The motion was adopted.

Eben Self volunteered to act as spokesperson for the association at the City Council meeting on January 12th.

Storage Locker:

Bruce Thomas reported that a minimum storage unit of 5'x5' costs about \$50/month. This issue will be tabled until some later time.

New Business & Committee Reports:

Gateway Sign Committee:

Jorge Borrelli volunteered to chair the Gateway Sign Committee. Dena Wild and Cleave Frink also agreed to serve.

Website Committee:

Deferred to next meeting.

Sunday in the Park:

The years celebration will be held on March 22nd.

Adjournment: 8:55 PM - Bob Carr, President

Next meeting:

Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center.

Signed:

President - Bob Carr Jr.

Secretary - Miles Hardy