

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-April 6, 2009

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

Call to order 7:05 PM - Bob Carr Jr., President

In Attendance:

President-Bob Carr Jr, Eben Self-Vice President, Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Board members - Alana Brenner, Loren Ford, Cleave Frink, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, David Rose, Jodi Rubin, Bruce Thomas, Dena Wild and 33 members/visitors.

Commissioner's Corner:

Commissioner Stuart reported that the Mayor is promoting several economic action programs for the city. 'Buy Local Orlando' encourages residents to buy from local merchants and service providers. Of every dollar spent at a local store, 45 cents remains in the community whereas only 13 cents remains in the community when spent at a national chain store.

'Orlando Build' is a program which streamlines the permitting process with a goal of approving construction plans in 1 day rather than 3.

The Commissioner then introduced Jason Burton, Chief Planner for the City of Orlando, who presented the proposed SubArea Plan for Edgewater Drive. The Commissioner asked the board and visitors to listen to the presentation and refrain from engaging in a debate. He requested that the expression of opinions to be saved for April 21st, when the plan is presented to the Municipal Planning Board.

Guest Speaker:

Jason spent about an hour describing the high points of the proposed SubArea Plan which grew out of the efforts of the Edgewater Drive Vision Taskforce. The proposed plan implements a 'transition' strategy which knits different urban functions, densities and building heights into an attractive and efficient community vision for the next 40 years. With the Taskforce's input, the plan addresses 5 areas: urban form, architectural details, transportation/parking, pedestrian friendliness and implementation.

The proposed SubArea Plan must still be presented to more community groups, the Municipal Planning Board and City Council before it is sent to the State Capital for additional review. Under the most optimistic circumstances, it will likely require 12-18 more months before the plan is approved.

Several visitors asked questions about the plan. Most questions centered on the 4 residential lots near Edgewater Drive and Harvard and Yale streets, behind the Baptist Church. These lots will be rezoned in accordance with their T4 designation to form a transition zone from residential to higher density T5 and T6 transects.

Minutes:

Minutes of the March 2nd CPNA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Monarcha Marcet presented the Treasurer's report for February. Monthly income was \$7,951.49 with expenses of \$7,707.67 for a balance of \$27,813.57.

President's Report:

President Bob Carr, Jr. expressed appreciation to all who helped make Sunday in the Park such a success. Special thanks must go to Bruce Thomas, chair of the SIP committee, for his massive effort.

Bob also announced that the Edgewater High School Crew team needs \$3,000 to help construct a new boat trailer. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business & Committee Reports:

Easter Egg Hunt:

Board members arrived 30 minutes early and stuffed candy into the eggs in preparation for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Albert park. With help from Jason Burton and a visiting fencing team, the task was accomplished in record time.

Sunday in the Park:

91 new members joined the Association during the SIP event. Monarcha Marcet, Treasurer, noted that Florida Hospital has not remitted the sponsorship fee.

Bruce announced that a pair of reading glasses had been found at the SIP event. Anyone looking for a lost pair of glasses may contact any officer via the association's website at collegeparkorlando.org.

Gateway Signs:

Miles Hardy was asked to contact Jorge Bortelli, chair of the Gateway Sign Committee, and request that he make a report regarding landscaping and maintenance vendors.

Adjournment: 8:50 PM - Bob Carr, President

Next meeting:

Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center.

Signed:

President - Bob Carr Jr.

Secretary - Miles Hardy