

# College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-August 3, 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 - Loren Ford, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Bryan Labutta, Michael Norato, Jim Pruet, David Rose, Susie Sherman, Bruce Thomas, Dena Wild and about 70 members/visitors.

## **Commissioner's Corner:**

Commissioner Robert Stuart emphasized how important Neighborhood Watch programs are to College Park. Wednesday is National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch groups across the nation are acknowledging the event with block parties. Everyone is asked to show support by leaving their house lights on. He then introduced Captain Carl Metzger; North Patrol Commander, Orlando Police Department.

Capt. Metzger reported that 37 burglaries have occurred in College Park in the last 8 weeks which is nearly twice as many as occurred during the same period last year. 16 of these crimes involved unsecured storage sheds and garages. All but one home burglary happened during working hours while the residents were away. OPD has investigated these crimes intensely. A red Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck and a green General Motors 4-door sedan have been associated with many of the crimes. Police have identified 5 groups which they believe are responsible. Some arrests have already been made. One group of juveniles, some as young as 8, have been taken off the street. Capt. Metzger is happy to report that no new break-ins have occurred since July 27. He is optimistic that the worst is over and stressed that crime in Orlando is generally down 22% this year with car theft down 41% and robbery down 40%.

## **Guest Speaker:**

Judy Litchford announced the future opening of Central Florida Leadership Academy, a new charter school for grades 6-7 (to be expanded to grades 6-12 by 2015) scheduled to open in August 2010 in the Bumby Ave. and Colonial Drive area. The school will emphasize a 'Character Curriculum' and is modeled after Hyde School in Maine. Enrollment information will be available in the Fall of 2009. For more information email [CFLAcademy@earthlink.net](mailto:CFLAcademy@earthlink.net).

## **Minutes:**

Minutes of the June 1 CPNA meeting were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Monarcha Marcet presented the Treasurer's report for both June and July. For the month of June, income was \$44.42 with expenses of \$294.08. For the month of July, income was \$23.67 with expenses of \$467.79 for a balance of \$27,688.02.

The excessive OUC water bill resulting from the malfunctioning irrigation system was resolved and a credit to our account has been issued.

## **Old Business:**

Miles Hardy lead a discussion on the recommendations submitted by the committee review board. It

was agreed that the recommendations regarding appointed committees were acceptable but a number of board members felt the Government Liaison and Merchant Liaison committees should be retained in the Association's bylaws. Miles will revise the recommendations to reflect this directive and then presented the review board's findings to the bylaws committee for their continued consideration.

**New Business & Committee Reports:**

David Rose expressed concern about unsightly trash containers being scattered along streets by the new automated garbage trucks. Both residents and the Sanitation Department need to work together to keep our streets clean and tidy on garbage pickup days. He proposed the following motion:

**Motion:** Be it resolved that CPNA utilize it's communications resources to 1) educate citizens as to proper trash pick-up procedures and 2) work with the city to ensure quality trash service. The motion was adopted.

**Bylaws Committee:**

The following were appointed to the bylaws committee: Bob Carr, Eben Self, Bruce Thomas, Bill Jennings and Miles Hardy.

**Nominating Committee:**

The following were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Dena Wild, Mike Heavener, Cleave Frink and Loren Ford.

**Adjournment:** 8:59 PM - Bob Carr, President

**Next meeting:**

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

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President - Bob Carr Jr.

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Secretary - Miles Hardy