

# College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-September 14, 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; Board members - Jorge Borrelli, Alana Brenner, Cleave Frink, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Adrian La Sala, Bryan Labutta, Jim Pruett, David Rose and 8 members/visitors.

## **Commissioner's Corner:**

Commissioner Stuart gave an update of the Firefighter budget situation. The Mayor had tasked city staff with an across the board 12% cut from the city's budget. Since the portion of the budget allocated to firefighters is 88% personnel and efforts to reopen the current contract with the firefighter's union failed, a reduction in firefighter personnel was expected. However, the city expects to qualify for a federal 'SAFER' grant which will provide supplemental funds to cover budget shortfalls, although the city does not yet know how much grant money will be forthcoming. It is hoped that funds will be sufficient to cover 10-35 firefighting personnel. Details should be available around February 1<sup>st</sup>. Until then the city plans to use reserves to extend all Firefighters until grant funds become available.

The city expects healthcare insurance costs to increase 12% this year. If no healthcare reform is enacted to control costs, the city may have to decrease staff by 2% each year to maintain coverage. Commissioner Stuart encouraged everyone to contact their congressmen and urge healthcare reform.

Crime is down 7-8% overall from last year. The Neighborhood Watch program had a very successful National Night Out event last month.

## **Guest Speaker:**

Rick Schultz, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain for the Dubsdread neighborhood, had a recent meeting with other College Park Neighborhood Watch groups. A website is planned to facilitate sharing information across neighbor watch groups. It will also give individual Block Captains their own area to post announcements.

Allison Yurko and Tom Callan displayed preliminary plans for a new daycare center between Depauw and Amherst in the 100 W. block of Princeton. The daycare would accept kids from 6 weeks to preschool and would have after-hours programs for children up to 8 years old. Five adjacent homes on Princeton Street would be torn down in order to build the new center. The impacted properties are: 100 W., 24 W., 20 W., 16 W., and 12 W. Princeton. Zoning will remain residential and the center would be built with a conditional use permit. A one-way lane will be built behind the daycare center to allow cars to drop off/pick up kids. Parking would also be available behind the daycare.

## **Minutes:**

Approval of the August 4th CPNA meeting minutes was tabled until the October meeting..

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Monarcha Marcet presented the Treasurer's report for August. Monthly income was \$215.52 with expenses of \$263.49 for a balance of \$27,595.05. Bank of America has changed the

Association's account status from business to economy, avoiding a monthly services fee.

**President's Report:**

Bob Carr gave an update of Edgewater High School. Michele Erickson is the new principal. The school also has a new band leader and the football team has been switched to division 4A.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business was conducted.

**New Business & Committee Reports:**

David Rose announced that the Rotary is conducting its annual BBQ on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm. Tickets are available before the event for \$7 (see David) or at the door for \$8. A BBQ grill will given away.

Nominating Committee has requested suggestions for candidates for the November Association election.

Communications Committee chairperson Adrian La Sala, reported that committee chairpersons can update their own committee pages on the Association website. Work has begun on a CPNA Facebook page which could be used to post CPNA specific events and news. Copies of the CPNA newsletter are available. Future newsletters will be issued on a quarterly basis.

Landscaping chairperson Jorge Borrelli reported that 3 plants at the I-4/Lake Ivanhoe gateway sign will be replaced.

Safety Committee co-chair, Bertie Hunt, announced that October is National Crime Prevention month. Fairwinds Credit Union is offering a free shredding event on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-1:00pm at 1402 Edgewater Drive. Bring anything you want shredded.

Co-chair Cleave Frink is organizing 2 women's self defense classes. The first class will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Loch Haven Community Center by Officer Smith. The second class is specifically for blind women, details to be announced.

**Adjournment:** Bob Carr, President

**Next meeting:**

Monday, October 5, 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