

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes- January 7, 2008
College Park Community Center
2393 Elizabeth Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804

Call to order 7:00PM - David Rose

In attendance:

President - David Rose; Vice-President-Bob Carr Jr.; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Directors; Jorge Borrelli, Alana Brenner, Loren Ford, Nancy Glasgow, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Tom Jaeger, Andrian La Sala, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, Jodi Rubin, Eben Self, Bruce Thomas and about 10 Members/Visitors.

Commissioner Stuart:

Commissioner Stuart invited everyone to attend the 'Meet the Chief' program to be held in the College Park Community Center 7:00-8:00PM on January 16th. Val Demings, Orlando's new Chief of Police will appear to meet the public. The Mayor and City Commissioners will also be present.

The Commissioner offered a few encouraging statistics from the annual crime review: Crime in Spring Lake decreased 29.4% from 2006. Crime in College Park decreased 6.8% and crime in District 3 decreased 7.2%.

The Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force will have its first public meeting on February 7, 2008 at 3:30PM in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

The City has taken a position on the proposed Property Tax Reform proposal. Regardless of the referendum vote, the City has committed to operating within its means. Commissioner Stuart will provide website addresses for proponents of both sides of the issue.

Dubsdread Golf course is proceeding well and promises to be a beautiful City asset. No definite timetable for completion has been set, but it is hoped that the course will be ready for a 'soft opening' in May and a grand opening in June.

President's Report:

David Rose welcomed everyone and gave a bit of background about the College Park Neighborhood Association. The Association is 20 years old and began as a collection of friends who came together to help the neighborhood when fears of land development along John Young Parkway and Princeton Streets threatened to impact College Park. The Association has a rich tradition of advocacy and service to the neighborhood as is evident by its annual programs and recent projects including; 'Sunday in the Park', the 'Historical Homes Tour', 'Edgewater High School Renovation', 'Easter Egg Hunt'. Ongoing efforts by the association include the 'Edgewater Drive Envisioning Project' and improving the situation around the Crestwood drive area.

Minutes:

Minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for December 2007 was \$5,390.00 with expenses of \$102.45. The current association balance is \$24,815.66.

A discussion was held on the association's answering service which costs \$450 Annually. On average, about one or two call per month are received, but call volume has been known to increase to 5-6 calls per month during times of major events. The David Rose asked Miles Hardy to review options and make a presentation at the next meeting.

A discussion was held on how the Association should disperse funds received from the Historical Home Tour to the 'Welborn' grant. In past years, an award of \$500 has been given to all four schools in rotation. Since a larger than expected profit was obtained from the 2007 Tour, a motion was made that the remaining funds should be equally awarded to all the other three public schools within College Park. Another suggestion was made that the Association may wish to build up an emergency fund to offset short falls in future budgets. The motion to disperse the excess funds evenly to the other public schools was tabled so more consideration of the issue could be conducted. David appointed a committee consisting of Jim Pruett, Bob Carr Jr., Bill Jennings, Jodi Rubin, Monarcha Marcet and Alana Brenner to review the 'reserve-funds' issue and report back to the board at the next meeting.

The proposed budget for 2008 was approved but contingent upon the following motion.

Motion: A motion was proposed, seconded and approved that the \$470 expense for annual maintenance of the association's current website will not be paid without board approval. This was done so that more comprehensive software packages and services may be explored and the funds left available should an attractive alternative be identified.

Gateway Signs:

The Treasurer has received an estimate of \$1,724 from the Landscaping contractor for annual maintenance, needed repairs and replacement plantings for the 4 Gateway signs into College Park will cost an additional \$550.

The Garden Club's regular annual contribution of \$431 toward the annual Landscaping budget has not been confirmed for this year.

Orlando Utilities Commission has not yet adjusted it's water bill for the broken irrigation system accident which occurred last year. The Treasurer expressed doubt that an adjustment will be obtained from OUC.

Liability Insurance:

Tom Jaeger suggested that the Association consider purchasing its own liability insurance in 2009. It may not be possible for the Association to piggy-back on the Merchant's policy after the current year. Tom will provide information on costs and vendors to David Rose.

Committee Reports:

NICS- Bertie Hunt reported that there are now 155 registered members of the Neighborhood Internet Crime Spotters. She also reported that there are 81 registered sex offenders residing in the immediate area of the Cozy Cove mobile home park. In General, there was a small decline in crimes in the College Park during 2007 with a 30% increase in

warrant arrests.

Sunday in the Park-Bruce Thomas reminded the group that there are only 2 more Association meetings before the event which is scheduled for March 16th, 2008. This date is two weeks earlier than last year. Nancy Glasgow and Lillian Scott are helping with the arrangements. Sponsors need to be obtained. Booths need to be sold and entertainment must be arranged. All board members are expected to volunteer for at least one shift.

Stuff (storage)- Jim Pruett has volunteered to help store the Association's 'stuff'. If you have storage needs for Association related items, see Jim.

Newsletter-Adrian La Sala volunteered to help get the newsletter back into production.

Historic Homes Tour- Jodi Rubin, no report.

Easter Egg Hunt- Tom Jaeger, no report.

Membership- Michael Heavener, no report.

Neighborhood Watch- Cleave Frink, no report.

Gateway Signs- TBA

I-4/Traffic- TBA

Princeton/Smith Corridor- Miles Hardy

Crestwood Neighborhood Protection- Eben Self

Next meeting:

Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center.

Adjournment: 8:35PM

Signed:

President - David Rose

Secretary - Miles Hardy