

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-June 2, 2008

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

Call to order 7:01PM - David Rose, President

In attendance:

President-David Rose, Vice-President-Bob Carr Jr.; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Directors - Jorge Borrelli, Alana Brenner, Cleave Frink, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Tom Jaeger, Adrian La Sala, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, Jodi Rubin, Eben Self, Bruce Thomas and 14 Members/Visitors.

Commissioner's Corner:

District 3 City Commissioner Robert Stuart announced the official date of July 11th for the grand reopening of Dubsdread golf course. The difficulty of the course has changed from a rating of 68 to 69. Some fees will increase modestly. The commissioner stressed that this is the first rate increase in 6-7 years. An annual adult rate will increase about 10-12% and the daily rate will increase \$2-3. But the kid's rate will decrease slightly. The first 200 people who offer to join before July 11 will be pay at the old rate..

Proposed Lynx bus route changes will be presented to the governing board on June 26 and voted upon at that time. The Commissioner stressed that the Lynx board is very receptive to public input and he encouraged anyone who has opinions about the proposed bus route changes in College Park to visit the Lynx website or complete a comment card and mail it to Lynx. The Commissioner brought a stack of Lynx comments cards to the meeting.

The subject of fresh water was discussed at the city council meeting earlier in the day. The Commissioner warned that water restrictions will likely become tighter and more aggressively enforced in the near future.

The city will be replacing all traffic signal lights with LED based lights. This will save the city and taxpayers money by reducing electricity consumption and maintenance efforts. The lights will also be able to operate from 12 volt battery power so they will function for a period of time after a major electrical outage. In remote locations LED traffic lights can be powered by solar cells and rechargeable batteries thus eliminating the cost of running power lines to remote sites to operate traffic signals.

Commissioner Stuart expressed pride and confidence in the Edgewater Drive Task Force. The next meeting will be June 5th at 3:30 in the City Hall. The following meeting will be held on June 19th at 7pm in the Edgewater High School Media Center.

Guest Speaker:

Bill Jennings announced that he will be leading a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course. There will be 3 classes in the course. Each class will last 2 ½ hours. Some of the subjects Bill will cover are: light search and rescue, fire suppression and disaster psychology. The dates are still be to determined. With hurricane season upon us, Bill emphasized that everyone should have a weather radio, an emergency kit and a plan. Bill's kit includes medical supplies, food (including a little comfort food like Oreos) and water. His plan includes a telephone tree so that a whole family can be assured all is well with only one phone call. Important computer files should be backed-up and stored in

a box with other vital papers. If interested in attending CERT training, contact CERTCollegePark@aol.com. A good internet reference source to learn about disasters and preparedness is www.ready.gov.

Minutes:

Minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for May 2008 was \$90.00 with expenses of \$997.78. The Association's account balance as of May 31 is \$25,294.73.

Motion: A motion was made to give the Treasurer the discretion to place all but \$5,000 of the checking account funds into a money market account. The motion was approved.

Monarcha also reported that an unbudgeted bill for \$80 had been submitted for electrical repair work done on two gateway signs.

Motion: A motion was made to pay the unbudgeted bill. The motion was approved.

President's Report:

The I-4 Citizens' Advisory Committee no longer has a representative from College Park. Although several current and previous board members expressed willingness to sit on the Advisory Committee, David Rose will discuss the options with the applicants and come to a decision before the next meeting.

Regretfully, Nancy Glasgow submitted her resignation from the board. (subsequent to this meeting, Miles Hardy met Nancy in Publix and chatted with her about her resignation. She has assumed the position of vice president for her local PTA and is in 'training' to assume the position of president in the following year. Resigning her seat on the CPNA board will allow her to concentrate her efforts on behalf of the PTA. We wish Nancy well with her new responsibilities and look forward to the time she may again serve on the board.)

Bob Carr reported that the Edgewater High School Rowing Team scored 7th in the national competition held in Tennessee last month. He also delivered a 'thank-you' note from the team for the Association's \$150 grant toward trip expenses.

Old Business:

Website:

Adrian La Sala presented an update on the new Association website. The old URL has been transferred to the new site. More folks are encouraged to 'subscribe' to the news and calendar features. There are about 480 names in the member data base but not all are active or paid memberships. Adrian reported that the website gets an average of 12 hits per day with surges of up to 100 after a news worthy email blast.

Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force:

Claramargaret Groover, Chairperson for the Task Force, gave an update on the project. The last several meetings have been livelier than normal. Parking issues and potential re-zoning ideas have sparked engaging debate. The first recommendation from the Task Force was made regarding street parking. A uniform parking time of 2 hours will be implemented along Edgewater Drive from Oak Street to Par. News signs will be posted and enforcement conducted. This will discourage employees from parking on the street and provide more spaces for visitors and customers. The last two regularly scheduled

meeting will be held on June 5th at 3:30pm at City Hall and on June 19th at 7:00pm at Edgewater High School Media Center.

Politics in the Park:

David Rose announced that both Orange County School Board candidates from the College Park district have agreed to attend the OCSB forum on August 4th, which will be held in the Edgewater High School Auditorium. The August 4th forum will be held in lieu of regular Association monthly meeting. Tom Jaeger has applied for permits to use Albert Park for the August 16th (primary election) and October 25th (general election). The forums will be held 6-9pm. A committee will be appointed by the President to review questions for the candidates. Questions may be submitted by the public via the Association's website.

NICS:

Bertie Hunt reported that various 'Home Security System' solicitors are working the College Park area. These young men are not properly permitted to solicit and under no circumstances is it a good idea to reveal details of your home security system to a total stranger.

New Business & Committee Reports:

David Rose announced that the Sentinels of Freedom organization will have its first annual fund raising ball on June 21st at the Rosen hotel. Admission is \$100 per plate. Contact David at david.rose@realtor.com for details.

Adjournment: 8:52PM - David Rose, President

Next meeting:

Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center

Signed:

President - David Rose

Secretary - Miles Hardy