

College Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes-October 5, 2009
College Park Community Center
2393 Elizabeth Avenue, Orlando, FL 32804

Call to order 7:06 PM - Bob Carr Jr., President

In Attendance:

President-Bob Carr Jr; Eben Self-Vice President; Treasurer - Monarcha Marcet; Secretary - Miles Hardy; Board members - Cleave Frink, Michael Heavener, Bertie Hunt, Adrian La Sala, Bryan Labutta, Michael Norato, Jim Pruett, David Rose, Jodi Rubin, Bruce Thomas and 15 members/visitors.

Commissioner's Corner:

Commissioner Stuart discussed the landscaping plans for Maury Road. 14 trees will be planted along the south side of the road on or about the 27th of October. The county and the city have been working together to coordinate the landscaping effort.

The Fairwinds Credit Union will sponsor a 'Shredding Day' from 9am-1pm on October 24th. Bring anything you want shredded.

The federal 'COPS' grant has allowed the city to retain all current police officers. It is hoped that another federal program, the 'SAFER' grant, will allow all current Firefighter to be retained until the economic picture improves. If not, additional negotiations between the Firefighter's union and the city may be necessary.

Ivanhoe Plaza Park will be the site of an exfiltration system installation to settle out excess nutrients from runoff and keep our local lakes clear and clean.

A new type of traffic calming device is being considered for installation on Winter Park street. These devices are made from recycled materials, are removable and allow emergency vehicles to pass unimpeded while encouraging regular traffic to drive more slowly. The news was welcomed by residents and property holders on the street.

Guest Speaker:

Jane Cox of the Edgewater High School PTSA announced the annual Homecoming Bar-B-Q event to be held on October 16th from 5-7pm. A plate will cost \$8 and a sandwich meal \$6. On the topic of Bar-B-Q, David Rose reported on the success of the annual Rotary Club's dinner last month.

Minutes:

Minutes from the August 4th and the September 14 CPNA meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Monarcha Marcet presented the Treasurer's report for September. Monthly income was \$557.22 with expenses of \$ 259.83 for a balance of \$27,892.44. Monarcha noted that anticipated income from memberships is running less than budgeted, but she admitted that peak membership renewal and sign ups typically occur in the fall with the 'Homes' tour. The Association's \$10,000 CD has been renewed. Monarcha will report on the new interest rate whenever that information is given to her.

President's Report:

Bob Carr wanted the Association to consider the possibility of establishing an annual scholarship grant for a worthy student in the College Park community. Urban design, civil engineering, transportation, political science or possibly social work suggest themselves as possible scholarship areas. The program could be established under the aegis of the Edgewater Foundation so that the Neighborhood Association would be spared the administration and selection chores.

Old Business:

Miles Hardy presented a proposed change of the Association's by-laws to the board. Section 1 of Article VIII would be changed to delete some obsolete standing committees and merge two committees into one for better efficiency. The board expressed support for the change which will be presented to the general membership at the November meeting.

New Business & Committee Reports:

Safety: Bertie Hunt reported that crime was quiet in the community during the last month.

Membership: Mike Heavener deferred to Monarcha to discuss the membership renewal process.

Nominating : Cleave Frink presented a tentative slate of officers for 2010 which included Eben Self for President, Adrian La Sala for Vice-President, Charlotte Raleigh for Treasurer. No candidate for Secretary has yet been identified.

Homes Tour: Jodi Rubin reported that two homes have been volunteered for this year's 'Revival' theme tour. Six additional homes are desired for a good showing. The street banner is accounted for, plenty of volunteers are available and the Plein Air Artists will be present.

Membership billing: Monarcha reported that one individual requested a refund of his \$15 annual membership fee. Adrian pointed out that if the individual had initially selected the 'auto pay' option when he registered on the website, then the annual renewal will be done automatically. Adrian will confirm that Pay-Pal actually charged his credit card for the amount and then Monarcha will issue the refund. Eben offered to meet with the individual to explain the situation and discuss how the Association might better meet his needs in the future.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm by Bob Carr, President.

Next meeting:

Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00PM at the College Park Community Center.

Signed:

President - Bob Carr Jr.

Secretary - Miles Hardy