



# Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday January 7, 2019

Time: 7:00PM – 8:00PM

College Park Community Center

Type of meeting: January 2019 Monthly Membership Meeting

Attachments: Meeting Agenda

BOD Present: Donn Carr (President), John Brownsord (Vice-President), Nick Geinosky (Treasurer), Stephanie Martin (Secretary), Becky Dreisbach, Rachel Hunter, Allie Loveland, Andrew Nash, Tom Roberts

BOD Absent: TJ Dolan

## *Minutes/Notes:*

### **President's introduction and welcome**

**Donn Carr**

- First time newcomers and visitors introduced themselves. There were a total of six (6) first timers in attendance.
- Announced to the community of the Board of Director's meeting was held on Saturday January 5, 2019 and more information will be announced in the February 2019 Membership meeting.

### **Committee Report**

**Rachel Hunter**

- Committee Report with general call for volunteers. Rachel's ask for volunteer membership drive; will be emailing the membership and aligning CPNA needs with member's expertise and interests. More to come through future communication, stay tuned.

### **Official Business**

**Donn Carr**

- Special acknowledgement and thank you to retiring board members.

### **Spotlight on Business – The Local Bar and Grill**

**Pat Semeraro, Owner**

- Purchased The Local Bar and Grill in August 2018 from prior owner
- Invested \$50K in the first ninety (90) days to bring the restaurant up to code
- All employees are now certified by the State of Florida in safe food handling and responsible vendoring
- Mission is to work hard every day to build a great place that the residents of College Park can call their own; clean, safe, fun, entertainment, and staff that cares
- Overall ask is that the community give "The Local" a chance to earn trust

### **Keynote Speaker**

**Orlando Mayor, Buddy Dyer**

- Active Member of US Conference of Mayors; Happiest Mayor of America
- We are a city making our history now; residents can become involved and be anything now. Our neighborhoods and associations like CPNA and partnerships with Main Street are an important part of that growth.
- New businesses in College Park including: The Local Bar and Grill, Atomic Junkie, Café Linger, Gratitude Coffee, Saxon Clarke
- Introduced Jamilah Felix, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator and Chris Barnes, Florida DOT
- College Park is recipient of the Mayor's Matching Grant to replace benches on Edgewater, additional trash receptacles being added to Edgewater
- Benefits for College Park of new development growth including: The Yard, The Orlando Ballet in Loch Haven, Creative Village (7,000 students & 1,000 employees), and The Packing District
- The Packing District (Dr. Phillips Foundation) will include a community park, Four River's Four Roots Urban Farm, a new YMCA on north end of park, new tennis center potentially including pickle ball. The community will have an opportunity to provide input on amenities within the park via future survey.

- The mayor took questions from the membership:
  - Concern of crime related to the Packing District – The mayor sees the Packing District as a deterrent to criminal activity
    - Do not give panhandlers donations; use the city’s text to donate program
  - Update requested on FDOT and how the City of Orlando can help expedite the improvements along Edgewater Drive
    - Tentatively slated \$1M in design for 2021-22 fiscal year
    - January 2019 CPNA, Main Street and FDOT have a meeting scheduled to discuss the process overall
    - Timeline depends upon the FDOT work plan
    - The City of Orlando is bringing the following four (4) intersections Yale, Princeton, Smith and Vassar up to ADA code and construction begins in February 2019
  - Connectivity of biking and pedestrian infrastructure with new developments
    - The city has a plan to build a 7 ½ mile bike loop around Downtown connecting the Urban Trail to Gertrude with pedestrian walk overpass on Colonial Drive
    - The Packing District will have a stand-alone biking trail system within the park down to Princeton at the railroad and future hopes to extend connecting into College Park
    - Determined to focus on Orlando being a bicycle friendly city
  - How can small businesses improve recycling
    - Sustainable cities, we are ahead of other cities in the Southeast
    - Composting is available for restaurants
    - Now recycling in multi-family buildings
    - Highlight businesses that recycle through Main Street meetings for advocacy
    - Make sure everyone is aware of what is and is not recyclable both residential and business
    - We are ahead of other large Southeastern cities like Atlanta and Miami as a sustainable city
  - Can we get commitment from the City of Orlando to focus on the Edgewater Drive revitalization and streetscapes
    - The City of Orlando is proud of our Main Street districts and Edgewater is a priority
    - Committed to enhance the experience along Edgewater Drive
  - Jamilah Felix presented on behalf of the Neighborhood Relations group
    - Invitation and hand-out for the Mayor’s Summit being held Saturday March 2, 2019. All CPNA Board of Directors Officers will be in attendance.
    - Invitation and hand-out for 2019 Neighborhood Relations Workshops

**Closing Comments/Door Prizes**

**Donn Carr**

- Door prizes awarded including: 32804 glasses/Corkcicle, flowers compliments of Orlando Florist and \$100 Amazon gift certificate compliments of The Local Bar and Grill
- Save the date for something big coming for College Park on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>
- January CPNA Social scheduled for Wednesday January 23, 2019 at the Local Bar & Grill 5:30PM – 8:00PM