

January 19, 2009 HCCA Membership Meeting Minutes

Pledge

Reading of minutes was waived.

Treasury balance was \$519.22. A check was written to Mitch Clarvit.

Bunny requested a check for \$15. to Broward coalition for annual membership.

Cynthia said she handed out a petition for block 55. She would mail the signed petitions.

6. Mel said he received a summary list of seminar participants. He had researched Pro Bono foreclosure services from the Florida Bar. There is a 45 day wait and participants are not eligible if foreclosure has been filed. Broward County is offering funds up to 1,000. for foreclosure defense. Residents should contact the Dept. of Housing at Broward County to see if they meet income eligibility for this assistance. Also, Alex Sink, CFO of Florida, had foreclosure seminar which included banks and HUD on the West coast of Florida. Mel announced next 2 HCCA foreclosure seminars on 1/22 at Washington Park and 1/28 at Driftwood Community Center. David Mach said BBC America may film also. Also, the Sun Times article was written and Realtors had inquired also.

5. Sean Atkinson from the Hollywood Tree Coalition spoke and outlined the importance of trees. he wants to increase tree planting. He requested help from the HCCA to get inventory of places from each association about places in the neighborhoods that need additional tree canopy.

Pete Brewer talked about trees planted near the Armory on Johnson Street and that oak trees are available from the City nursery for \$10. in 3 gallon pots. He said the City nursery is doing a great job. Sean stated that he is encouraging native trees.. palms require more fertilizer. Pete said N. Central planted 400 palms to withstand hurricanes.

Mel asked what we can do as a group. Beam Furr said there is \$400,000. in the tree fund only for tree planting. The City is talking about planting 5,000. trees and keeping NCIIP grants going to neighborhoods from the tree funds for tree projects. Also, the City is doing GPS mapping of trees. The City tree person is working with Public Works now. Beam said the HCCA should take up the tree cause.

Sean seems to think there is a disconnect between Greg Tourek/Alice who have the trees and Jay Epstein who has the money.

Charlotte asked if Commissioner Furr could help with communication to Civic Associations who were not present at the HCCA meeting. Comm Furr stated that City Neighborhood Specialists have direct contacts in the neighborhoods also.

Pete Brewer suggested that Dania Farms is being taken out by Airport expansion and trees may be more affordable there.

7. Terry Cantrell gave an update on Block 55. There are objections to the 25 story height and with the east facing portion and problems with traffic flow. Terry and some residents with FDOT experience did a review of the 100 page traffic study from the developer. He was not able to confirm that Publix would be built there. Developer Chip Abele may be pushing approval to keep deal with Publix.(?) The legal team for the developer was at the last meeting. Could they sue the City if the project is not approved? It was stated that the CRA hired an attorney to negotiate.

Chip Abele has filed chapter 11 bankruptcy for block 40, the Great Southern project.

Terry's official position is to wait for the Zyscovitch plan before buildings are approved around the Artspark. Terry said City Technical Advisory approved traffic and sewer/infrastructure. Motion and 2nd to show support from the HCCA asking for Z-Plan before block 55 is approved/not approved.

** aside- David Mach asked Commissioner Furr if downtown Hollywood businesses could have free tents at Beach Craft shows to promote downtown Hollywood. He did not see any Hollywood business represented at the latest fair at the beach.

8. Pete Brewer received a reply from Anne Murray regarding Lincoln Park. He said the response was that we need 4 commissioners to request that lease be amended.(?) Mel said HCCA got response that lease could not be amended. Pete said 350k bond money is to be used for Lincoln Park/school and the same thing was done at Boulevard Heights. The park is closed to residents until after 6pm. He said it doesn't make sense to have park that is closed to the community and funded by bond money. He also said he was told reason for park being closed during construction is due to state regulation but that there is no such state regulation. Also, GOB bond money(154k) was used for (re-used?) water line into school property. He cited R2004-386(?) City resolution to use bond money for water and landscape around school. He stated that the school grounds encroach on original park acreage and that 1.2 acre loss has occurred to school.

Beam Furr says maybe could ask for no after school program in lease so park will be open right after school. Park closed during construction for insurance purposes so kids not allowed inside at this time. He thought 3.51 acre may be a typo and he recalled that the park is 4.71 acres. the park portion in colored ink on the drawing will be open to the public all day and the ball fields in the fenced area should be open after school.

Pete requested explanation for land size difference. He said 3 city lots were swapped for 2 school lots in the plan.

9. Mel gave Andre City Stormwater Masterplan. 2003-2015 gas tax goes to road improvement and road surfacing. Did District 2 get their fair share of Gas Tax funding? Andre asked Mel where is gas tax fund and how is it divided out to the City and how long has the City received Gas Tax money. Mel had asked for 2008, 2009, 2010 figures from the City. Andre asked to table subject and take the Stormwater Masterplan back to the UNOSH board to discuss. Andre said he doesn't see proof of expenditures. Mel said that the budget book is over 400 pages and some funds are transferred from fund to fund. Some money goes to the general fund. Commissioner Furr said that 2.4 million is the Gas Tax for the whole City and 1.6 million goes to debt service on the 20 million dollar bond. the project from I-95 to City Hall alone cost 3 million dollars in Gas Tax money. East tyler Street is 4 million. In 2008, 924k went to Public Works to maintain sidewalks with an overall total to date of 3.2 million for sidewalks and 5.2 million for street resurfacing. There are 6 districts and Gas tax money can only be used for streets, sidewalks, and lighting. Andre said Bob Rawls came from the City Engineering Department to walk around Highland Gardens neighborhood.

Pete asked why is money being spent on consultants. Mel said Mr. Perez will be making presentation to all homeowners associations for his next 10 year plan and that letters were sent out to all associations. Joel is going to some associations. Helen asked if UNOSH received a letter. Andre answered yes.

Mel stated that he is trying to make a positive change going foward and would address plans for the upcoming years. Andre will have an update next month.

10. Mitch Clarvitt working on website this week.

items 10 further discussion-14 will be continued for next month so meeting adjourned promptly at 9pm