

April 15, 2013 HCCA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for victims of Boston Marathon bombing

Introductions

Minutes from March 18th approved

Treasurer's report 1365.54 balance given by Charlotte in Mel's absence.

Interim Chief of Police Affanato: Police department aggressively hiring up to 30 officers. Interim chief is not a candidate for permanent chief, some majors in the command staff have applied.

Questions asked: Crime numbers down. Commissioner Callari spoke to unsafe feeling due to perception that house break-ins seem increased during the day. Comm. Callari asked if police officers are quitting.

Chief Affanato stated that they are leaving. And that many crimes are opportunity due to doors left unlocked and alarms off etc. Chief Affanato states that homes need to be secured and hardened against criminals.

Fire Chief Fernandez said that the Fire Department is close to ratifying an agreement. He spoke of equipment needs and also operations with staff running at a fast paced clip, and also how equipment is being purchased with grants and creative financing. He spoke of the value of the Hollywood Fire Department as a class 1 Fire department and their Hazmat and USAR teams.

Questions asked: How are vehicles of firefighters at station where cars are being broken into? Chief Fernandez said that he is pricing fence and video cameras.

Panel for Vollman award: Pete will represent as the former recipient of the Vollman award; Pete nominates Bill Cannizzaro as HCCA representative for voting on Vollman. He accepted nominations, and Larry Shafer 2nd nomination. Vice Mayor Blattner volunteered, Pat Mason from the Chamber is on the panel also. Rodney Edwards asked what is Vollman Award. And Frank DeRisi explained the award.

Bylaws, 3 changes: Internal communications: No internal communications can be shared outside HCCA, Speaking for HCCA insert "including information gathering and research"; Only 1 delegate representing an association may speak.

Vote on 1st proposed change 2nd violation results in removal of name from e-mail list. Passed unanimously.

Vote on 2nd proposed change "including information gathering and research". All but one voted to pass.

Vote on 3rd proposed change regarding only one person from each association may speak on agenda. Item was voted down unanimously.

Cliff Germano states that the CRA is requesting a proposal paying \$150,000. for a study of the waterways

Idelma reports that 12 business owners made improvements on their facade on Johnson Street and two more will do so. And now businesses will be meeting for midway progress report.

Charlotte reports that the City took our suggestion and will start sewer connection for the businesses and not add expenses to the homeowners who do not need sewer.

Charlotte states that the City will agenda item to pay consultant to study disposal contracts
Charlotte spoke about businesses buying rental property in Hollywood who have not paid for business tax license.

April 16th at David Park Comm. Callari is holding a meeting about homeless in Stan Goldman Park.

Hillcrest Charter School on City Commission Agenda at 5:15 this Wednesday.

Pete Brewer proposes that two agenda items be pulled and expenditures questioned. Agreed.

Matthew announces May 7th a City Hall about the Crime Watch meeting a 7pm a City Hall

Meeting adjourned 9pm.