

## Minutes of the HCCA June 2012 Membership Meeting June 18, 2012

This meeting was held at David Park Community Center located at 510 N 33rd Court, Hollywood. The Call to Order by President Sara Case at 6:40P.M. was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

In attendance were-

- Agnes Duncan- Boulevard Heights
- Andre Brown-United Neighbors
- Beam Furr- COH Commissioner
- Catherine Daley- Highland Gardens
- Christena Lundy-Highland Gardens
- Cliff Germano-North Central
- Davon Barbour- COH Community and Economic Development Director
- Denise Yoezle- COH Public Works
- Elizabeth Barnett- Park East
- Frank De Risi- Hollywood Beach
- Helen Chervin-United Neighbors of South Hollywood
- Helena Ash- Liberia Association
- Idelma Quintana- Highland Gardens
- Jean Morford -Lawn Acres
- Jonathan Vogt- COH Public Works
- Jim Carver –Driftwood
- Judy Bates -Boulevard Heights
- Lawrence E Shafer-Boulevard Heights
- Matthew Gouthro- Driftwood
- Mel Pollak-Hollywood Hills
- Melissa Gouthro- Driftwood
- Pete Brewer-North Central
- Rani Gupta- Boulevard Heights
- Sara Case-Hollywood Lakes
- Shirley Stealey- Highland Gardens
- Susan Edwards- Playland Estates
- Sylvia Glazer- COH Public Works
- Terry Cantrell -Hollywood Lakes Civic Association
- Traci Camari- Hollywood Hills

Everyone present introduced themselves.

President Case mentioned it would be a busy night so she immediately began the program. She introduced David Barbour who was the City's new Director of Community and Economic Development.

Director Barbour began by introducing members of his office who were present. Then he described the scope of his duties. Among a large set of responsibilities, he was very interested in developing the economic tax base and address the issues of population loss and the effect of foreclosures.

Pete Brewer commented in his neighborhood Bank of America owns a vacant home with a pool and the city has been maintaining it. Davon said he would look into it. Andre Brown commented that of the \$7.5 million NSP funds, only a very few homes have been rehabbed and made ready for market. Terry Cantrell mentioned Davon's predecessor had emphasized affordable and mixed income housing. He asked how much support there was for Raelin Storey's communication plan. Helen Chervin asked if he had any experience with Habitat for Humanity to which he replied he had none. Rani Gupta commented there is no landlord oversight of their renters and the City is too lenient with liens placed against their property. President Case suggested that after many liens the City should take control. Mr. Barbour said that oftentimes there is a disconnect between the City and store owners not maintaining their properties while neighborhoods do. Andre Brown said it was important to make new homeowners aware of their property maintenance responsibilities. Pete Brewer said the Adams Street project was placed on the Commission's agenda. Mr. Barbour replied the intention was to modify plans with the developer.

Commissioner Beam Furr described the Adams Street project being done with residents input and their concerns for financial returns. The current proposal was the only one that met those requirements. Pete suggested that if a developer wanted to develop the beach it should be required to develop that parcel, also. Shirley Stealey said there was much frustration with the City but it was good to have someone enthusiastic with proceeding with the City's development.

Sylvia Glazer who is the City's Public Work's director mentioned the City's opportunity to modify the Waste Pro contract and provide better service. Jonahatan Vogt provided the details of the improvements upon which the City Commission had to decide. He stated Waste Pro, with the City Commission's approval, would be going to a six day work week. Commingled waste would be picked up one day and recycled waste another. Waste Pro would be also taking over the City's waste container management. The City will notify the residents when this will take effect.

Jean Morford said more time needed to allow placing back the carts to avoid damage to them and to keep the lids closed to avoid water accumulation. Someone said commingled waste is out on the streets long before pickup and Code Enforcement is ineffective in dealing with it. Another person suggested making a list of problem locations and problems as a priority on which to concentrate. Matthew Gouthro commented on the comparatively high cost for the waste services we receive compared to other local cities. He said in many places the trucks leave hydraulic fluid on the roadway. Helena Ashe said she had a very positive experience with Waste Pro when she went directly to a Waste Pro supervisor and received immediate response to a problem. Pete Brewer remarked he would be going from 11 pickups a month to 16. Denise Yoezle said there is no change in tipping fees but Waste Pro's showing good will be done by making the proposed changes. Mel Pollak emphasized how the many forms are to be treated and when they are to be put out should be clarified to the residents. Denise mentioned this is already done in the City Ordinances. Andre Brown stated the trucks need to be inspected before they are used to make sure they are in good shape. He said this will minimize damage to the containers. Sylvia Glazer said the driver has some control over that issue. Idelma Quintana reemphasized the improper early trash placement on the street. Mr. Vogt said a door hanger will notify a resident if this is the case. Denise Yoezle said that Waste Pro's studies show that when trash pickup is more frequent, there are fewer of these trash piles. Matthew Gouthro commented that more local business should be involved with the Recycle Bank rewards. This would increase its ability to incentivize participation. Denise Yoezle said two million dollars came from a grant paid for the carts. The City of Hollywood became the second city in Florida to be involved with Recycle Bank. Sylvia Glazer wanted us

to keep in mind the real purpose for recycling our waste products. Terry Cantrell said recycling was greatly in favor in his community.

Treasurer Mel Pollak reported a balance \$988.00 in the treasury as of 5/31/12.

President Case appointed a special committee review the Bylaws. To this committee, she appointed Matthew Gouthro, Lawrence Shafer, Chris Lundy, and Mel Pollak. It would meet toward the end of July.

Idelma Quintana said that a public hearing to privatize the Memorial Health Care System was going to be held 5:30 P.M. the coming Wednesday. She encouraged the neighbor groups to get their members to attend.

At 8:36 the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Shafer, HCCA Corresponding Secretary