

Minutes of the HCCA July 2012 Membership Meeting July 16, 2012

This meeting was held at David Park Community Center located at 510 N 33rd Court, Hollywood. The Call to Order by Vice President Christen Lundy at 7:00P.M. was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

In attendance were-

- Agnes Duncan- Boulevard Heights
- Andre Brown-United Neighbors
- Bill Cannizzaro-Park East
- Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark- COH City Manager
- Charlotte Greenbarg-Hollywood Lakes
- Christena Lundy-Highland Gardens
- Cliff Germano- North Central
- James Callari
- Jean Morford -Lawn Acres
- Jim Carver –Driftwood
- Judy Bates -Boulevard Heights
- Lawrence E Shafer-Boulevard Heights
- Matthew Gouthro- Driftwood
- Mel Pollak-Hollywood Hills
- Melissa Gouthro- Driftwood
- Norm Berube- Royal Poinciana
- Pete Brewer-North Central
- Peter Hernandez
- Rani Gupta- Boulevard Heights
- Rodney Edwards- Playland Estates
- Susan Edwards- Playland Estates

Everyone present introduced themselves.

Discussion ensued about approving the tentative minutes of the June meeting. Some members felt it was overly concise and missing important content. The Corresponding Secretary moved to table the Minutes until the next meeting so they could be modified by the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. VP Lundy said to get the changes to the Corresponding Secretary by the seventh of August.

Treasurer Mel Pollak reported \$1008 in the treasury.

Newly designated City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark received the floor. She spoke of her appreciation of the neighborhood civic associations and mentioned her emphasis on fiscal stabilization, labor negotiations, capital improvement, and government communications both internally and externally. She said the City Commission does not yet have a long range preview of the City's long term capital improvement program. An issue was raised by Peter Brewer about the Margaritaville agenda item being part of the consent agenda. Ms.Swanson- Rivenbark said this was a result of it being an item that was previously overlooked. The project will not be allowed to proceed until funding is in place. Mel Pollak inquired about changes to the CRA. The City Manager said there were some plans. The City

cannot afford to offset CRA actions. Someone asked about the Holocaust Center. The City Manager said it was a CRA problem, although the City Commission had directed it to foreclose on the Center. Matthew Gouthro mentioned he had attended a budget workshop at City Hall and it had gone from a deficit to a surplus. He inquired about restoring services that had been previously cut back, especially the police force. She said the police department was frozen about seven years ago, but it is taking time to qualify competent applicants. She also said there was an assistant city manager now for public safety. Andre Brown commented on the need for a City ordinance addressing the issue of pit bulls. Vice President Lundy thanked the City Manager for attending.

Jean Morford spoke on the Johnson Street project. The committee had been making contact with many of its businesses making Friday morning walks along the street. She said there will be a project kick off at 7 P.M. on Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Hispanic Unity center. Idelma Quintana expressed concerns about some business that wanted to move into that area and the quality of business the 441 corridor work would cause to relocate there. Helen Chervin said a pawnshop on US 441 was approved despite residents' objections.

Mel Pollak made separate motions for the HCCA's candidates' night to be October 15, 2012 and for Terry Cantrell to deal with getting a neutral moderator for the event. These motions were seconded and passed.

Mel said he would accept proposed Bylaws changes and the Bylaw committee would consider them.

Pete Brewer asked Mel to describe the Vollman award which Mel did. Mel mentioned the City's past mercurial attitude toward the award and, every year, trying to get a good nominee from each neighborhood civic association. The most recent recipient, Charlotte Greenbarg, mentioned her appreciation of the award. Mel said he would accept all input toward refining the selection process.

At 8:35 the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Shafer, HCCA Corresponding Secretary