

HCCA Membership Meeting August 21, 2008

7pm- start meeting

Chairperson's (Mel) statement regarding rule concerning guests comments during the meeting. Only member associations delegates and alternates may comment during the meeting. Guests should wait until the end of the meeting and if there is time then they may ask to comment.

Guest Speaker Robert Wolfe from Broward County Property Appraiser spoke about community outreach and changes in the law.

Lori Parrish supported Amendment 1 due to the portability aspect.

Property Appraiser is governed by the state. Mr. Wolfe is a constitutional officer representing Lori Parrish. Property values are down this year. However taxes are based on last year's values. Down market causes 3% increase?

All employees in Lori Parrish's office are certified appraisers. Mr Wolfe said he wanted to take our concerns back to feature in "Ask Lori Parrish" which is published in community newsletters.

Q: When do I receive a 2nd homestead exemption? A: 2nd homestead exemption is deducted when SOH value is \$75,000 and above?

Q: What if taxpayers feel appraised value is too high? A: Call the department that handles that type of property to discuss.

Q: How is the budget affected by decline in the tax base? Will taxes be increased to compensate? A: Elected officials make those decisions.

Q: Is Amendment 5 a solution to lower property taxes and still provide for school budgets through sales tax? A: problem Mr. Wolfe sees is that both taxes might be charged as there is no provision that says only one be charged. Amendment 5 only for 1 year.

Mr. Wolfe says Lori Parrish is supporting Amendment 6 –Working Waterfront Bill

Mr. Wolfe urges homeowners assoc. to call Lori Parrish's office for speakers and to vote Tuesday for Lori Parrish.

Minutes for meetings need to be put on website sooner.

Amendments to previous meetings discussed. Request to be more specific about July's statements by Comm. Assef that Lincoln School was not funded when it is and her statement that she met with the Governor the previous day when he was out of the country. Mel said meetings will be taped. Andre Brown pointed out a case when this was useful when Comm Furr lied also in the past at meetings.

Treasurer Report: Balance is \$579.22 For ad sale \$200 received for Chaminade Madonna home page banner and 170. was for Hollywood Hills assoc.

Old Business:

Ad sales to raise money for member associations.

Changes to by-laws regarding status of groups. Business groups and individual homeownership classes deleted. Each association has one vote.

Minimum membership for Associations joining HCCA is 25 members or households. All associations with less will be voted on.

Charter Review Committee is Jim Carver, Tom Lander, and Terry Cantrell.

Tom Lander, President of Park East is ill. He is at Memorial Hospital on Johnson Street. Mel suggested that Bunny send card or flowers from HCCA to Tom Landers.

Comm Sherwood is also in the hospital.

7:45 minutes continued by Bunny.

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Mel said he spoke to 2 Commissioners; Beam Furr re: foreclosures and HCCA as a way for Civic Associations to help their neighbors and Dick Blattner who didn't like the comments of Comm Assef at the July HCCA meeting.

Mel also informed us of the 30 affordable rentals east of 35th Ave which the hospital purchased as a buffer zone between the hospital expansion and residential homes.

Discussion about amendment to minutes ensued. Mel said Commissioner Assef has a terrible attitude toward HCCA and other associations and talks down to us.

Commissioner Assef stated that she spoke to the Governor when it is common knowledge that the Governor was on vacation during that time with his fiancé. Mel and Cynthia recommend that Patty's misrepresentation be added to the minutes due to it was part of the meeting and noted by members.

Further discussion ensued regarding to a dispute over an omission to the minutes. Pete Brewer, President of North Central Civic association, wrote to David Mach to dispute that Commissioner Assef's comment regarding funding to the Lincoln Park school was incorrect. Comm Assef stated that there was no funding. This is incorrect as further investigation revealed that there is funding. Pete said if there is no money for building then the school should give the land back to the City.

Cynthia said that perhaps the land could be returned temporarily for use by the citizens as a park until the school is built.

Mel mentioned that after the 2010 mandate to reduce class size Lincoln Park school may be built.

Public funding of privately owned charter schools was also discussed. The school board provides money for each student enrolled in the Charter school. Mel will go to school board member Jennifer Gottlieb to ask for facts about Lincoln school being built and funding of schools.

Mel stated that he wants to add to meeting protocol by making a statement at the beginning of each HCCA membership meeting. He will ask that guests wait until the end to ask questions or make statements if time allows. Only delegates or alternates of member associations are allowed to speak during the meeting. ?Question asked was should this be added to the bylaws. ?Should guests ask their questions by writing them down?

By-Law changes should be mailed to members (not the complete by-laws) and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Mel stated that Diana mentioned at the July membership meeting that more events should be planned to stimulate participation. She will try to target one or two organizations each month.

Mel asked if we want to propose that we go to the budget meeting at City Hall In place of the regular September membership meeting. Maria Suggested T-shirts to identify HCCA members so the Commission would recognize our presence at the meeting. Cynthia suggested we could get \$5. From each member to pay for the shirts. A vote will be taken at the august meeting.

Mel mentioned an imported white fly that thrives on ficus trees and hedges. He asked if we should post pictures on our website. He will ask Clay Milan for pictures. Mel said that Merritt miracle grow woith nitrogen will kill the flies when diluted and sprayed on the ficus.

Mel showed us a map of Hollywood properties in foreclosure and stted that 2400 Hollywood properties are in foreclosure. Mel handed out paperwork from Amerifirst and Butler Foreclosure Defense companies that assist homeowners facing foreclosure. He is working on City approval of a foreclosure workshop for Hollywood residents.

Meeting adjourned.