



## **Hollywood Council of Civic Associations**

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### **HCCA GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday, October 16, 2006**

The HCCA general meeting was called to order at the Lippmann Center on Monday, October 16, 2006 @ 7:05 P.M. by President, Chuck Vollman.

Members recited Pledge of allegiance.

#### President's comments:

Chuck announced that Sara Case broke her leg and is at Memorial Regional. Members made individual donations for flowers as no protocol has been set to date to have association pay for this type of expenditure.

Chuck spoke about criticisms that the association has become too political and stated that we represent the wishes of our member associations in every action taken by HCCA.

Delegates read minutes from the past two meetings. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – Pat Smith reported that we have a balance of \$440.55. Report accepted subject to audit.,

#### Old Business

Lobbyist proposal –Mel Pollak explained the proposal. Discussion ensued, including:

Pete Brewer – commissioners should have cell phones turned off at commission meetings

Terry Cantrell – most decisions are made before the meetings convene

Charles Pepin- that new leadership is needed on the commission

Pete Brewer – breaks are often called when critical decisions are about to be voted on

Alan Stieb – stated that we were discussing 2 separate topics: cone of silence and commissioner conduct

The proposal passed with one abstention

Chuck and Mel will draft a final white paper to be submitted to commission on behalf of HCCA

#### Audit of City Books

Bunny Mestel explained proposal

Pete Brewer – audit way past due. He will recommend it at 10/18/06 commission meeting

Ann Murray – permits and parking fees have been raised. We need to ask for actual records, not projected budget

Howard Sher – 2 Florida House of Representatives must request audit

Chuck Vollman – said that he thinks a reason is needed to request an audit  
Elaine Schwartz - Democratic party candidate for House of Representatives – explained process of how topics are selected

Terry Cantrell – we need a list of complaints to back up a formal audit request  
Diana Pittarelli – we must work on local level as well as state level  
Asa Boynton – we should send correspondence to other cities involved in sludge issue  
Chuck Vollman – we should accumulate data from civic associations  
Diana Pittarelli – wants a list with 2 people from each civic association in HCCA  
Howard Sher – it's easier to lobby representatives  
Pete Brewer – moved that HCCA work on letter and petition to be supported in the legislature & list of grievances.  
Motion passed unanimously

### **New Business**

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Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) representatives Scott Seaburger & Jasmin Yacinthe  
Mr. Seaburger made a presentation, including the following:  
85 miles corridor is in question.  
60 stations have been identified. In Hollywood they would be Sheridan & Hollywood  
Two public hearing will be held  
FEC website is [www.sfeccestudy.com](http://www.sfeccestudy.com)  
Mel Pollak asked about financing.  
Ann Murray asked whether we have the density to support this initiative  
Maria Jackson asked about eminent domain.

Election of officers  
Slate was passed with one opposed  
President- Chuck Vollman  
Vice President – Mel Pollak  
Secretary – Cynthia Greene-Eason  
Treasurer – Bunny Mestel

Email usage as vehicle  
Terry Cantrell suggested that we use email as a vehicle to poll membership when immediate decisions are necessary  
Diana Pittarelli said that an immediate response is occasionally necessary

Florida Constitutional Amendment #3  
Mel Pollak explained that if the necessary percentage of registered voters signing petitions is raised from 50% - 60%, special interests will have a much easier time. Chuck requested that members take info back to their associations

Special election to fill Wasserstrom's seat

Chuck read the city charter statement re: procedures for filling vacancy

Matter will be brought up @ 5:30 P.M. at the city commission meeting on October 18.

Pete Brewer stated that every civic association president should be present to speak in favor of election vs. appointing

There were enough members present and able to speak for their associations to have Chuck speak in favor of following the mandate of the city charter.

Pat Smith, outgoing Treasurer, urged members to pay their \$20 dues in a timely fashion

Howard Sher requested studies re: traffic, population, sewer & school capacity as an urgent topic

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:00 P.M.

Cynthia Greene-Eason, Secretary