

## HCCA Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2008

Called to order, Pledge

Treasurer reported \$579.22 balance.

Mel was out of the country and Cynthia led the meeting.

Cynthia said we will hold discussion regarding minutes until Mel is present. Helen Chervin seconded.

Cynthia allowed Pete Brewer to comment. Pete justified adding Patty Assef's comment regarding Lincoln School.

Cynthia said time will be included in November meeting to discuss appropriateness of minutes.

Charlotte said when minutes were approved Pete's comments were added by membership approval.

Cynthia introduced guest speakers (Doug Steiner was late so Commissioner Blattner would speak first)

Pete interjected another comment regarding Lincoln Park. He said North Central will fight for the park and walking paths. He said North Central wants an amendment to the lease agreement and he wants HCCA backing.

Cynthia concurred that North Central will put in a written request for HCCA's support.

### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Blattner said Mel asked him to give an overview of topics.

Budget; How to handle sanitation:

- Says in every case where millage rate was lowered layoffs were included.

Foreclosures:

- city to receive 7.5 million dollars for foreclosure remediation. The goal is to purchase properties already foreclosed and rehabilitate them and put residents in them. Says 60-70k will be budgeted per single family house for rehabilitation. Comm. Blattner believes money should be budgeted according to the % of foreclosures in each neighborhood. For instance if Parkside has 20% of the foreclosures in Hollywood, then Parkside should have 20% of the money to rehabilitate foreclosures.

441 Improvements:

-there is no sewer, water lines are inadequate, lighting is inadequate.

Royal Poinciana/Parkside Taskforce:

- Comm blattner said that Comm Furr and Assef took these projects on but he believes that they need to be citywide task forces. Citywide task forces would integrate fire, police, and senior staff to address crime. Social services are being addressed separately. Infrastructure progress is quicker than social service progress. CRA is pledging 1 million dollars.

Artspark:

- Comm Blattner said Artspark Foundation is "kaput". He said Bandshell should have been built first, not the arts Building. He said 16 million is needed for the bandshell. He said phases could be done for the bandshell. 5 million dollars would cover apron and bathrooms, etc. There used to be 65,000 people using the Artspark now every community has their center. ie, Miramar Center. there are no Artspark events listed in the County Art Directory.

Upcoming 10/21 CRA Meeting:

Comm Blattner said Gil Martinez performance would be reviewed. ?Gil Martinez wanted to hire a consultant?. Comm blattner said he is not in favor of consultants because there is no accountability. Comm. Blattner said we need a Director of Business development. He wants that person to oversee development of the corridors and to oversee the CRA's Comm Blattner wants to end the City's relationship with Zyscovitch. He wants the City Planning Department to do a plan and Jay Epstein to head this.

Cynthia stated that she wanted delegates and alternates to raise their hands to speak per Mel's rule established at the last meeting.

Comm Blattner said the bid for sanitation should have been an RFP. he said Beam was right when he said we didn't ask for the right things. But Beam was also wrong because the companies were not asked to do those things. ie, 1 day/week trash pick up and every other month bulk..

Contract for sanitation could have a lawsuit. 51 people could stay and 51 could be bumped. Options for sanitation would be early retirement, work for the contract company, and bumping others.

Re: water and sewer for 441: Andre Brown stated there is a lift station never used on Taft street. Andre Brown wanted to know what happened to the gas tax program that was supposed to be used for sidewalks. Comm Blattner said there is a 50/50 sidewalk program in place. Andre Brown said that should not be since Highland Gardens is a low/moderate income neighborhood. Maria Jackson said Comm Furr says we have 100%. Comm Blattner said he will look into that.

Pete said please no contract for 10 years for sanitation. Pete said the Artspark will never work due to no parking spaces.

Comm Blattner said he is finished but Diane, Bill Angela, and Charlotte still had questions.

Diane asked what is meant by social services. Comm Blattner said the City is guilty of allowing social services in the neighborhood.

Comm Blattner said the City needs to make sure that a future developer puts up a bond before any development starts.

Bill wanted to know who is going to pick out any houses that are bought.

re Sanitation: Angela said Wade Sanders son was hired during a hiring freeze. She said sanitation workers have few opportunities. Last year was the pension and this year its sanitation jobs.

Angela said put the pension with the state and do not hurt sanitation.

Charlotte said replace the police with BSO. Comm Blattner said BSO is just as bad.

Where will money come from to hire a business director? Comm Blattner said Assistant Director LeMack resigned.

Maria asked that contractors should be competitive with their estimates to rehabilitate foreclosed homes. Comm Blattner said bids will be necessary for projects involving Federal dollars. Comm Blattner also said some could be put into a lease purchase program.

Guest Doug Steiner is from Progressive Village in Fort Lauderdale. He spoke about how amendment 2 outlaws domestic partnership arrangements. He said there are ramifications on the business world. He said if businesses could not offer benefits to domestic partners then they will not want to do business in our state due to they can't hire competitively.

## OLD BUSINESS

On september 30th the City Manager agreed to provide space for foreclosure seminars. Neal Hurst left on october 10, therefore we will be working with Jeanette Smith. Butler and First American will do advertising. the Beach will be a separate seminar due to mostly condos and elderly want to stay on the beach.

Lippman Center and beach community Center will only be open 2 days due to budget cuts.

Cynthia asked for volunteers to help.

Helen chervin volunteered to help distribute HUD forms.

David Mach wanted to set up PR

Andre said he will work with City Employees.

Diane will set up facilities and do logistics.

Charlotte will be liason with the Butler firms.

Terry from Lakes will help distribute fliers to Community Centers?

Patrick Butler will be November speaker and there will be no December meeting due to foreclosure seminars

Cynthia asked how members felt about september budget meeting in place of the HCCA meeting. members said we needed a meeting prior to the budget talks to discuss comments and for President of the HCCA to make a statement on behalf of the HCCA.

Comm Sue Gunzberger said we should do a speaker relay. Comm Gunzberger said she wants to see all associations as members of HCCA to strengthen numbers. She says it will be a good idea for the HCCA to be more visible. Comm Gunzberger said each association votes for Mayor and one commissioner. A selling point could be if they want to get support for an issue then they can get support from 4 areas (4 votes) Lots of association members will be activists. Commissioners need to know what needs to be done. She said we could move meeting venues. For example; have one meeting out west every quarter.

CFC gives money to charity but must meet requirement of only 10% executive expense only.

Pete said he wrote to the county due to the CRA doesn't itemize expenditures. And Pete said he asked for Diplomat to go into the General Fund.

Helen Chervin stated she wanted people to vote NO on amendment 4, Hollywood municipal regarding 2030 and 2040 Dewey Street. Says City wants agreement to be voted on and details to be given at a later date. And she says to vote NO on anything from the County with a price tag. Angela states the project was given to Henry Graham. Andre and Helen stated that's why Liberia won't join. (?)

Comm Gunzburger agreed vote NO on 4 and reminded everyone to look on front and back of ballot and to read sample ballot because of long lines.

Meeting Adjourned.