

HCCA monthly meeting November 21, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance 6:58pm

In attendance:

- Sara Case, Hollywood Lakes, HCCA President
- Maria Jackson Ratliff, Highland Gardens, HCCA Recording Secretary
- Chris Lundy, Highland Gardens, HCCA Vice President
- Cliff Germano, North Central, HCCA Vice President
- Pete Brewer , North Central
- Andre Brown, United Neighbors
- Judy Bates, Boulevard Heights
- Jim Stoodley, Hollywood Hills
- Donna O'Keefe, Lawn Acres
- Terry Cantrell, Hollywood Lakes
- Frank DeRisi, Hollywood Beach Civic Association

Treasurer, Mel Pollak, is out of town. No expenditures. Now is the time to pay dues for next year. 4 associations paid their dues at this meeting: Cash payments from Hollywood Beach and Highland Gardens, and checks from Hollywood Lakes and Boulevard Heights were received.

Bill Canizzaro from Park East is at the meeting about the sewer break. Cliff Germano said there is also a meeting for those in North Central tomorrow. And next week there is also a meeting for the City at large to speak about the sewer issue. Cliff said that Commissioner Heidi O'Sheehan and Interim City Manager is also going to be speaking. Terry said the expense will come from the Enterprise Fund. Cliff said that means his rates may go up but Terry said that also the construction company may pay.

October minutes approved.

Lawn Acres wrote a letter about litter all over the City. One example given in the letter is Post Haste Shopping Plaza on Sheridan and 46th Ave. There is trash in and around the bushes. Donna O'Keefe said that she can use the youth initiative in her neighborhood to do a clean-up project. The letter also mentioned City initiatives and business owner responsibility to keep their properties clean. Sara said more to come on litter. Donna O'Keefe had to leave at 7:30pm to attend her association meeting.

Cliff Germano spoke about the new Broward County School Superintendent . Cliff said the Hollywood Education Advisory Committee and the HCCA are jointly sponsoring the Superintendent **in a community meeting at the Lippman Center Mon. Feb. 27th at 6PM.**

Cliff Germano also talked about the construction I-95 Express phase 2 Coming to Broward County on November 28th. Cliff went to a meeting last week at the Fish and Wildlife Center about the construction.

The express lane will allow exits at Ives Dairy Road and also Griffin Road and there will be bridge construction at Pembroke Road and Hollywood Boulevard and also Stirling Road. Also there will be

sound walls constructed on parts of I-95 in Hollywood. Go to www.95express.com to find out more information.

Change of polling places. The Supervisor of Elections sent letters to some whose polling places were changed.

Sara asked about each neighborhoods concerns. Cliff and Pete said the priorities of North Central are to fill in some of the retention ponds at Lincoln Park. And also some businesses need to look better like the business at Taft and Dixie. And also they have issues with some of the homes that have absentee owners and some single family homes that are divided into illegal apartments.

Terry said Hollywood Lakes has some members who are going to be on Code vice. Terry said Code will have 3 code officers in the CRA and also the lakes will share a code officer with Parkside below Hollywood and also share one with Royal Poinciana North of Hollywood Boulevard. Terry said his neighborhood's kick off for the new Great Neighborhoods Challenge is their January 10th meeting. Only 3 neighborhoods did not organize. Beverly Park and Washington Park which are not part of the HCCA are not participating in the challenge. And also Park East was not organized.

Chris Lundy said in Highland Gardens that the problem is neighborhood appearance.

Judy Bates from Boulevard Heights said potholes are a problem on almost every street. There are 2 code officers between Driftwood and Boulevard Heights. Judy said they need new garbage cans to replace damaged cans.

Andre Brown from United Neighbors said the businesses on Pembroke Road are a problem. There is one that stores school buses and code was supposed to address that. And also there are businesses behind Badcock Furniture that take motors out and the oil is on the ground. That is a code issue.

Frank DeRisi from Hollywood Beach said that people who do not clean up after their dogs is an issue. And that problem increases when it is tourist season. And the other problem is that there is no beach left due to erosion. Army Corps of Engineers said that the permits are in the mail. The work must be done during tourist season due to the turtles are not there in the winter. 27,000 tons will go through Carolina Street and over the boardwalk which will be protected. This sand will come from Carolina Street onto the North end of the beach. And another load of sand will come via Magnolia Street on the south end.

Jim Stoodley from Hollywood Hills said that they will be focusing on the Great Neighborhood Challenge.

Maria mentioned that crime is also a big issue in Highland Gardens.

Discussion ensued about the grant to the Jubilee Center, a non-profit soup kitchen in Royal Poinciana . Pete said that was the only grant from the City with restrictions and that the HCCA should ask that the grant be released. Terry said what can be done to improve the situation . He mentioned videos on 'youtube' which show clients of Jubilee Center urinating in the alleys and drinking alcohol in the alleys in the neighborhood. Maria suggested that the Center add port-o-potties to give the clients enough places

to use the facilities after lunch. Jubilee Center is supposed to be addressing the neighborhood concerns. Sara said she will write a letter asking the City what is the status of the improvements and the release of the grant to Jubilee.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm