

HCCA Membership Meeting November 19, 2012

In Attendance:

Charlotte Greenberg, Hollywood Lakes, HCCA President
Kenneth Crawford, Parkside CA President
Helen Chervin, United Neighbors of S. Hollywood
Andre Brown, United Neighbors of S. Hollywood
Frank DeRisi, HBCA
Bill Cannizzaro, Park East CA
Terry Cantrell, HLCA
Maria Jackson Ratliff, Highland Gardens CA/HCCA Recording Secretary
Jim Stoodley, Hollywood Hills CA
Matthew Gouthro Driftwood CA, Vice-President
Melissa Gouthro, Driftwood CA, wife of Matthew Gouthro
Idelma Quintana, Hollywood Gardens West CA
Chris Lundy, Highland Gardens CA
Lawrence Shafer, Boulevard Heights CA, HCCA Corres. Secretary
Cliff Germano, North Central Hollywood CA
Irisclla Clawgs, BMPO
Ricardo Gutierrez, Broward MPO
Jim Carver, Driftwood CA
Donna Biederman, wife of Kevin Biederman, Driftwood CA
Kevin Biederman, Commissioner-elect
James Callari, Hollywood Hills, husband of Traci Callari
Traci Callari, Hollywood Hills, Commissioner-elect
Beam Furr, former Commissioner
Peter Hernandez, Highland Gardens CA, Commissioner-elect
Adriana Henao, Highland Gardens CA with Peter Hernandez
Shirley Stealey, Highland Gardens CA
Dominique Mayorga, IB program committee
Jessica Vargas Astaiza, Presenter, Tindale-Oliver & Assoc, Inc, Broward MPO

Pledge

Introductions

Approval of minutes as submitted by Larry Shafer for October meeting. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report sent by Mel through Maria: \$895.89 as of 10/30/12, \$40. Deposit, as of 11/21 balance is \$935.89

Broward MPO presentation by Jessica Vargas Astaiza from Tindale Oliver & Assoc, Inc; consultant for Broward MPO, long range transportation plan, Hollywood Pines Corridor. Slide package provided to everyone. Fact gathering has taken place to give informational slides. Community introductions via civic associations and later community input meeting will be held. Hollywood /Pines Boulevard from A1A to Everglades as well as Johnson Street studied. Traffic and accidents heavy on Johnson Street.

Question from Bill: Will data change due to construction on Hollywood Blvd? Jessica says yes more data will be gathered next year

Question from Bill Stoodley: Will Boulevard be more bike/pedestrian friendly? From Ken; Will bus stop be better engineered? Ideas being considered such as early green for bus to merge easier into traffic.

Pete Brewer Question about Johnson Street who is in charge of Johnson Street? Jessica said not sure if City, County.

Ken Crawford asked if Pembroke Road being studied. Not at this time.

Topic: Parents trying to get an IB program at South Broward High School. Charlotte asked that the speaker be allowed onto the agenda. Dominique Mayorga and a small committee are working on this project. There were no objections.

Topic: Neighborhood Pride- Idelma read a report by Jean Morford which discussed students who volunteered to pick up trash on Johnson Street On November 9th. The committee was commended on this project which has great value to the community.

Topic: Hollywood Playhouse passed in City Commission to go to court to retain playhouse, Commissioner Furr states that a 501c3 would be used to raise funds for a community theatre to pay for the playhouse operations.

Topic: Should the HCCA make a formal complaint regarding the police officer who spoke at HCCA and refused to identify himself and stated that he was a resident but he said he was close to a police officer and did not admit he was an officer when asked? The consensus is NO.

Comments were made regarding discussing issues with City officials. Some members thought it was improper to discuss the "incognito" issue with them. Terry said that the by-law regarding this should be reviewed and clarified, since it wasn't specific. He finds it valuable to be able to discuss issues with city officials. Maria concurs as sometimes past HCCA presidents have spoken for the HCCA without delegates' or board members involvement. And likewise, association presidents have said they represent their associations' viewpoints but do not ask their associations first.

Charlotte suggests that the by-laws committee also clarify the point about representation of the HCCA. Also, Maria suggests that in the future any guest who wants their point brought out will ask a delegate to speak on their behalf, and this will be taken up by the bylaws committee. Charlotte suggests also that everyone be introduced when they come into the meeting.

Topic: sewage pipe leak in North Central. Cliff Germano recently witnessed sealer and foam being sprayed around the sewage pipe. But when he asked he was told that there is no leak from Arthur Street lift station. Residents asking if someone will test the water and sediment in the C10 canal to make sure there are no harmful compounds in the canal. Cliff said there was no emergency action plan prior to the incident. There is a 50+ page action plan which was sent to Cliff since the incident and nowhere does it say that dumping/pumping sewage into the canal is the procedure for handling a sewage spill.

Terry asked if North Central thought of testing the water themselves. Cliff said there are 17 agencies tasked with environmental safety and that one of them should take that responsibility besides the contractor that caused the spill. Terry suggests that maybe an incoming commissioner would take that task on. Since the road has not been repaired and there is still a hole open there must still be a problem. Cliff says that he was told there is no leak even though he witnessed them spraying sealant on the pipe. Only dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform tested for and he would like to see the water tested for more. Cliff will keep us up to date on this.

Dominique Mayorga explained the International Baccalaureate advanced studies program and asked us to sign a petition to have IB at South Broward High. She has 700 signatures and needs 1000. HCCA agreed that this program would be valuable to the community. Many delegates and guests signed the petition.

December 17th meeting approved.

January 14th meeting instead of 21st which is MLK Holiday approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Jackson Ratliff, HCCA Recording Secretary