

September 19, 2011 HCCA Membership Meeting

In Attendance:

Steve Welsh, North Beach

Mel Pollak, Hollywood Hills, HCCA Treasurer

Charlotte Greenbarg, Broward Coalition

Chris Lundy, Highland Gardens

Shirley Stealey, Highland Gardens

Bill Canizarro, Park East

Sara Case, Hollywood Lakes, HCCA president

Larry Shafer, Boulevard Heights, HCCA Corresponding Secretary

Jerry Brogan, Boulevard Heights

Jim Carver, Driftwood

Judy Bates, Boulevard Heights

Donna Keefe, Lawn Acres

Maria Jackson Ratliff, Highland Gardens, HCCA Recording Secretary

Helen Chervin, United Neighbors of South Hollywood

Andre Brown, United Neighbors

Terry Cantrell, Hollywood Lakes

Cliff Germano, North Central, HCCA VP

Pete Brewer, North Central

Tom Lander, Park East

Howard Sher, Guest

Kevin Biederman, Guest

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm.

Minutes approved from August 2011

Treasurer report noted prior balance was 879.06 and 26.62 was spent for postage to resolve water bill issue. New balance is 852.44

Sara Case read Roberts Rules of Order in regards to nominating committee and announcement of nominees. She also read the HCCA bylaws in regards to nominations.

Pete Brewer objected to the Nominating Committee report as incomplete.

Charlotte Greenberg read the Nominating Committee report. Sara Case asked for nominations from the floor. She asked who else is nominated for President and nobody else is nominated, seconded and nominations for President closed. Nominations for VP are Chris Lundy and Additional nomination from the floor is Cliff Germano. Mel Pollak nominated for Treasurer and no others given. Recording Secretary nominated is Maria Jackson Ratliff. No other nominations from the floor. Nomination for Corresponding Secretary is Larry Shafer. No other nominations from the floor. All nominations seconded and closed. Ballots were handed out. And candidates for VP gave speech since it was the only office with more than one candidate. Vote done for VP. The vote ended in a tie.

Both Chris Lundy and Cliff Germano were elected as VP and Executive Vice President.

Agenda item proposed to amend by-laws for future meetings.

Agenda item is water bill. HCCA Treasurer Mel Pollak and President Sara Case met with City Manager Cameron Benson and Finance Director Matt Lalla. Mel learned that the City has the ability to go into an account and also can show water usage by graph. Requests for refunds sent to Jerry Shapiro, Utilities Contracts auditor. Investigations go through finance, not water department.

Cliff Germano mentioned new water meter lid and Sara said that the new meter will be read by cell modems.

Agenda Item Association Reports to Commission will start on Oct 5 with HCCA. Sara asks that all association members attend so she can introduce everyone. Sara proposes back-up material about HCCA be sent for Commissioners to read prior to the commission meeting. HCCA oral presentation will focus on the forum.

Next HCCA forum will be held on Thursday, Nov 3, 6:30-8:30, Fred Lippman Center. How do we stabilize each neighborhood and improve each neighborhood to increase property values. Department heads will help and private grants can be applied for to fund neighborhood improvements. Terry Cantrell mentioned that his association had the property appraiser, Lori Parrish as a guest speaker. And she said that the cities with the least drop in property value have the strongest code. He said there is a need for volunteers to help enforce the code.

New Business. Pete discussed the \$1. discount on the trash fee which will be given to residents. Pete upset that the fee was raised from 29. to 32. And the sanitation workers were laid off and sanitation

privatized. Pete said he believes that Albert Perez will be in charge of privatizing City services. And Cameron Benson's wife will be Albert Perez's employee. The question is was he acting as a consultant while working for the City and awarding himself contracts?

Mel said we need a water authority comprised of a representative of each City that uses Hollywood water and sewer service. And enterprise fund should be done away with.

Mel asked if someone wants to volunteer for a committee to investigate privatization of utilities. Sara Case and Mel Pollak volunteered. And Mel asked Pete to help.

Meeting adjourned.