



Hollywood Council of Civic Associations

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Minutes September 17, 2007 general meeting.

The HCCA general meeting was called to order by vice president, Mel Pollak, @ 7:00 P.M. After the pledge of allegiance, Mel presented the following slate of officers:

President: Erik Reed

Vice President: Mel Pollak

Secretary: Cynthia Greene-Eason

Treasurer: Bunny Mestel

Helen Chirven nominated Maria Jackson for president. Her name was added to the proposed slate. Officers will be voted on at October 15, 2007 general meeting.

Secretary's report was read by Cynthia and accepted with one update re: Sheridan Station traffic study

Treasurer, Bunny Mestel, reported \$318.46 as of July, 2007. Report approved subject to audit.

**Mel told us about 2 meetings at Memorial Regional Hospital in rooms A&B:
10/11/27 -7:30 Town Hall meeting presented by Commissioner Oliveri
11/8/07 - candidates forum with mayoral candidates for mayor and districts 3 & 6**

Mel explained that if you think your homeowners insurance is too high, you can engage an inspection company for \$150. Inspector will fill in and file all forms. His premium was lowered by \$5000 after doing this.

Nicoleta Jones from the Broward County Property Appraiser's office answered questions and explained how properties are assessed. Everyone can look up their property @ www.BCPA.net. She also spoke about the "super homestead exemption exemption." Mel said that if it passes, Hollywood's budget will be cut. The appraiser's office values are based on the prior year's sales. Nicoleta explained the "portability" amendment proposed by Lori Parrish which would allow homesteaded owners to move their sheltered SOH values from one primary residence to the next in the same county under a governmental "local option." She urged us to contact our state senators & representatives to place this amendment on a statewide ballot. Mel added that Dade & Broward Counties have the highest foreclosure rate in the nation.

New Business

Mel introduced the issue of Hollywood's police and fire departments taking on West Park and Pembroke Park. Angela Jackson made a motion that HCCA write to the city manager and commission stating that Hollywood should not supply these 2 municipalities with services. Bunny seconded motion. Andre Brown said that both areas are very large. Kevin Swan, visitor from Hollywood Hills, said that we need to know how many BSO officers are already servicing those areas. Maria Jackson said West Park underestimated their expenses and is already operating over budget. Asa Boynton added that Hollywood is already short police officers. Since there was a quorum of voting delegates present, the motion passed 8 -0. Cynthia will prepare a letter.

Mel stated that future development in Hollywood will require water, sewage, etc. expansion. The city is planning to construct 12 deep wells on Park Road during the next 10 years to provide water. This will mean eliminating trees. Hollywood is one of 3 cities illegally sending effluence into the ocean, per the EPA. Cost of getting rid of what is being dumped into the ocean is \$100 million. Angela moved that we research above and bring info back to the delegates. Bunny seconded motion. It carried unanimously.

Mel read a letter from Steve Shulman, Arts Park Director. We will follow up on his request to speak at an HCCA meeting.

Mel also mentioned the meeting on September 24 @ 6:00 P.M. re: rezoning Hollywood Beach.

Kevin Swan, a 51 year resident of Hollywood, would like to make presentations at individual homeowners associations.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:03 P.M.

**Cynthia Greene-Eason
Secretary**