



PARK EAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2003

Opening :

The regular meeting of the Park East Civic Association was called to order at 7:03 PM on November 18, 2003 in Hollywood Police Station by President John Lexa.

The membership stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Martha Lemos Yamout was introduced. She is running for the seat of City Commissioner for District 3.

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Oct 21, 2003 meeting were read and accepted as read.

B. Treasury Report

Richard Nortmann, treasurer reported that as of Sept. 30 we had \$941.04, he received two checks for membership less the \$5.00 maintenance fee from the bank resulting in a present balance of \$986.04.

C. Police Report

Officer Paul Dungan went over the burglary problem that had existed in our area but has subsided with the arrest of a suspect. Several homeowners did call in to report suspicious cars in their alleys and this is very important to help catch thieves "in the act". Speeding is always a problem and Officer Dungan again stated that more tickets are given to local residents than those just passing through. Richard Nortmann asked the officer to check on the height of the bushes in the center of Hollywood Blvd. at Calle Grande. They are now so high you cannot see on-coming traffic when you want to make a left turn. Officer Dungan announced that he will be retiring January 24, 2004 after 36 years on the force.

TIP FOR HOLIDAYS

When out holiday shopping, remember to keep your packages in the trunk of the car and not in plain view. This is very tempting for thieves. Also, do not carry so many packages that you cannot get to your car keys easily. Do not carry the family fortune or all of you medications with you while shopping.

D. Code Enforcement Report

No Code Enforcement in attendance.

E. Commissioners

No City commissioners in attendance.

F. Announcements

Chuck Vollman reported on the HCCA meeting held Nov 18, 2003. Agenda included

- 1- First meeting of the city Racial Justice Task Force will be held on Dec. 1, 2003 at the Fred Lippman Center
- 2- Highlights of the letter to Cameron Benson, City manager was read regarding code enforcement. Reminder that Mr. Benson would be delivering his new plans for code enforcement to the city commission on Wed. Nov 20, 2003 at approximately 4:30 PM.
- 3- Sherry Callabresie delivered a report on the new school planning commission. This report included the statistics on just how overcrowded our elementary schools area this time. The favored site for the new school is at Lincoln Park in the North Central area.

Volunteers were requested for the NUSA convention to take place in May 2004. City is providing each civic association with a tent, table and chairs on May 26, from 5 to 8:30 PM, located on 20th avenue between Hollywood Blvd. and Harrison Street. It can be decorated any way the volunteers see fit. Chuck Vollman displayed the Park East T-Shirt available to all members for only \$7.00. (see "news alerts" section in the webpage)

G. Program

Lori Mertins, director of intergovernmental affairs for the city of Hollywood spoke to the membership on the overcrowding of our elementary schools. The city hopes that the new school will set up a domino effect and relieve some of the other schools in the area. Lori serves on the Airport Expansion Committee and well as being the coordinator of the City Capital Improvement Budget. The city of Hollywood maintains 400 plus miles of streets and alleys; 301 miles of sidewalks and 5 miles of beach. Each year they put together a 5 year capital improvement plan and to fund these plans monies are received from various funds, including the general operating fund; downtown CRA; enterprise fund and Law enforcement fund. Some of the non-city sources are FDOT which is working on Sheridan Street from US 1 to the coastal road; on Federal Highway from Young's Circle to Hallandale Beach Blvd. and on the area from the C-10 canal to just past Presidential Circle. Debt financing is a major source of income and this is where the public votes on which projects they feel the city needs to do first. Sound walls and charter schools also came under discussion.

H. Old Business

There was no old business

I. New Business

Elections for 2004 were held and the results are:

President – JOHN LEXA

Vice-President – TOM LANDER

Treasurer – RICHARD NORTMANN

Secretary – AL KAULAKIS

The new officers will take over on January 1, 2004

Adjournment :

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM by John Lexa. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on December 16, 2003 in Hollywood Police Station.

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Vollman (Acting Secretary)