



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 10, 2014

**Middle River Terrace
Neighborhood Association**

The April 10, 2014 meeting of the MRT Board of Directors was called to order by President Domingo Cid at 5:39pm. The meeting was held at City Hall with 6 members present. It was determined that a quorum existed.

Present: Domingo Cid – President
T. J. Fiori – Vice President
Dick Eaton - Secretary
Donna Fiori - Treasurer
Steve Stahl
Joann Block

Dick made a motion to approve the evening's agenda and the minutes of the March 6th meeting and Tony seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

The following reports were presented by Officers of the Board:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tony Fiori presented the current treasurer's report that showed the following:

Beginning balance	01/31/14	\$4,778.08
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Income:

New memberships	135.00
St Pat's parade t-shirts	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$160.00

Expenses:

Image 360 (MRTNA banner)	155.66
Supplies for St. Pat's parade	39.84
FPL	10.06
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 205.56

Final Balance	3/31/14	\$4,732.52
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OFFICERS REPORTS: (Cont.)

Tony distributed a list of paid members as of 3/31/14. We currently have 70 paid members and Donna reported there have been additional new memberships that have come in that are not yet on this report.

Steve gave a brief report of the recent Council of Civic Associations he attended. He reported that full details were distributed in an email sent via the association email distribution list.

Dick reported that the annual filing with the Division of Corporations was due by May 1st and the fee was \$61.25. He reported that he would file the annual report online and cover the fee using his credit card and that the association could then reimburse him.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President reported that his monthly meeting with Commissioner Trantalis had been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.

Domingo reported that the webpage is up and running but has not been released to the membership yet. There are still a few things that need to be worked out before the initial launch. Steve and Dick will be attending a training session with Jeff on Friday, April 18th at 10am at Dick's house. This session will be to work out any final issues and to enable Steve and Dick to access and maintain the webpage for the association. There was discussion about how often to send out emails in regards to webpage updates. Dick mentioned that we don't want to flood people with excessive emails which may cause them to opt out. He questioned whether we could possible run a survey on the webpage to ask members their feelings on the issue. Steve questioned how people would enter their membership information if they chose to pay via the PayPal link on the webpage. These issues will be discussed at the April 18th training session.

Domingo reported that he and Tony met with Frank Gaines, the head of security for the Fort Lauderdale High School to discuss some of the recent concerns of area residents. He reported that the fence that was being breached to allow persons to enter the adjoining neighborhood had been repaired. The school did not feel that it was students who were climbing the fence, entering the neighborhood and committing criminal acts, but rather it was people entering school property from along NE 4th Ave. Mr. Gaines did advise that the school had implemented security patrols along the area perimeter. Security will be conduct two patrols each hour, at the start and end of each class shift. It was reported that during lunch periods, students enter the neighborhood and dock area to smoke. Mr. Gaines said that they have asked the FLPD school detail to enter the adjoining neighborhoods officer on occasion to have a presence during these periods.

Domingo gave an update on the activities of the CCCRA in regards to funding that may be available for façade upgrades to area businesses. He reported that the current plan is for the City to loan the funds to the CCCRA. They will in turn offer it to area businesses with the loan split to be 80% City and 20% business for those interested. Concerns were raised among some board members about tax monies generated from the areas covered by the CCCRA being used to subsidize and benefit businesses as opposed to other areas of the neighborhoods. There was also discussion about the cost to expand the CCCRA. Steve reported that the estimates are in the range of \$50 - \$60,000.

Dick asked if we had requested anyone to attend our regular meeting to explain the workings of the CCCRA so that members would have a better understanding. There was a motion made at our last meeting requesting this when there was uncertainty in regards to a desire to expand the

CCCRA. Domingo stated that he had not yet made such a request but felt that Al Battle would be the person to address this. He will make a request to have him attend one of our monthly meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dixie Highway 100th Anniversary

Steve reported that there is nothing new to report at this time. The committee is working with Hal Barnes from the City who is putting some things together.

Smartwater:

Dick asked if there was any new information on the distribution of Smartwater in our neighborhood. Domingo said he had not heard anything further since Brenda from Smartwater had announced the program. Steve will send an email to Commissioner Trantalis to request an update.

Joann asked about the status of the door hanger program that was being underwritten by Smartwater. Steve reported that we were ready to go however we were waiting until the webpage was finalized so that we could put the link on the door hanger.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joann reported that former member Tim Smith had recently turned over all of the old remaining MRT t-shirts to her. She said there are several different designs that were used over the past years and she wondered what the board would like to do with them. Dick suggested we might want to display them at the Dixie Hwy 100th Anniversary celebration and all agreed that would be a good idea. Joann also raised the issue again about creating a new MRTNA t-shirt. Dick suggested that we might want to look into designing a special t-shirt for the Dixie Hwy celebration and offer them for sale to residents. Steve, Joann and Dick will look into that possibility and the cost involved.

Upcoming Meetings:

Domingo announced the following upcoming meetings:

General Meeting – April 13th - MRT Park – 4:00pm

BOD Meeting – May 1st – City Hall Cafeteria – 5:30pm

General Meeting – May 4th –MRT Park – 4:00pm

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joann seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Eaton

Dick Eaton
Secretary MRTNA