



**MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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***MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014***

The November 10th, 2014 meeting was held at the 13th Street Police Substation with 7 members and 1 guest present. President Domingo Cid called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. It was determined that a quorum existed.

Present: Domingo Cid – President
T.J. Fiori – Vice President
Steve Stahl – Secretary
Donna Fiori – Treasurer
Laura Croscenco – Past President
Jan Palmer
Charles Scheller
Tim Smith

Charles made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11th BOD Meeting Minutes and Laura seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

The following reports were presented by Officers of the Board

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna presented the following report:

Beginning balance	9/31/2014	\$4498.51
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Income:

Smartwater	67.84
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TOTAL INCOME	\$4566.35
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Expenses:

FPL	10.48
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Tree cutting – 13 th & Dixie	185.00
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Pipe Removal – 13 th & Dixie	20.00
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Lake Ridge Plaque	37.11
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$252.59
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FINAL BALANCE 10/31/14	\$4313.76
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DIXIE HIGHWAY CELEBRATION

Laura stated that she has had phone contact with Colleen concerning the celebration. Colleen suggested having the celebration at Fort Lauderdale High in conjunction with their celebration. Domingo stated that she has not attended several meetings now and he needs to know if the project is actively being worked on.

MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE PARK CONTAMINATION

Today, Laura called the Broward County Pollution Department, the person she has been speaking to has retired and she spoke to the Chief of the Pollution Department and discussed the testing of the bank owned property south of the park and they are required by November 17th to have current reports and the EPA is testing the park but they have the ability to step in and require the bank and Alabaster to clean up their property. There was a discussion to hold the Dixie Highway celebration at Equality Park or at the ribbon cutting of the new Fort Lauderdale High School building to have a joint celebration. Domingo is going to contact Colleen to see if she is working on the project. If not, Domingo is going to see what information he can get from the historical society.

GREEN YOUR ROUTINE

Laura made a motion to use \$300 of our 2014 GYR award funds to Fort Lauderdale High School to purchase and plant additional foliage along the fence line, and if there are still gaps the Association will purchase and plant to fill them in. Donna seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

WEBSITE

Steve to contact Jeff concerning adding Smartwater as a sponsor to the website and see about adding photos as a slideshow for the site.

SMARTWATER DISTRIBUTION

At our general meeting on Thursday, we are not going to put up the Smartwater signs.

CITY'S NEW WEBSITE

Is going to be launched next Wednesday at 8am. Steve attended the preview and help look for problems and omissions with about 25 others and the site looks very impressive.

SPONSORING THE CFLCA MEET AND GREET

Due to the cancellation of the Veteran's Day meeting and the X-Mas party, we may not sponsor until January or February, 2015. Steve made a motion for a budget figure of \$100 for it and was seconded by TJ. The motion was approved unanimously.

DAMAGED ENTRANCE SIGN

Domingo spoke with Dean Trantalis concerning the sign and he will be investigating insurance coverage and there will not be any if it was a hit and run. He received a call from Sherry today and said Hal is out of the office for the week and she will speak to him concerning the sign and poles left at the tree trimming site and the entrance sign on 4th Ave. Laura also suggested possibly erecting the new monument down the street if the property owner will give permission. Also, we need to request the city to install sidewalks on the south side of 16th Street from 4th Ave. for 1 block.

MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER DEAN TRANTALIS

Domingo spoke to Dean concerning the paperwork for the dock to determine who is responsible for the maintenance. Scott Wyman is going to find the original paperwork for the dock. He also discussed the new location for Johnny's in Lake Ridge and stated that is not our fight and

Michael Albetta, president of Lake Ridge is opposing it and Domingo offered our help opposing it if needed. Also, Dean mentioned to the new franchise of Chick fil A donate 10% of their grand opening celebration, as a good will gesture, to the Pride Center.

CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Tim Smith explained that the City Commission has approved \$5000 of the CRA monies to beautify the 13th Street corridor for the Funky Fun Run next year. There will be no money spent on any owner's private property. HOMES a non-profit organization will benefit from the proceeds of the race above expenses incurred. Steve stated that he felt there was a conflict of interest concerning a member of the Board and that the CRA is not in the business of helping out with charity, that is a job for the affluent, charity agencies and the government to do. He also brought up at the luncheon meeting concerning building height be limited in areas close to the neighborhood and rezoning a lot back along the 4th St. corridor to make the lots large enough to locate a larger business. Randall mentioned expanding the CRA up to 16th St. and Mayor Seiler said that was not a good idea. Laura mentioned that it should be the 13th Street alliance be responsible for maintenance of the medians on 13th Street. Money spent now will be destroyed when the improvements are made on 13th Street. Laura suggested that the CRA look into the Cemex Company to see if they have any plans to sell or relocate their business.

HOMELESS ISSUE AT THE CABOOSE

Laura stated that a no trespassing sign be placed at the caboose so that the homeless would be immediately arrested if found on the site. Tim stated that we have a new Captain for our district, Frank Sousa who would be glad to help out keeping the caboose free of the homeless. Domingo stated we have tried for months doing that and Laura suggested that the owner put up a police no trespassing sign. Tim Smith stated that he was the caretaker and key holder for the owner and that he would obtain a no trespassing sign from the police department. Steve is sending him the information concerning the 3 different signs available and the procedure tomorrow. Jan made a motion that we purchase the sign and Charley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

DISTRIBUTION OF 12 GENERAL MEETING SIGNS

Laura – Yard

TJ – Yard and the MRT Park

Steve – Yard, Dock, Entrance 4th Ave. and Entrance sign in the median near the railroad tracks.

Domingo – Yard, Bridge and 17th Court.

2 spare signs.

TIM SMITH'S STATEMENT

Tim stated that he had a discussion recently with Laura concerning conflicts between them and he stated that he thought it was in everyone's interest that the MRTNA rejoin the 13th St. Alliance and re-open the discussion on the use of the Annie Beck House. He stated that he is willing to work with us and help wherever he can.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Donna to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by TJ. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Secretary MRTNA