



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, May 4th, 2014

**Middle River Terrace
Neighborhood Association**

The May 4th, 2014 MRTNA general meeting was called to order by President Domingo Cid at 4:05 pm at the Middle River Terrace park pavilion. There were 11 persons in attendance.

A motion was made by Joann Block and seconded by Laura Croscenco to approve the meeting agenda; all voted in the affirmative.

The President asked for a motion to approve of the minutes of the April 13th meeting. A motion was made by Laura Croscenco and seconded by Debbi Lee; all voted in the affirmative.

Officer E. Vilches from the FLPD was present and did not have any statistics but indicated that overall crime in our area is down. He also let us know that his off days are Tuesday and Wednesday that are sacred to him and he gave the BOD his personal cell phone number to reach him should we have any pressing concerns that he might be able to answer questions specific to our neighborhood that are not general business or emergency 911 related. Debbi Lee and Laura Croscenco made the officer aware of drug dealing at 1317 NE 5th Ave-Apt.#3 and another criminal element at 540 NE 14th Place that has a car parked in the public swale that is covered with a tarp and has been there for some time.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

The following reports were presented by Officers of the Board:

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer, Donna Fiori, underwent recent surgery and was unable to attend the meeting.

GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Laura Croscenco reported that the date for the 100th Anniversary of Dixie Highway parade is planned tentatively on one of the last two Saturdays of October. She and Steve Stahl (in place of Domingo Cid, who will be out of town) will meet with Dean Trantalis on Monday, May 12th to discuss his discretionary funds to pay the expenses of the parade. On the return of classes at Fort Lauderdale High in August, discussions will take place with the school to attempt a joint celebration of their 100th Anniversary along with the participation of the school band for our parade. Steve Stahl announced that he has been named an Assistant Area Captain for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) with the Fort Lauderdale Fire and Rescue Department. Also, he has begun classes for the newly reorganized Fort Lauderdale Community Police Forum that will share the inner workings, policies, responsibilities and investigations – internal and incident reviews within the police department.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE

Domingo stated the planned announcement via blast e-mail from our website would be on May 14th. Steve Stahl brought up several issues that could hinder the blast e-mail announcement:

- A working PayPal membership page with a form to be forwarded to the secretary containing the necessary information needed for voting and records. (names, address, phone, e-mail)
- Dick Eaton and I have not been instructed how we can place certain items and the set-up of mailchimp for the blast e-mail.

Domingo asked that Dick and Steve get together and come up with a detailed list of missing items to pass along to Jeff to see if we can get the problems resolved to keep the planned announcement date. Domingo brought up another item to add to the list of other things to add to the website – drop down menus on tabs to reveal other selections such as health related contacts.

DOOR HANGERS

Domingo went over the changes that were agreed upon at last week's BOD meeting. Steve stated he would distribute the corrected copy to all executive board members for final approval and if approved by all, take to the neighborhood services department at city hall to begin the printing process and hopefully be ready for distribution on the weekend of May 17th and 18th

Domingo explained how the door hangers would be distributed and Steve asked for volunteers. Volunteers so far: Debbie and Harry Lee, Steve Stahl, Ray Combs.

NEW BUSINESS:

GREEN YOUR ROUTINE

Joann Block asked for volunteers to receive points by doing recycle duty at the Starlight Musical in Holiday Park from 6:45 to 10 pm on June 20th.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LAKE RIDGE AND SOUTH MIDDLE RIVER

Domingo attended a social at the Melting Pot and BOD meeting with Lawrence Jackson-Rosen and he shared with Domingo that they have a Facebook Page that is not assigned to an individual but to a group. This item to be discussed at the next BOD meeting.

VIVINT HOME SECURITY

Domingo also announced that Ray Combs would introduce Vivint Home Security Service at the next general meeting and asked Ray to bring some printed details about the service and informed him that our meetings at times have 5 to 25 persons in attendance. Ray is considering to be a sponsor of MRTNA.

VICTORIA PARK

Domingo stated that they would like to advertise Estate Planning on our website for June. They also have expressed an interest in becoming a sponsor.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BROWARD COUNTY

Robert LaMendola is scheduled to attend the next general meeting to discuss Health Issues. Domingo also stated a need to add additional tabs/pull downs for additional contact information. (See the website copy above in old business)

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Two residents complained that they have received violation notices from the City of Fort Lauderdale stating they do not have a plan in place and documentation that they are recycling their multi-unit apartments. Our Green Your Routine representative is going to look at the options available for them and let us know.

Debbi Lee stated that the contaminated parcel is not blocked off so persons are not able to enter and walk their dogs. Also, the For Sale sign is down and leaning against the house. Laura Croscenco stated that it has been reported to the EPA and they have all the documentation for the issue but it is a slow moving process.

Debbi Lee also stated that she felt that the BOD should give accolades to the newly formed Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Improvement Club for their efforts on the Neighborhood Middle River Dock. Steve Stahl indicated that there have been complaints raised about rotting boards, etc. after their work and they have asked the MRTNA to chip in and do the repairs for the improvement club and a job poorly executed does not warrant accolades. Debbi stated that she participated in the work done and in discussions with others the reason they started their club was to make improvements within the neighborhood that are not being addressed. Domingo stated that he has not been made aware of any issues that need to be addressed within the neighborhood and if anyone in the neighborhood has a concern, they need to attend the general meetings to bring issues up. He stated that the MRTNA entity is recognized by the city as the Association for our neighborhood and does not report to or work with any clubs or business organizations.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Domingo stated that elections to BOD will take place in July. Nominations must be submitted at the next general meeting in June. The newly elected board will take charge of their positions in August.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- June 5th, MRTNA BOD Meeting at 5.30 pm. / Location TBD
- June 8th, MRTNA General Meeting at 4:00 pm. / MRT Park

Franco made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Debbi seconded. All voted in the affirmative and the President adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Stahl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "S" at the beginning.

Asst. Government Liaison
for our Secretary Dick Eaton