



**MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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***MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2014***

The November 13th, 2014 meeting was held at the 13th Street Police Substation with 7 members and 3 guests present. President Domingo Cid called the meeting to order at 5:34pm. It was determined that a quorum existed.

Present:

- Domingo Cid – President
- T.J. Fiori – Vice President
- Donna Fiori – Treasurer
- Steve Stahl – Secretary
- Laura Croscenco – Past President
- Franco Gordina
- Charles Scheller
- Jay Stiskin
- Jerry Hammond
- Nancy Meegan

Tony made a motion to accept the meeting agenda and Laura seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th General Meeting Minutes and Charley 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
<u>Income:</u>		
Smartwater		67.84
TOTAL INCOME		\$4566.35
<u>Expenses:</u>		
FPL		10.48
Tree cutting – 13 th & Dixie		185.00
Pipe Removal – 13 th & Dixie		20.00
Lake Ridge Plaque		37.11
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$252.59
FINAL BALANCE 10/31/14		\$4313.76

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POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Tom Gestal reported that there have only been 2 minor incidents recently and the increase in crime in Lake Ridge that has been announced was due to the break-ins at two rental car agency that resulted in a number of stolen vehicle reports that made the increase to their statistics. Neighbors need to be made aware of armed robberies taking place at night at businesses. Criminals now are becoming more brazen, it used to be women as prey, now they are attacking males in their mid-thirties. Keep your doors locked. And instance happened on Las Olas where a criminal jumped in the passenger front door, the other the driver side rear door and held a gun to the driver and demanded their money.

BYLAW REVIEW

Laura asked if there were any particular areas that need to be reviewed. Domingo stated that he will contact Dick concerning the review of the bylaws. He asked that everyone review the bylaws and compile a list of items to review and submit them to the committee. Dick chairs the committee with Jan, Charles and Steve as members.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND DISCOUNT CARDS

Domingo will be sending a note to Colleen tomorrow. There is no update on the items.

GYR

Motions are in place for the donation to the Fort Lauderdale High School to purchase and plant next year and for MRTNA to purchase additional plants to cover any other areas as needed.

OUR WEBSITE UPDATE

Domingo asked Steve about messages to Jeff. Steve responded that he sent Jeff questions concerning photos and sponsors and has not received any responses.

CITY WEBSITE UPDATE

Steve stated that the site looks good and some of the issues that he brought up have been fixed, but one of the items has not been fixed: the addition of the CCRAB to the list of CRAs in the city.

ENTRANCE SIGN REPLACEMENT

Domingo stated that he received a call from Hal's office stating that the poles were being removed and he will be back next week. Laura asked if anything was said about a monument to replace the sign. Domingo stated he would speak to Hal next week.

MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER DEAN TRANTALIS

Domingo stated that what we had heard concerning Johnny's concerning permissions from neighbors, business and the parking issue were not correct. It's more likely that it is too late to suggest changing anything now, due to the fact \$100,000 has been put into the inside and exterior of the building. The licenses they have were still available for the property. On the issue of the dock, Domingo asked Dean about the original grant documentation for the dock. If they can't get it, Domingo wants to apply for a couple of grants to get the necessary work done. TJ stated that if anyone is hurt at the dock, the city is responsible.

MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE PARK CONTAMINATION

Laura mentioned all the information that we have already discussed to our guests and stated that the test results were due by the end of the year. Steve stated that not only ground level samples were taken, but sub-surface and ground water samples have been taken at the park. Also, the city has 4 wells that they draw a portion of our drinking water from the same Biscayne Aquifer that the groundwater at the park is connected to. Those wells are also being tested for contamination.

ADOPT A STREET

Steve stated that we have been saying adopt a street and the dock and that is not correct. We are adopting the streets of NE 18th Street and Dixie Highway to the dock and from the dock on NE 8th Ave. to NE 15th Street. The only responsibility concerning the dock is maintaining the street in front of the dock. The actual cleaning maintenance of garbage pickup and cleaning of the dock is the responsibility of the Parks Department. It was mentioned that we need to get this project in place and see how it works before we attempt to add any more streets that we would be responsible for. The application stated that we would have 10 persons doing the semi-annual cleanings. We have not received the signs, they are in the works.

CCRAB

The CRA owes the city \$25,000 and has submitted a plan to pay it off over a 5 year period and also, pay off the city staff expenses for the last several years now. The current TIF tax funds from the properties included in the CRA added \$40,000 to the CRA and the intent is to spend those funds on projects and next year's TIF CRA portion is expected to be larger than this year.

CABOOSE

Steve stated that Tim Smith have gone back and forth with several e-mails concerning the poly vinyl sign and he stated it is being delivered to him today. Laura requested that a letter be sent to Tim since he is the representative and keyholder for the caboose stating that the MRTNA was happy to donate the monies for the sign, but any liability concerning the sign is the responsibility of the owner. Steve stated he would sent an official letter to Tim since the owner is incognito. Domingo stated that the caboose is on the CEMEX plant property but the responsibility for keeping the homeless off of the caboose is the owner of the caboose.

ADJOURNMENT

Donna made a motion to adjourn and Charles seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Secretary MRTNA