



**MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
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***MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015***

The September 17, 2015, general meeting was held at the police sub-station. President Laura Croscenco called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum did not exist and no motions were made.

The board members Present were:

Laura Croscenco, President  
Charles Scheller, Vice President  
Jan Palmer, Secretary

**Police Report**

Roy Goderstad of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department gave the following report:

Robberies	July 1	August 2
Burglaries Home/Vehicle	July 6	August 8

It was reported that a lot of trash is near the caboose and homeless is hanging out in MRT Park and are intimidating park visitors. Police will keep a watch on this as well as bike thefts.

The following report was presented by the Board Officers:

**Treasurers Report:**

No treasurer's report was given since the treasurer was not present.  
Ending balance as of meeting date as given at BOD 5/14/15      \$5,430.50

**Old Business:**

GYR: There are some questional points and we will advise the final points awarded. Points given for recycle events, air potatoes, etc.

**NewTownhouses at N. E. 17<sup>th</sup> Court :**

The developers will give a presentation next month. There is one more approval needed. They have begun to bring fill to the site.

**New Townhouses at N. E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Court:**

This development is still in the planning stage.

2014/15 NCIP Application was not granted due to the number of neighborhoods applying for the first time. We have been encouraged to apply again for this year. The Board agreed that we would apply for a grant to beautify the entrance way at N. E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and N. E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue unless the City decides to improve the street and surrounding area.

Request for MRT PARK to be part of a ban on smoking signage program, was accepted by the CFLCA. Our park, and several others including a section of Fort Lauderdale Beach, will be presented to Fort Lauderdale Commission as the selected ones by the Council for a voluntary ban on smoking. The American Lung Association has offered to partner with the City in the no-smoking project by providing up to \$1,000 and technical assistance. This has been accepted by the Council and a section of the beach will be smoke free. \$1,000 was approved for signage for this project for all neighborhoods.

13<sup>th</sup> Street Project: A meeting was held On September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Warsaw Coffee Company (815 N. E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale) concerning the 13<sup>th</sup> Street project. Neighbors were encouraged to provide comments and feedback. It was reported that there was a good turnout. Some neighbors were happy and others not happy. It is a done deal and only minor cosmetic changes can be made. A round-about is proposed for 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Dixie with a beautiful stamped section with a raised platform for children. The curves will have signature trees added.

#### New Business:

#### Committee Nominations:

##### **Neighborhood Green Initiative Coordinator:**

**Joann Block (GYR - Green your Routine)**

##### **Government Liason and Business Coordinator: (This committee will include the by-laws)**

**Dick Eaton, Marc Needelman and Laura Croscenco**

##### **Neighborhood Crime and Safety Coordinator:**

**Coleen Lockwood, Chair – There was an article in the Sun Sentinel regarding law enforcement and prosecution concerning porn of a 4 year old girl that Coleen was involved with.**

##### **Neighborhood Appearance Coordinator:**

**By-Laws – planning review (reinstate the previous committee that was formed) Charlie Scheller, chair; Jan Palmer, and Dick Eaton as consultant**

##### **Association State Registration:**

**Marc Needelman will take care of registering the Association with the State. Marc will send out blast emails and update our website.**

Proposed changes for N. E. Fourth Avenue were presented by Christine Fanchi and Juan Rodriguez. Funding will be provided by MPO. Changes will be from Sunrise Blvd. to the bridge on Fourth Ave. and will tie in to the improvements being made on Wilton Drive. **There will be the repaving and striping of new lane configuration to include 7 foot parking lanes/bus bay, 5 foot bike lanes and 10 foot travel lanes in each direction while maintaining the center turn lane with medians. The Wilton Manors section will include, in addition, buffered bike lanes. The Fourth Avenue and 15 Avenue areas already have a lot of bike riders. Construction is scheduled to begin 2017**

**and continue 2018. The Dixie and 13<sup>th</sup> Street projects are scheduled to begin 2016 and continue 2017.**

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BOD:	Monday October 12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> St. Police Substation	5:30 p.m.
General Meeting:	Thursday October 15 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> St. Police Substation	5:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Action & Safety Meeting:	October 21	at 1201 N. E. 7 Avenue	6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Palmer, Secretary