



**MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE
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***MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015***

The October 15, 2015, general meeting was held at the police sub-station. President Laura Croscenco called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum did not exist and no motions were made.

Approve Agenda: Colleen Lockwood - Seconded by Tony Fiore

Approve Minutes from October 12th Meeting: Tony Fiore – Seconded by Jan Palmer

The board members Present were:

Laura Croscenco, President
Tony Fiore, Treasurer
Jan Palmer, Secretary

Police Report:

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

Robberies	0
Burglaries - Residential Home	3
Burglary - Vehicle	1
Auto Theft	1
Assault	1

The officer stated that our crime is 10% of the crime reported in Victoria Park which is very good. There was a murder in South Middle River on October 5 at the corner of 13th Street and N. E. 3 Avenue when a man living in an apartment confronted a drug dealer in the parking lot. He was stabbed to death.

Officer Goderstad advised that Broward has the highest use of a synthetic drug called flakka in the country. This drug is being made in labs in China. The labs are being closed, therefore making it more difficult to obtain and cannot import it, and will have to be smuggled to U.S. He said all ages are using this drug, especially the young people and very dangerous.

We are going to try and have the armored vehicle called the “Peacemaker” set up in MRT Park to combat crime and homeless hanging out there.

Neighborhood Action and Safety Meeting October 21, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Iron Workers Union Building located at 1201 N. E. 7 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

All residents of surrounding neighborhoods are encouraged to attend to hear about safety.

The following report was presented by the Board Officers:

Treasurers Report:

Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$5,410.13	
Expenses: FPL - September		10.37
Balance as of October 12, 2015	\$5,399.76	

GYR:

Kudos to Joann Block for her dedication to this initiative. We earned \$1,325.25 this year. Joann and Laura will go on November 17th at 6 p.m. to pick up the check at City Hall. A flyer was made for all GYR and amount spent on sustainable will be increased from 20% to 25% for 2015.

Old Business:

NewTownhouses at N. E. 17th Court :

The developers are waiting for the permit to organize the kick off meeting. As soon as the permit has been obtained, they will contact us. They have begun to bring fill to the site.

New Business:

Additional Social Service agency in MRT is being proposed for troubled teens, child care and people that have made poor choices. Laura has set up a meeting with Dean Trantalis on October 26 as to why MRT was blindsided and never notified of this project. Jason King, a resident and is Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Manager for the Aids Healthcare Foundation, will be attending this meeting also. Zoning will be checked, and an attempt to stop the issuance of a license will be made.

New Registration:

In an attempt to increase our membership, a social event is being planned at Warsaw Coffee Company for our November general meeting on November 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. There has been a lack of participation of our neighbors and we need to have more neighbors join and be involved.

Dixie Highway Beautification and Safety Project:

On November 9 at our Board of Directors meeting, Laura has requested an update of the 60% technical drawings for this project. DOT will explain what has been done so far and explain the stakes we are now seeing on Dixie.

MRT Park draft for Health Report - Active Park in our neighborhood?

Laura has requested a draft of the health report from the State and overall findings of the former Bloom's Nursery site located at MRT Park showing that it proposes no apparent risk to public health. The Department believes that the site owners only ran the nursery (the park) and does not think the adjacent property was ever part of the nursery.

Our park is what is considered a passive park. It is now time to request a change so it can be an active park. It appears that only homeless and drug dealers are using the pavilion and the park right

now. MRT has been considered to not be at risk for arsenic as the vacant lot next to it is. Therefore, it is can now be considered to be an active park.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BOD Meeting – Monday, November 9th – 13th St. Police Substation – 5:30 p.m.

Next General Meeting – Thursday, November 12th – 13th St. Police Substation or Warsaw Coffee Company – 5:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Action and Safety Meeting – October 21st – 1201 N. E 7 Avenue – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Palmer, Secretary