



**MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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***MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.
GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2016***

General Meeting Called to Order: 5:33 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Jan Palmer – seconded by Tony Fiori

Meet and Greet Party at Warsaw Coffee Company replaced our usual monthly General Meeting on January 14, 2016 – No minutes available

We have enough board members present for a quorum – 5:36

Officers Reports:

Treasurer's Report

Balance end of January 11, 2016	\$6,908.68
New memberships	123.97
Donation for Warsaw Meet & Greet	51.00
Payment to FPL	-10.50
Expenses for Warsaw Meet & Greet	<u>-630.25</u>
Balance as of February 8, 2016	\$6,442.90

GYR

No Report Available

Police Report

	November	December
Burglar Residence	1	6

Our officer reported that there has been a spike in bicycle thefts

Old Business:

MRTNA annual party

MRTNA annual party at Warsaw Coffee Company was a great success. A special “thank you!” to Colleen, Steve, Jonathon, Jan, Joann, TJ and Charlie.

New Business:

Wildlife Habitat

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and will be on the agenda at the next commission meeting.

Planting and clean-up day

Planting and clean-up day has been set for Tuesday, March 1, starting at 3:00 p.m. Planting and cleanup will include cleanup of our entrance at N. E. 16th Street and N. E. Fourth Avenue. We will meet with the students and staff from Fort Lauderdale High at 4:00 p.m. at the fence in the rear of the school behind the athletic field. The students will plant coco plum plants donated by MRTNA through the earned money from GYR. The “Adopt a Street” for our GYR credit will be done at a later date. This will be from 15th Street at 8th Avenue and the end of N. E. 18th Street. A list of volunteers was made.

Playground Equipment

Laura Croscenco and Steve Stahl met with Dean Trantalis, City Commissioner, and a request for playground equipment was made. It is our desire to make MRT Park an “active park.” The City has identified the need for the playground equipment, and \$200,000 has been planned in the budget for the year 2020. Steve Stahl has suggested we should get prices of the playground equipment from the manufacturer to see if the cost is less than our Commissioner’s discretionary funds to get the project started sooner. We are putting a priority on this request. A motion was made to move this project forward and get prices by Jan Palmer and seconded by Charles Scheller.

Redo MRT dock with self sustainable products

Steve is working on estimates for this project. It is being determined if self-sustainable products will work due to the underlying supports, which are in good condition, being too far apart for the thinner material. This is for informational purposes and we will advise later.

No Smoking Signs at Park

Laura attended many meetings for over a year and has been successful in having our MRT Park designated “smoke free.” Due to this initiative, other neighborhoods also are “smoke free.” Two signs have been erected already at the park and a third sign has been requested for the pavilion.

Action Line

A motion was made by Charlie Scheller and seconded by Tony Fiori that we move forward and install an action line. The MRT neighborhood cannot have too much communication with ALL persons in our neighborhood, not just members. Another way to communicate with everyone would be an action phone line that all a person has to do, to make contact with us, is pick up the phone. Steve already has the line set up and will monitor it and deal with any games played, nuts, etc who calls the line.

N. E. 16th Street and Fourth Avenue Entrance Beautification and Safety

Laura has made a request to Dean Trantalis, our commissioner, of our need for this area to be beautified and safety concerns for the students with the broken sidewalk.

Proposed Social Service

There is a need for improvements on the street where the Haitian minister is proposing a school and church. This is at the railroad crossing and N. E. 17th Court in an industrial area. The street needs to be resurfaced and has a flooding problem that needs to be addressed. Trees need to be planted also. There is a safety concern with children walking to the facility in the industrial area with Best Roofing Company having a plant at the end of the street and many trucks passing through.

Middle River Dredging

A request has been submitted to Dean Trantalis, our commissioner. Our City Manager, Lee Feldman, stated he would put it on the City's list for dredging two years ago. After multiple requests of updates and after a year passes by, Mr. Feldman has determined this is a state issue and he will let us know when. That was a year ago. When Dean was questioned recently, he asked for proof and Steve Stahl sent him documentation of the statement. We still have no word on the dredging.

MRTNA GENERAL MEETINGS

A motion to move the general meeting start date to 6:00 p.m. was made by Jan Palmer and seconded by Charlie Scheller. It will be necessary to verify with the class being held there if there would be a conflict. A motion was made by Tony Fiori and seconded by Charles Scheller that we will continue to meet at the Police Sub Station on 13th Street.

Ribbon Cutting at Police Substation

A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned at the Police Substation on 13th Street celebrating the large new sign with their name that has already been put in place. Our officer is going to see if Chic fi la will provide food. We would like to have police officers, mounted police, raiders, etc. present. We want this building to establish a "police presence" on 13th Street to deter drug traffic and other crimes.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE

A request will be made to Dick that the by-laws committee members come up with a date to meet and go over recent changes.

Broward Call Center

This will be used to report any issue, past or present, for problems that the MRTNA will report to authorities concerning their certification to operate the Fort Lauderdale 911 system. The phone number is (954-990-7611). Please listen to the voice file attached.....need an approval to begin.

Upcoming meetings:

Next BOD Meeting : Monday March 14th, 2016 – 13th St. Police Sub station - 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting : Thursday March 17th, 2016 – 13th St. Police Sub station if renovations are completed. 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Action & Safety Meeting – January 17, 2016 at the Lauderdale Manors Community Center at 1340 Chateau Drive, Fort Lauderdale from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Planting and Clean-Up day – Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at the corner of N. E. 16th Street and N. E. 4th Avenue.

Meeting is adjourned 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Palmer, Secretary