

## **Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting**

January 13, 2016

President Bernie Lamach opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Board Members present were Dennis Rodgers, Karen Tice, David Wallace, Kate Gooderham, Joyce Alexander, Paul Matter and Jeanne McCafferty. Absent and excused was Dean Brown.

Bernie introduced Carl Schnurbusch, security coordinator for the Whiskey Creek MSTBU Advisory Board. Carl warned the residents of a handy-man who has been seen walking about Whiskey Creek looking for jobs. Some jobs he does complete; some others he collects money in advance and does not complete the job. His name is Robert John Wisdom from N. Ft Myers. There is a detective assigned to his case.

Bernie, through pictures, maps and charts, gave a brief review of the history of Whiskey Creek. The area was originally settled by the Seminole Indians. After the Civil War, the US Government evacuated the Indians to Oklahoma and Nebraska and took over the land which was use for raising and exporting cattle to Union Forces. The mosquitoes were the biggest deterrent of settlement in the area. The Act of 1815 allowed reclaiming of swamp land by means of levees and drains. Once drained, the area was farmed and the Whiskey Creek area was a potato field, completely open and uninhabited with McGregor being the only road.

In 1915, the development and paving of what is now known as McGregor Blvd. from Monroe St. to Punta Rosa took place. In 1960, the Tanglewood Development was being built. In 1965, the Iona and South Trail Fire Districts were established. In 1970, US Homes bought land south of Tanglewood from the Hauk Family. US Homes had proposed to have Whiskey Creek be a gated community. That issue was changed as the State took over the highway and McGregor became SR867 .Too much access to Whiskey Creek from the abutting Tanglewood streets deterred it from being a gated development. From 1970-1980, the area was developed and homes built to the Summerlin wall erected by US Homes. When fully developed, the WCCA was formed to manage the deed restrictions and for the purpose of receiving the odd pieces of unbuildable property .During this time, the County took over Whiskey Creek Drive to gain access from College to McGregor, and they remain responsible for its maintenance.

In April of 1972, a ribbon cutting occurred, opening the Country Club. In 1973, there was a study for the purchase of the Country Club from US Homes. In May 1974, a nonprofit corp. received a Florida charter and signed a lease-purchase agreement taking over the Club in June 1974.

The Civic Association was assigned the deed restrictions and was to administer them. As a nonprofit organization, we cannot assign penalties if the rules are not abided There are approximately fifteen sets of restrictions. If the issue is strongly felt, then it must be taken to court.

Also important to Whiskey Creek is the MSTBU advisory board which oversees additional security, irrigation, lighting, and landscaping in coordination with Lee County. The present Whiskey Creek area is what it is today due to the many past and present efforts of many people, volunteer groups and governmental entities. Questions and answers followed.

Kate made a motion to table the officers and committee reports other than the Deed Restriction Report and the Nominating Committee Report to the next meeting. It was seconded by Jeanne. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Deed Restrictions Report**

Dennis stated that Bernie, Ken Gooderham and he met with the County Commissioner and County Staff on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They were not told of the agenda. They were given two memoranda, one from the County Attorneys and one from Community Development Staff which essentially said that they could not do what we wanted them to do. They briefly discussed it and left. That avenue is closed to us. As chairman, Dennis told the committee that he can't recommend pursuing this any further. Dennis handed to all Board members a copy of the memo that he emailed to the committee members so that we would be aware of what he told them. Two memorandums from the County are available if anyone wants to read them. The committee is looking at other alternatives. Bernie and Ken have some ideas and the committee will report to all when they have had a chance to investigate these other opportunities or options. Hopefully, they can find something we can do to accomplish what we want to do

Dennis said there was very little activity. Several people have recently commented that a number of homes do not have lighted pole lights. There is a huge amount of homes without pole / house lights. He does not know where we would start in order to enforce that. Those who are concerned citizens of Whiskey Creek will have lights; those who don't care will not.

### **Nominating Committee**

Bernie stated that Board members serve for three years. Three members' terms expire every year. The President prior to the February meeting appoints a Nominating Committee who interviews the members of expired terms and anyone else who would like to serve on the Board. The three up for election are: Paul Matter, serving the expired term of Bob Oxnard, David Wallace and Karen Tice. Bernie appointed Dean Brown, chairman, Joyce Alexander and Kate Gooderham to the Nominating Committee.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Karen. All were in favor and the motion passed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne McCafferty  
Secretary