

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

September 14, 2016

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

Bernie told attendees that should they wish to address the Board on any matter to complete the form on the sign-in table and give it to a Board member. They will be allowed 3 minutes to speak during Citizen's Comments. They will be timed.

As we are trying to involve ourselves in having a little bit more knowledge of the communities around us, Bernie then introduced Shari Clark, the Resident Coordinator for the Pine Manor Improvement Association.

Ms. Clark thanked us for inviting her to speak on the happenings in Pine Manor. She is a Goodwill employee and works under the Community Development Block Grant funded by the county. Pine Manor Improvement Association is a nonprofit organization consisting of 9 board members, 2 of whom reside there. She is the resident coordinator. There is also a Teen Coordinator and an outreach coordinator. Their mission is to equip, educate and empower individuals and families of Pine Manor to give them a better quality of life.

Ms Clark helps clients with job search, resume writing, unemployment applications. She also works with 6-7 different organizations which provide services to residents such as Goodwill, Dr, Ella Piper Center, Junior Advocacy Center, Health Department, Lee County, Sheriff Dept., Family Center, Rotary, South Rotary, Literacy Counsel, Kiwanis and Teen Challenge. There is also an "adopt a family" program at Christmas. Families need to spend at least 25 hours of volunteer time and not just stand with hands out. They also need to give back to the Community. The neighborhood has 300 homes, 2,800 residents of which 800 are kids. Many of the programs have success stories and over the past 5 years, the crime rate has decreased. More information can be found on their website: [www.pmiafm.org](http://www.pmiafm.org) Questions and answers followed.

Bernie thanked Ms Clark for her interesting and informative talk.

### **Citizen's Comments**

No one needed to address the Board at this time.

### **Secretary's Report**

Jeanne stated that the last public Board Meeting was held on April 13, 2016. The minutes were emailed to the Board Members. It was decided at that time that the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting would be a Board Planning Meeting and not an open public meeting. All

Board Members were in attendance. The follow up meeting was on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many good ideas were developed at these meetings. Kate moved to accept the Secretary's minutes. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and the move passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Karen read the Profit & Loss Statement. Total income of \$525.00, Total expense of \$201.03 with a net income of \$323.97. Bernie accepted the report for audit.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership**

Karen read the Membership report. As of August 31, 2016, a total of 700 families had joined or renewed their membership in the Association for 2016. This total included 113 families enrolled for the first time. A total of \$17,640.00 has been received, \$17,500.00 in dues and \$140.00 for 14 WC license plates sold.

#### **Deed Restrictions**

Dennis stated that there was not a lot of activity on violations. A few have been successful. A motor home was removed from driveway, a box trailer from driveway, a business truck which had been parked in front of home at night and on weekends was now being parked in the garage. For the most part, people have been pretty responsive to the letters that he has sent out regarding the violations.

Dennis also said that he and Bernie had been working with our attorney in developing/drafting a bill that we could submit to the Legislature starting in the session after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, which would correct the MARTA Law and allow a revitalization of our restrictions. We spoke to Representative Passidomo and Representative Fitzenhagen, and are in the process of contacting other representatives to let them know what we are doing and what we want to accomplish. Dennis and Bernie have guarded optimism that we'll be successful and then we could move forward. Bernie will be sending the context of the revisions to the Board Members.

#### **Newspaper Distribution**

Bernie announced that Larry Geiger was resigning as Chairman of Distribution. Larry has sent us the name of 2 new Captains. We are helping Paul Matter with completing a list of the districts, the Captains and the volunteer distributors. Kate explained what is involved in distributing the newspaper, and as a result we had one person that was interested.

## **Old Business**

Bernie stated that he is aware that some intersections are not adequately lighted. Some areas are not covered by street lights at all. He asked Roland Kotcamp to do an inventory on the lights. Roland came up with a chart which covered all the intersections along Whiskey Creek Drive. There are two intersections which do not have lights at all. Bernie suggested a light study on the intersections to determine the actual output, etc. We may have other intersections within the subdivision that could use lighting as well. That would involve more money and expense.

The first priority would be Whiskey Creek Drive. A certain amount of this would be a function of MSTBU. Bernie thought that we might split the cost with MSTBU as we did for the street lights at the McGregor entrance a few years ago. Bernie proposed that we do a light study on the intersections, report back and then submit it to the county to see if they might be willing to upgrade the lighting at the intersections that need lights-- just on Whiskey Creek Drive. Bernie told us that he could do the study as he is a registered engineer and has a light meter that is suitable for this. Dennis made a motion to do a light study only on Whiskey Creek Dr. at this time. It was seconded by Karen. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **New Business**

### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

As we had teamed up with Tanglewood Association for the bike parade, we are coordinating a pumpkin decorating contest. The Whiskey Creek Country Club has allowed us 2 rooms to present the pumpkins which will be carved and decorated at home. There will be signs posted announcing the four age groups and awards for the winners. Karen made a motion to hold the Pumpkin Decorating Contest on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Donation to Geiger Landscape effort**

Pam and Larry Geiger have voluntarily created the newly planted areas on the medians. 70% of the plants come from their yard; others are provided by MSTBU. There is another area that needs planting due to the removal of a dead tree in the median south of Beachwood. At this time MSTBU is short of funds and instead of going to the county, waiting for approval, going through the county's approved vendors, etc., why not give the Geigers a check so they can pick up the plantings. Jeanne made a motion to give the Geigers \$200.00 to put in some new plantings. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Donation to Pine Manor**

Making a donation to the Pine Manor Program was discussed. Dean made a motion to give \$200.00 to Pine Manor. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Odds & Ends**

Jeanne mentioned that she contacted a printer and had a picture, taken by Karen, of our Whiskey Creek sign at the entrance printed on our Thank you cards to be used in November. The cost was \$96.73 for 150 cards and envelopes.

Complaints of bikers riding through stop signs were discussed. Additional signs near the stop signs were suggested. The Board did not agree on adding signs.

Karen has revised the welcome letter for new residents. She dislikes sending out letters without asking for their membership. In the last 4 months, she has added 25 new members with a net of \$625.00. She is asking the Board to put the bill back in the mail. Discussion followed. Ron moved to change our original vote to give new members the 1<sup>st</sup> year free and just include the membership fee in the welcome letter and let them make the decision to pay. It was seconded by Karen. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ron Frazer spoke of a neighbor complaining of hyacinth growth in the Lake. He would like to discuss problems at the weir (north end) at the next meeting.

Questions regarding the abandoned home on Burgundy. Karen stated that a bank took over the home and is taking care of yard care etc.

Question: Do Wyldewood Lakes and Village Green qualify for yard of the month? Gordon Lytle, Chairman, stated that we have given an award to an owner at Village Green. Wyldewood does not qualify for this program.

Kate moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanne McCafferty  
Secretary