

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

March 12, 2014

President Bernie Lamach opened the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Whiskey Creek Civic Association at 7:00 PM. Board members attending were: Dennis Rodgers, Karen Tice, Jeanne McCafferty, Dean Brown and Kate Gooderham. Absent and excused were: Bob Oxnard, David Wallace and Rita McNeil.

Bernie introduced the Board Members and our guest, Christine Deramo, the executive assistant to Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass. Ms. Deramo gave a brief summary of her work background and offered to take any questions and concerns to the Commissioner.

### **President's Comments**

Bernie had received an email from David Jones of the State DOT regarding our request for a pedestrian crosswalk at the McGregor entrance. He felt that the state is not as concerned since their three day survey revealed very few people crossing in that area. Bernie states that due to heavy traffic on McGregor, crossing there has been a problem since Whiskey Creek was established.

Kate mentioned that she, Ken and Dennis recently met with a local planner from Ensite whose project includes crosswalks at regular intervals and includes crossing McGregor at Whiskey Creek. She suggested that he be contacted to advise him of our support as we will benefit from his project with a crosswalk for Whiskey Creek.

### **Secretary's Report**

Jeanne emailed the minutes to Board members. She also added some changes/comments made by Karen and Dennis. Kate moved to approve minutes as amended. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Karen read the report and stated such items as insurance and legal fees (the two highest) raised our expenses for the month. Report is on file with the minutes. Jeanne Moved to accept the report as read. It was seconded by Dennis. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **Committee Reports**

### **News Distribution**

Larry was not available for report. Bernie did not receive any feedback.

### **Membership Report**

As of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 581 families have joined or renewed their membership for 2014.

### **Deed Restriction**

Dennis has had a few inquiries but nothing substantial to bring to the Board.

### **Old Business**

#### **Land Development Code**

Dennis passed copies of the proposed budget for hearings on County Code Amendments. His committee met earlier this week, and they devised a plan on how to proceed on getting approval on specific ordinances for Whiskey Creek. The main thing is to get community feedback by the mailing of postcards to all 1578 owners of Whiskey Creek. The second is to hold public meetings. The initial meeting will be held at Fort Myers Congregational United Church of Christ on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Thirdly, a flyer will be in *The Whiskey Creek News* announcing each upcoming meeting. The next step is to hire someone to put our requests in legal form and lastly proceed with the County to gain acceptance with ordinances.

Rent for church hall (2) and rent for Whiskey Creek Country Club (3) is \$50.00 each. Flyers (3) inserted in *The Whiskey Creek News* are \$375.00 each. \$225.00 was added for miscellaneous. In all, the total is \$4,000.00. Dennis moved to have Board approve and support this proposal. It was seconded by Dean. All were in favor and motion passed.

#### **Association Insurance**

Upon reviewing the insurance policy, Dennis found errors on the strap numbers. He also noticed that the name of the Association was not listed correctly. Both Karen and Dennis are looking into costs for a fidelity bond from two companies to cover our three check signers.

## **Lake Legal Search**

Dennis met with Attorney Steven Hartsell to determine what our holdings actually are and what our liability might be. We own the Lake and the perimeter around it. It was found that the County never accepted the responsibility of maintaining the two weirs. Notice was sent to the County, and we are waiting for the County to approve and begin maintenance.

## **New Business**

Bernie explained that MSTU is responsible for maintenance and irrigation of our medians and other areas. An owner on Fairfield complained of a lack of irrigation in their cul de sac. Upon checking, it was found that that area was watered by County water and not the Whiskey Creek wells. That area was watered through a remote programmer The irrigation company, H2O, now has a new programmer and will be servicing that area. Please let Bernie know of any areas that are neglected.

## **Other**

Kate, Ken and Dennis attended the Urban Land Institute Workshop on the College Corridor project. Progress is slow as there is a lack of interest by business owners. Their interest is primarily where there is heavy commercial activity .They feel that much land is not used to its best advantage. Kate suggested that Commissioner Pendergrass be kept abreast of the situation prior to the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bernie asked that we encourage our neighbors to attend the meetings when the notices are received.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM. It was seconded by Kate. All were in favor and the motion passed..

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne McCafferty  
Secretary

Please note: These minutes have not yet been accepted or approved by the Board of Directors.