

Crescent Lake Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2009

Attending: Jason Diviki, Mike Flanagan, Andy Smith, Rich Wall, Nancy Wall, Megan McGee, James McGee, Gary Crosby, Geoff Voight, Helen Dahlhauser, Bette Damouny, Alan Parrish, Phil Celli, and James Newman.

Minutes from the December 2008, January 2009 and February 2009 Board of Directors Meetings were available for attendees.

Guest Speakers

Ray Merritt from the St. Petersburg Police Department gave a brief crime report for the neighborhood. Since January 2009 crime activity included: 1 vehicle burglary, 2 residential burglaries and one motor vehicle theft.

Leslie Curran, District 4 Councilwoman, had a recent meeting with the neighborhood association presidents and vice presidents in her district. There is a city neighborhood stabilization program funded at 9 million to purchase foreclosed homes and fix them up. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) were due 2/3 for the contractors involved in the rehab of the houses. Also, there is a Pier Vision Stakeholders group forming made up of tourism reps, Pier tenants, and neighborhood associations etc.

The 4th Street Crosswalk project will be underway in March 2009. The crosswalk will begin near the alley by the Landmark Hotel and go across 4th street to Carrabba's restaurant. There will be an island in the middle and the crosswalk will be split into two sections with separate crossing alert buttons.

Rhonda Sanban (sp?) from Visit St. Pete Clearwater (Convention & Visitor's Bureau) discussed the revenue from tourism dollars. 6 million people visited our county last year. Ms. Sanban brought various flyers about the county's parks, arts, and beaches for meeting attendees.

New Business

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented the balance through 2008 that will be published in the upcoming Banter.
2. **Membership Report:** Six families/individuals have paid 2009 dues. Attendees were encouraged to pay their 2009 dues.

Open Discussion

Jason discussed that due to a citizen complaint; board minutes are copied and made available to all attendees. He reminded everyone that Board Meetings are open to the public.

Additional volunteers are needed for the Luminary Walk event in December.

Watergoat maintenance may be an issue due to decreased dollars. Gary is meeting with the city soon to discuss the lake project and will discuss if Parks & Rec can take responsibility. The current suggestion is that residents 'adopt' a water goat and clean out as needed. The last Saturday of the month is Crescent Lake work day.

The crossing lights on 9th Street and 22nd Ave will be replaced with newer models.

A later edition of the Banyan Banter will include information about a "Curb-out committee" headed by Andy Smith to decide if these structures should be removed.

The large banyan tree at Crescent Lake Park was recently examined by arborists and there are some action needed to increase longevity of the tree. A local arborist will donate time to assist.

The Crescent Lake watertower has been designated a historic landmark by the city.

Meeting Adjourned.