

(BHNA) BIRDCAGE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION -AREA 11

MEETING MINUTES FROM 5/18/2011

7:00-8:30 REGULAR MEETING AND GUEST SPEAKERS

1) WELCOME/ATTENDANCE/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 7:06pm Meeting Called to order
 - Attendance & Prior Meeting Minutes Approved by Board
 - Announcements:
 - Association member, Jerld Hackney, delivered an invitation read by John Silveira inviting all to The American Legion and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Day service to be held Monday, May 30th at the Veterans Memorial gazebo at the Sylvan Cemetery at 7401 Auburn Blvd. The ceremony will begin at 10:30.
 - Rand-McNally's "Best of the Road" – Vote for Citrus Heights as friendliest town in the USA before May 23rd.

2) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. John Silveira:

*Introduction of proposed amendments to bylaws:

Birdcage Heights Neighborhood Association (Area 11)

ADDENDUM TO ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION:

SECTION 6 shall read: Section 6 – Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Association shall run from July 1st through June 30th.

ADDENDUM TO ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SECTION 1 shall read: Section 1 – Number and Tenure: The Board of Directors shall serve without pay and consist of seven (7) members, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, R.E.A.C.H. Representative, and a minimum two (2) Directors-at-Large.

ADDENDUM TO ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS:

SECTION 3A shall read: Elections: Elections shall be held at the Association's June meeting, under the auspices of the previously elected Board.

SECTION 3C shall read: Voting: Voting shall be by secret ballot with each member allowed one vote per Board vacancy, and limited to members in attendance and in good standing.

SECTION 3D shall read: Term of Office: Board members shall serve terms of one (1) year beginning the July 1st after their June election and ending the following June 30th.

*Discussion of proposed amendments.

- Opened for discussion to the association.
 - One member opted to keep 2 years of term but no one supported

*Board vote on proposed amendments.

- A vote on the amendments was called for by the President and a roll call vote was taken by the Secretary. All board members voted Aye.

B. Kristy Silveira:

*Treasurer's report and REACH update

- \$102.42 in current Admin funds remaining
- Suggestion- "Red, White & Blue" parade to use some funds for supplies
 - NIP Funds \$1750.00 all approved and allocated as follows.....
 - Neighborhood Sign Toppers \$1453.75
 - Neighborhood Watch Signs \$239.27
 - Community Garden \$56.98

*REACH Fundraiser Sponsorship and Vendor Booth Registration

- Reminder July 9th is Sunday Funday
- June 4th is another clean up date

*Skycrest School & mtg. w/ Mrs. Pivetti: Comm. Orchard & Safe Routes to School Audit

- Safe Routes to School Audit on 5/24/11 at Skycrest at 2:45 pm. All are invited to contribute feedback as this relates to traffic and safety concerns as result of eliminated school bussing program.
- Mrs. Georgine Ferris's Kindergarten Class: seeking donations for a proposed Kinder-Garden Planter Bed Project
- Skycrest Community Orchard includes...23 fruit trees (young in age) and 54 shade trees planted in April 2011 located in back of school
- Type of trees will be short when full grown so children can harvest during school year. Neighbors welcome to participate as this project has been funded under a grant as a Community Orchard.

*Citrus Heights Green Planning Academy – (Kristy and Bob are current members about to Graduate)

*Announcement of idea for a Birdcage Heights Green Team Committee-sign up sheet available

3) PRESENTATIONS BY:

A. POP OFFICERS: Neighborhood Watch

- Description of different types of neighborhood watch groups: Informal groups meeting quarterly up to very structured groups with defined positions within the group.
- How they were powerful and big in the 1980's
- Becoming more popular, once again, now that budget issues arise and officers are being laid off. Communities want to work together to feel safe again, helping each other.
- If interested in starting one for your street contact: Larissa Wasilevsky at the Citrus Heights Police Department. She can be reached at 727-5500.
 - She will get you setup, organized, all information, and help set up a meeting as well as attend with several officers to tell you and your neighbors how to be effective.

B. Comments from our neighbor Carol Otterstrom : Neighborhood Watch

- Out of 34 homes she has 28 involved
- Southview Court and Eastgate area
- Easy to start
- Neighbors all became encouraged when the friendliest man on the block whom always said "hello" to everyone and knew everyone passed away in December then they realized no one knew anyone
- March 21st was 1st meeting with 24 people and 4 officers in attendance
- April 30th have a family BBQ with 50+ in attendance

- Planning a 4th of July party
 - National Night Out Planned

C. BeMoney Smart & The Farmers Market

- Marie & Don Hall
 - Location – in the parking lot in the back on Sears in the Sunrise Mall lot
 - Getting Kids involved from 12-18 years of age to work
 - Teach children money and financial management
 - 5 our class must be taken before being employed
 - Kids receive homework every week for Saturday
 - Coming to start soon is Cooking Demonstrations
 - 1st is Raw Foods

D. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Thomas Spencer from the History and Arts Commission: Historic Buildings and Public Art in Citrus Heights

- 4 pamphlets were passed out
- Art in City Hall is change every quarter and they are local artist
- 6 historical plaques throughout the city
 - Rusch House
 - 14 Mile House
 - San Juan High School
 - Sylvan Cemetery
 - French Church
 - Sylvan School (now called the Club House)
- Art History Advisory Board –
 - Meet 1st Monday of every month
 - 7pm in the Council Chamber

4) **UPDATES AND REMINDERS:**

Sign up for the Red White and Blue Parade being held June 25th.

At our next meeting, on June 15th, we will have new board elections.

Miniature Golf Fundraiser -Vendor Booth/Sponsorship Registration

- The event will be July 9th
- The next cleanup will be June 4th

Nation Burger has submitted a proposal for a store in the Birdcage complex. Plans were available for review. The call was made for someone to volunteer to be in charge of refreshments at future meetings.

5) **DOOR PRIZES**

- \$5 Gift Card – Cold Stone Creamery – Ken Otterstrom
- \$10 Urban Dog Gift Card – Gail Barney
- Lunch Box donated by the City of Citrus Heights – Jerld Hackney

6) **MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 8:42pm**

*****NEXT BHNA MEETING WEDNESDAY 6/15/2011 *****