

Regular Meeting
December 16, 2016
City Hall (Chamber)
3500 Pan American Drive, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to Order by Vice Chair, Javier Gonzalez at 6:05pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- III. **Housekeeping**
- A. Roll Call: **Present**: Kate Callahan, Javier Gonzalez, Louise Caro, Ruth Ewing, Steve Dloogoff, and Linda Williams.
Absent: Seth Sklarey, Thaddeus Scott and Raymond Fort.
- B. Approval of Minutes
The Minutes for November 18, 2016 were emailed to members but not all received. Therefore, will seek approval at the January 20, 2017 meeting.
- C. Additions to Agenda
Frankie Shannon Rolle Center (Update)
- D. Treasury & Budget Update by: Dr. Kate Callahan
- Balance at December 16, 2016 \$764.82
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- Kate Callahan: Our D&O (Directors and Owners) insurance is due.
- Javier Gonzalez: Our 501c4 has been reinstated. We can now get funding (County). Will update regarding insurance at our next meeting.
- E. Police/NET Office
- Officer: The community is doing well as it relates to crime with negative numbers; a few burglaries; two males targeting homes and removing FPL meters; after TV coverage, no reports; basic crimes of opportunity at parks with unlocked cars, etc.; we will be hiring seven beat officers; and Problem Solving (PT) teams. There have been reports that the Landlords have been responsible for the removal of FPL meters (which is illegal) to intimidate the tenant(s), thereby, forcing them to leave. Again, this is an illegal practice.

- F. Presentation by Michael Van de Kreek
- Request for Resolution to lower speed limit lanes on Loquat; 90% of drivers don't stop at sign; also, sub-platting is increasing the density of the community (6-9 new homes). This is a problem. Sub-pockets to test regarding the speed.
 - Kate Callahan: This is even a problem on grand Avenue...
 - Audience: My dog was killed three feet away from me due to high speed on Loquat on a Saturday morning. Thirty miles per hour is absolutely an issue; drivers from US1 are looking for alternative routes to work/home and come through our neighborhoods; developers are now building on multiple parcels; 3,000-4,000 sq. ft. range; related issues regarding traffic increase. The street canopy is being removed; children, pets and elderly are being threatened.
 - Audience: The Grove is under tremendous pressure - Designating a "Historic District" is the only way to preserve the Grove.
 - Audience: A "Historical District" will slow developers down but won't stop them.
 - Kate Callahan: A "Historical District" increases property values.
 - Javier Gonzalez: The City of Miami is working to reduce speed limits from 25 mph to 20 mph in local communities.
 - Steve Dloogoff: Give us a break! The City passed a Resolution to lower speed limits...

IV. Discussion Items

A. NCD Rewrite/Suggestions

- Javier Gonzalez: We are collecting suggestions regarding lot splitting, speed limits, etc. Write to us your concerns.
- Kate Callahan: Encourage "Carol" to run for office position with the Village Council.
- Audience (Carolina): Center Grove has no language in the NCD addressing duplex zoning. We have advised that "Waivers" are illegal.
- Linda Williams: The "Waivers" and "Notices" that are received at the Collaborative Development Corporation (CDC) and Homeowners and Tenants Association (HOATA) are not dated, therefore, illegal. If these documents are not dated, how can we appeal them before the PZAB committee or City? Village Council, CDC and HOATA should review these documents to strengthen the argument of illegal procedure.
- Javier Gonzalez: Village Council will advise the City of community concerns.
- Louise Caro: We have to focus on this issue as a vital concern.
- Kathy Parks: We hope that groups working on the NCD will also assist with West Grove and the NCD-2.
- Audience: Every Waiver applied for is "granted". How do we eliminate this practice.?

B. Playhouse Recap/Comments

- Javier Gonzalez: The parking garage at the Playhouse will also service Ransom Everglades and the office center.
- Clarice Cooper: This is an "elephant", massive parking lot especially regarding the traffic into residential streets of Village West.
- Kate Callahan: We will address at the Housing Summit.
- Audience "Carol": The only beneficiary is the builder of the garage.
- Audience "Tom": Have plans been approved? Height approval?
- Javier Gonzalez: Motion at next meeting will convey concerns.
- Linda Alger: Parking zoned for T5; who is the builder? No public hearing?

C. Frankie Shannon Rolle Center (Update)

- Ruth Ewing: Frankie Shannon Rolle Center up-zoning from T4 to T5. Notice of Hearing is set for December 21, 2016 at 6:30pm at City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Coconut Grove, FL.
- Javier Gonzalez: Under "Cone of Silence".

V. **Old Business**

A. 501c4

- Javier Gonzalez: Our 501c4 has been reinstated.

B. CGVC Housing Summit

- Kate Callahan: There have been ongoing meetings regarding gentrification of West Grove; trying to stop this process; and we have Commissioner Ken Russell's support. What can we do regarding code enforcement, initiate a Housing Trust; raise monies for the community, etc.?
- Carmen Morris: Critical conversation regarding gentrification in West Grove; identify solutions after knowing the problems; and, community to unite to face this issue.
- Kate Callahan: Identify the stakeholders. Who can help?
- Javier Gonzalez: Village West Investment Properties
 1. 37th Avenue – West (93% Investment Owned)
 2. Trolley Barn (72 %)
 3. Cemetery (61%)
 4. Grand Avenue (64%)
 5. Day Avenue (52%)Overtown (71% Investment Owned)

We need information and suggestions from the community.

- Audience: How are we letting people know?
- Javier Gonzalez: Posting; Miami Herald; Ministerial Alliance, CDC, HOATA, etc.
- Carmen Morris: If this was a third world country, this issue would be classified as a "Humanitarian Crisis". December 21st is the final meeting in preparation for the Housing Summit at 2:30pm, Frankie Shannon Rolle Center.
- Audience "Carol": During the Trolley issue was the Federal Fair Housing contacted? HUD?
- Mrs. Wallace: Yes, we are addressing fair housing issues.
- Linda Alger: Are there any examples of other communities dealing with this issue?
- Audience "Charles": Urban Land issues. What leverage do we have to deal with the garage at the Playhouse?
- Linda Williams: We must share Resolution "language" with other community groups. This will help them to prepare their Resolutions in similar fashion and tone.
- Javier Gonzalez: "Resident" Board needed; there is no oversight for the "Waivers" and "Notices".

VI. **New Business**

None.

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting **January 20, 2017**, City Hall (Chamber).

Motion to adjourn was seconded with unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Humbly submitted by:

Linda Williams

Councilwoman Linda Williams
Secretary, Coconut Grove Village Council