

Regular Meeting
June 15, 2016
Peacock Park/Glass House
2820 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order by Vice Chair, Javier Gonzalez at 6:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Follow the Pledge of Allegiance, there was an introduction of our new member, Steven Dloogoff who gave us a brief overview of his background and works.

III. Housekeeping

- A. Roll Call: **Present:** Javier Gonzalez, Thaddeus Scott, Ruth Ewing, Seth Sklarey, Raymond Fort, Steven Dloogoff and Linda Williams.
Absent: Kate Callahan.

B. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes for May 18, 2016 were emailed to Council members. A Motion to defer acceptance of the Minutes for May 18, 2016 until review by all was Seconded with a unanimous vote.

C. Additions to Agenda:

- Trolley Barn Issue

D. Treasury & Budget Update by Javier Gonzalez:

Balance at May 31, 2016	\$1,404.82
Debit	(400.00)
Balance at June 15, 2016	<u>\$1,004.82</u>

IV. Police/NET Office Update

- Commander Morales: Things are quiet now with an ongoing anti-gun violence strategy; one incident shooting with a person shot in the leg who knows the perpetrator but not pressing charges. In comparison to last year there were 12 people shot and this year there have been three. New initiative with Thaddeus Scott is taking to the road after the Crime Watch Meeting (2nd Thursday) with 8/9 residents and officers going door-to-door meeting neighbors, family and friends and add 2/3 emails to our list in an effort to get the word out – fighting crime.

- On tomorrow (June 16th) there will be a walk-through of the new NET Office at 3727 Grand Avenue. By the end of the month, the Police (Substation) will also be at this location along with Code Enforcement.
- Hot Topic is 4th of July – and the loud bombs going off. We have collected the launching tube(s). Advise to keep calling regarding the fireworks, especially the bombs.
- With regards to the Orlando, FL incident, the City of Miami leans from other departments in preparation. Hurricane preparedness at Stirrup Plaza; when you hear something: 1) run; 2) hide; 3) call and give information; and 4) when he/she takes time to reload – fight!
- Thaddeus Scott: Thank you Commander for your efforts and approach in our community.
- With regards to South Winds Apartments, please advise the status: complied, offer to tenants; abatement; access to property; added lighting, etc.
- Commander Morales: The apartment unit at 3535 Grand Avenue will be going before the Nuisance Abatement Board on June 29th at 5:30pm. The unit at 3401 Grand Avenue is being checked out and will advise status.
- Madelin Pacheco: We are moving to the new NET Office with Code Compliance; will continue outreach regarding litter, garbage, and hurricane events near Mercy Hospital. For more information, please call (Cell) 305-606-7341 or (Office) 305-960-4670.
- Kathy Parks: Is there a NET person on-call during the weekends? There is a vacant house near me of concern. Perhaps a tour of the Grove with the Director and/or Manager is needed.
- Thaddeus Scott: When the infrastructure in Village West start?

V. Discussion Items

A. By-Laws Change (Member Addition & Quorum)

- Administrative Meeting recommended a 9th member. We must have two Readings. Motion to have 9 members on the Council was Seconded with a unanimous vote with the First Reading. The Second Reading will take place at our next meeting. Note: Kate Callahan and Raymond Fort voted “Yes” for this change.

B. Adding “Communication Director” to By-Laws

- Also add: Communications Director to the By-Laws.
- Seth Sklarey: Perhaps we may consider an outside professional; PR person.
- Javier Gonzalez: No need to have “Director” position in the By-Laws.
- Steven Dloogoff: Appointment.
- Javier Gonzalez: Raymond Fort has already volunteered.

C. Chang of Venue (City Hall) & Date

- Javier Gonzalez: Kate Callahan is still checking to confirm 3rd Friday at City Hall. Time TBA.

VI. Old Business

A. Grove 2030 Member Commitment

- Javier Gonzalez: Discussion is to be more active. There are five components:
Housing (Thaddeus Scott, Raymond Fort, Linda Williams);
Civic/Culture (Kate Callahan, Ruth Ewing);
Parks (Ruth Ewing);
Commercial (Steven Dloogoff, Linda Williams, Raymond Fort)
Transportation (Seth Sklarley)
 Note: Javier Gonzalez excused himself in that he on the Advisory Board.

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VII. New Business

Operating Budget

- Javier Gonzalez: Presented a draft of the 2017 Budget. Accounting is in Quick Books.

Added Item - Trolley Barn Issue

- Steven Dloogoff: We don't want the City of Miami to purchase the Trolley Barn. There are major concerns... operating, programming, parking, etc.

- Javier Gonzalez: We are willing to serve - to report...

- Seth Sklarey: The lot behind the Tiki building is ideal for parking. Is the asking price vs. assessment room for negotiation?

- Thaddeus Scott: Developer and Coral Gables have eaten crow for the trolley barn in Village West. The City of Miami got away so clean – they have to rectify their part due to disrespect. The community should be allowed the opportunity to decide what's to be there.

- Javier Gonzalez: Village Council is there for transparency so that the residents have their say.

- City Rep: This property means something to this community; commitment to the community; everyone with an idea will have an opportunity to speak and we will consider the best proposal.

- Javier Gonzalez: What happened to the CHI funding?

- City Rep: Funding didn't come from the County.

- Van Waiters: Village Council should not be in leadership of this initiative.

- Javier Gonzalez: Our job (Village Council) is to be supportive (to the community).

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was seconded with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Humbly submitted by:

Linda Williams

Councilwoman Linda Williams
Secretary, Coconut Grove Village Council