

HCCA February 2011 Membership Meeting at City of Hollywood Main Police Station, February 21, 2011

Call to Order, 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions and Attendance

- Terry Cantrell- Hollywood Lakes Civic Association
- Sara Case- Hollywood Lakes Civic Association
- Cliff Germano- North Central Civic Association
- Lawrence E. Shafer-Boulevard Heights Neighborhood Association
- Bill Cannizzaro -Park East Civic Association
- Pete Brewer- North Central Civic Association
- Mel Pollak- Hollywood Hills
- Jim Carver, Driftwood Civic Association
- Jean Morford, Lawn Acres Civic Association
- Donna O'Keefe, Lawn Acres Civic Association
- Steve Welsch, Hollywood North Beach Association
- Andre Brown, United Neighbors of South Hollywood
- Helen Chervin, United Neighbors of South Hollywood
- County Mayor Sue Gunzburger
- Eric Rosenberg, County Mayor's assistant

President Case announced that the Neighborhoods Forum, to be co-sponsored by HCCA and the city's Department of Community Development was set for March 31, 2011 from 5:30 PM to 8:30PM at the Fred Lippman Community Center. She said that planning meetings were now being held. Cliff Germano mentioned the first meeting established the objectives would be letting new officers know how to work with the city and how strengthen neighborhood associations. There would probably be a second city-wide forum about three months later.

Cliff also mentioned Raeline Storey was directed by the City Manager to develop solutions for the city to work with the neighborhood associations. She would have to determine what is important and develop training for department heads. Mel Pollak asked whether funds had been set aside to accomplish this. It was not clear where the money would be coming from.

Andre Brown complained that without notice to his neighborhood association the City had dismantled some walls. He asserted that the City said the neighborhood association had requested it when, in fact, it had not.

Sara Case mentioned the next planning session for the neighborhood forum would take place the coming Friday at 3PM.

First order of business, after announcements, was discussion of the water billing problem

It was commented that a combination of the City's five tiered water billing policy, the failure of the metropolitan Wi-Fi system, and new computer software contributed to the current billing dilemma. Although some had thought delinquent condos were receiving preferential treatment, Sara Case said she had learned that same interest as residential owners are assessed was applied to condos as well. The only difference is that the Health Dept. will not allow water shut-off in large multi-family buildings. Pete Brewer at least 21 condo associations had not paid for a year and owed the City more than a

million dollars. Terry Cantrell mentioned the results of Hollywood Hills' water billing problem survey he had conducted in his neighborhood. Out of 54 respondents, 6 complained about the cost of water and 48 had serious problems with the attitude of the water department's personnel. Bill Cannizzaro said the personnel were private employees. Mel Pollak suggested setting aside days so neighborhood association personnel could meet with water department heads. Steve Welsch proposed the Council draft a letter to the water department detailing the situation and requesting a response within 30 days. Sara Case said she would try to get an appointment with the city manager and after that we could decide whether it was necessary to go to the commission.

Broward County Mayor, Sue Gunzburger, said the state and federal unfunded mandates were a major concern for the County. Broward County is a donor county to the State's financing, paying into it much more than it receives. She spoke highly of the likelihood of Miami-Dade county attorney Joni Armstrong Coffey's becoming the next County Attorney. She was on the short-list of three candidates for the position. Sue said that the fair districting amendment affects only the state and federal districts; municipal government remains unaffected. She also stated that state funds were now available for the Pembroke Road to Stirling stretch of State Road 7.

Cliff Germano mentioned that the City of Miramar residents are to be paying much less per residential trash pickup than City of Hollywood residents. Pete Brewer mentioned a [Miami Herald](#) article which gives details of a Waste Pro contract much more favorable to Miramar than the current contract Hollywood has. Steve Welsch proposed a resolution seconded by Mel Pollak that the Council recommend the City of Hollywood renegotiate its Waste Pro contract to obtain terms similar to the City of Miramar's contract. This resolution passed. Sara Case asked if Mayor Gunzburger could get a copy of the Miramar contract for us so we could see exactly what they had negotiated. Eric Rosenberg was delegated to do this.

Pete Brewer commented that only Publix and Winn Dixie coupons from the City's recycling rewards program were useful. He suggested the rewards being considered a credit to the households waste removal bill. Others pointed out that the available coupons come from merchants willing to donate them, not from the city.

At 9:00 P.M., the Council adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Shafer, HCCA Corresponding Secretary
(for Maria Jackson, Recording Secretary, who was absent)