

The HCCA general meeting was called to order @ 7:05 on Monday, March 20, 2006, by President, Chuck Vollman.

President Vollman reported that Commissioner Fran Russo was contacted twice for information re: FPL rerouting lines that cannot be buried on other streets. She was invited to this meeting, Both attempts to communicate were ignored. We will try again.

Minutes were read by Bunny Mestel in Cynthia Eason's absence. Accepted with following corrections: the city does have a nuisance board; we requested a quasi judicial board.

Pat Smith gave the treasurer's report. Account had \$496.30 as of February meeting. As of Friday, March 17, 2006, the bank balance was \$606.59. Report accepted subject to audit.

Fire Chief Virgil Fernandez answered questions re: fire department. He explained what components make up a class 1 dept. Statement was made that insurance companies may use this designation to lower rates. Chief Fernandez did not know how much impact this designation actually has on rates. Components include water supply, pre hospital instructions and handling time for emergency calls. Response time is broken down into primary and secondary unit arrivals. Training also impacts on classification, including handling of hazardous materials. Pete Brewer questioned CRA paying taxes. A short discussion ensued; it was stated that 90% of the firemen do not live in Hollywood, (including Chief Fernandez), because they cannot afford to live in the city. Plans are in the works to move a fire station to Grant Street, which the CRA is paying for. Monies need to be raised for a new aerial truck for taller buildings. Chief Fernandez said that people in higher buildings are asked to remain in their buildings unless the fire dept instructs them to leave. NFPA safety features are incorporated into new buildings. There is discussion underway about a new regional training facility which will be used by Hollywood and other neighboring departments. There are no monies set aside to buy buildings or equipment in the future. The city has \$5 million in an "improvement plan." Fire trucks last 7 years and are put in reserve for 3 years, constituting a 10 year limit. This is an accounting procedure based on equipment aging. Ladder trucks last 20 years. Water squirters last 15-20 years. We have 223 sworn fire fighters. 13 are supervisory personnel. Because 90% of our firefighters live outside the city, it is difficult to get raises approved. Chief Fernandez advised us that starting salary is \$37 thousand. It is difficult to find homes within the city on that salary.

Joel Cantor discussed nuisance abatement. We were advised that Hollywood has a nuisance abatement board which has been active for 8-9 years. Several sites have been targeted. Johnson street is improving its property. The Dolphin Inn on S. Federal Highway has come into compliance, also 1511 S. 24th Ct. and Iris Motel on Dewey street. The laws protect property owners. If they do not

correct situations, the property can be shut down for up to 12 months. The laws move on major offenses only, consisting of prostitution and gang related offenses. Meetings can be viewed or minutes read. Mel. Pollak asked about the city code as opposed to the state code. Asa Boynton informed us that he has been in touch with Sarasota, Jacksonville, etc.,. They operate much faster under the same state statutes than we do. Mr. Cantor stated that our goal is compliance. Re: forfeiture, in certain cases when the property owner is pursued and no action taken, the property can be permanently taken over. Property owners have 10 days to 2 weeks notice to make a good response, and no longer than one month. President Vollman said that people pitched in making repairs in order to help neighbors.

County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger spoke about the impact of the proposed Gulfstream Activity Center. U.S. 1, Hallandale Beach Blvd. and A1A will have 30 thousand more cars on the road. Aventura has successfully negotiated to have no entrance or exit. There are 1500 condos planned, 1 million square feet of retail space including restaurants, 300 thousand square feet of office space, 500 hotel rooms, a theater with 3500-5000 seats, and 1500 slots at the race track running 16 hours daily. Hallandale Beach boulevard cannot be widened. Commissioner Gunzburger urged us to attend the April 25 meeting of the Broward County Commission to protest these plans. She needs support to secure a viable result for her constituents. Sheridan Village was also discussed. The original number of units has increased from 248-1600.

City certification of associations was tabled. Commissioner Oliveri will attend our May meeting to discuss this subject.

President Vollman talked about the HCCA website. We can afford free linkup for associations to run their own web pages. He urged associations to get a webmaster; it is a good way to reach people and increase membership.

Mel Pollack reported on the Technical Advisory Committee meeting where builders and developers present plans. He described the process whereby approval of plans is denied for cause, i.e. being in violation of code. Permits cannot be issued until violations are remedied. 1255 Pierce street, 2430-32 Polk street, Sheridan Village and Radius projects were mentioned.

Andre Brown warned that we are neglecting our water/sewer pipes and there will be problems with water as we continue to build.

An objection was voiced by delegate Pete Brewer to a show at the Art & Culture Center. Chuck stressed that we have a protocol which must be followed on every issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Mestel