

Hollywood Council of Civic Associations, Inc.

Minutes

September 20, 2004

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6:45 PM Refreshments provided by Sun-Sentinel

7:10 PM **DISCUSSION WITH SUN-SENTINEL STAFF**

President Case called the meeting to order and turned it over to John Chase, Community News Editor of the Sun-Sentinel, who chaired a group conversation that lasted about an hour. He stated that the newspaper wanted to learn of neighborhood concerns

Present from the Sun-Sentinel: John Chase, C.Ron-Allen, Ruben Cueto, and others. Present from the neighborhood associations: Allen Stieb, Cynthia Greene Eason, Harold Levine, Richard Miller, Charles Pepin, Herb and Barbara Gauch, Artie and Maria Heim, Ann Murray, Terry and Lynn Cantrell, Leslee Gibbs, Suzanne Kincaid. Alison Murray, Steve Shagoury, Marla Dumas, Ellen Mata, Pete Brewer Ted Rosz, Christie DeMinicoLorie and Wayne Schreier, Charlotte Greenbarg, Chuck Vollman, Will Watman, Diana Pittarelli, Pat Smith, and Sara Case.

Mr. Chase took copious notes on all concerns raised (including growth and development, crime and drugs, how to get our association meeting notices published in the paper, how the paper could help publicize the associations, the role of the press, CRAs negative impact on neighborhoods located outside CRA boundaries, and insufficient attention of CRAs to the residential neighborhoods within their boundaries - with the exception of Royal Poinciana Civic Association which reported many benefits to that neighborhood from the CRA.) Mr. Pepin asked whether the Sun-Sentinel could sponsor round-table discussions with the Commissioners and neighborhood people. Ms. Case asked whether the Sun-Sentinel would do a series of stories, featuring a different neighborhood association each time. Sun-Sentinel staff said they would have to process all they had heard and work within the newspaper bureaucracy in order to determine how they might best respond.

RECOGNITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS:

President Case called the regular HCCA meeting to order at 8:20 PM First agenda item was to determine HCCA position on Commissioner Oliveri's proposal to set rules for City Commission recognition of neighborhood associations. Position taken: organization should have bylaws, elected officials, and meetings open to the public in order to receive City Commission recognition.. Commission recognition was sufficient; there should be no certification or registration of associations. This position was agreed to by: The Alliance, Hollywood Hills, Driftwood, United Neighbors, HLSCA, Park East, and North Central. Steve Shagoury said he would take the matter to next meeting of Boulevard Heights to determine whether that organization agreed.

POST-HURRICANE BRUSH/HARD JUNK/TRASH PICK-UP

Driftwood Civic Association had asked HCCA to sign on to a petition it had circulated calling for improvements in post-hurricane pick-up. After discussion indicating a variety of problems in many neighborhoods, Ms. Case offered to draft a statement after the meeting and circulate to all for approval prior to sending to the city. [This was subsequently done and President Ken Crawford sent the attached letter to the city.]

RAC Expansion

Because of the limitations of time, this subject was postponed until the October meeting.

Election of Officers

Elections were held with the following result:

President – Ken Crawford (United Neighbors)

Vice President – Chuck Vollman (Park East)

Secretary – Sara Case (Lakes)

Treasurer – Patricia Smith (Driftwood)

Ms. Case turned the meeting over to President Crawford.

Raffle Drawing

Pat Smith won the raffle, a weekend at the DeSoto Inn on Hollywood North Beach being the prize.

Upon a motion by Alan Stieb, seconded by Sara Case, President Crawford adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Case, Secretary

Attachment: President Crawford's letter to City Commission on Post-Hurricane Clean-Up

COPY OF E-MAIL SENT TO THE Mayor and Commissioners, with a copy to Cameron Benson

September 22, 2004

RE: Trash and Brush

Dear Mayor Guilianti, Vice-Mayor Furr, and City Commissioners:

The Hollywood Council of Civic Association fully supports the petition of the "Disappointed and Disillusioned Driftwood Citizens" on the subject of post-Frances Brush Pick-Up. The experiences of Driftwood residents are similar to those in many other parts of the City.

The Hollywood Council of Civic Associations is concerned by the lack of adequate trash, brush and hard junk pick-up in connection with the hurricane. Some neighborhoods are still waiting for pick-up, and with brush and junk piled up in the streets, entire neighborhoods are degraded. Had the hurricane actually struck closer to Hollywood, we would have been in deep trouble.

Adequate communication was non-existent. Citizens were advised to place trash cans in front of the house, but many never got the message. The trash trucks were driving down both alleys and streets, trying to reach all the cans. This situation caused a great deal of confusion and extra work on the part of the trash trucks.

Hurricane Frances was a "heads up" and a real dress rehearsal for the city and its residents. Let's fix the mistakes, refine the existing emergency plan, and all be on the same page so we can help the citizens of this city the next time.

We would like to invite an appropriate representative of the city to attend the October 18 meeting of HCCA in order to brief us on the city's emergency plan as well as any changes contemplated, so that we may inform our member associations. That way, we will all be better prepared another time.

Sincerely,

Ken Crawford, President
HCCA