

WATERFORD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2005

Notice of the meeting was hand delivered to the homes in the development.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and directed by Barbara Conrey.

Board of Directors in attendance: President - Barbara Conrey, Vice President - Nicole Goldstein, Treasurer - Keefe Guy, Secretary - Denise Bogner, Director - Al Santana, Director.

Kathy Combs, Broward Sheriff Department talked about Deerfield's Neighborhood watch program. The neighborhood is divided in grids with block captains assigned. If something unusual is noticed BSO is to be contacted and a telephone chain is started to alert the community. Residents can keep BSO updated on any incidents as they are occurring, such as what direction a suspicious person is going in the area. Kathy also advised there is good information on the web site for homeland security at www.ready.gov.

Barbara Conrey passed out a form for each resident to complete and keep at home to list the home owner and their phone number on the 4 sides of your home so that calls can be made if something is happening in the area. She also included a plan of the addresses in the development.

An announcement was read from Nicole Goldstein, Director, that she has organized a Neighborhood day at the ball park on July 13 for the Marlins vs. Cubs game on July 10th. Special price for tickets are available and interested residents can purchase by telephone.

Announcements were also made about the upcoming fund raiser for PAL (Police Athletic League) and the educational programs that are offered in the City. Beach Blow Out is scheduled for May 19 – 21.

There is a COPS (Citizens on Patrol) training coming up in Pompano. People interested can contact Kathy Combs for details.

Chef Reffert, Broward Sheriff Office, talked about the Organization of American States World Trade meeting being held in Ft. Lauderdale in June and the areas of concern during this conference. He reported there had been a caravan stolen in Waterford and a motorcycle stolen in Crystal Lake and the police believe the crimes are related in that the motorcycle was put in the van to be driven away. The police arrested and charged a person with 2 counts relating to car break-ins that happened in November. One person was charged in home burglary. He talked about the fact that in many cases traffic problems in a neighborhood relate to the number of vehicles on the streets more than excessive speed of the vehicles.

Burgess Hansen, Assistant to the City Manager, and Dennis Girisgen, Assistant City Engineer, talked about traffic calming in the City of Deerfield. The City Commission is meeting on May 3rd to decide on guidelines that need to be followed when areas are requesting traffic calming in their neighborhood. They explained about the new style of speed cushions that has a gradual rise and fall with a flat top that is easier to drive over and fire trucks can go over with less problems than other styles. They stated that no new requests are being accepted at this time until the guidelines are in place which may include the area needing letters signed by 67% of the homeowners requesting traffic calming. It was noted that an emergency traffic route can not have traffic calming installed and SW 24th Avenue also may not qualify for them because of the business access from this street. Once the Commission has the guidelines in place the neighborhood can ask for the City's suggestions.

There was a discussion on certain signs, such as Slow Children at Play, give a false sense of security to the area. Broward County is responsible for installing signs and their current policy is not to install them and the area can not install their own signs.

The letter from James Wolfe, Director of Transportation Operations, was read about a turn lane being installed on east bound SW 10th street at SW 24th Avenue and no left turn onto SW 10th Street from SW 28th Avenue. This traffic will have to turn right onto SW 10th St. and move into the far left lane where a u-turn lane will be installed. The Board of Directors met with Mayor Al Capellini in March and he sent a letter stating the SW 28th idea is not acceptable to residents in Waterford Homes.

The current status of the Fly Over on SW 10th St. was discussed in that the Mayor does not want this for our area. Commissioner Gonot is now on the Metropolitan Planning Organization who prioritizes where State and Federal funding is spent on a 20 year plan. They have a plan for the next 5 years which does not include the fly over but this needs to be monitored.

Mayor Capellini had the neighborhood inspected for problems in the sidewalks which can be trip and fall hazards. There is a map of the areas to be repaired; owners should check to be sure problems near their homes are included on the map.

There is a list for interested homeowners wanting tree trimming. A company has offered discounts to residents provided the trees are all trimmed at the same time.

A homeowner from the townhouses stated she is concerned about the number of aircraft flying in the area and asked if anyone was also concerned about this to contact her.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Bogner.

