

Council of Area Chairs Meeting

August 11, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Roslyn Nehls. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Charlie Parness moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Bill Goddard seconded. There were no changes/additions to the minutes and they were approved as submitted.

City of Deerfield Beach Recycling

Cheryl Miller, Recycling Specialist with the City Deerfield Beach Recycling Department and Mario Reboa, Solid Waste and Recycling Supervisor

Ms. Miller spoke to CVE residents about the recycling program in the City of Deerfield Beach. Residents were asked not to place any plastic bags or garbage in the recycling dumpsters or carts. Newspapers and corrugated cardboard should be placed in the big blue dumpsters only. In the recycling carts residents can place aluminum cans, steel/tin cans, drink & juice boxes, plastic bottles, glass bottles, jars, magazines, junk mail, cereal, tissue, pizza and shoe boxes and soft cover books. All recyclable containers should be rinsed before putting them in the bins. Broward County has funded a pilot program using bags and containers that can be used to carry recyclable items to the large dumpsters. Ms. Miller also spoke of the dumpster holder that East Coast has made for several of the buildings. This solution is a wooden frame with a chain to secure the recyclable bins from blowing over in storms.

Jules Kesselman: The City workers do not replace the chains after emptying the bins.

Mario Reboa: We will make sure that the workers replace the chains.

Roslyn Nehls: Can you put a large sign on the bins stating “No Plastic Bags”?

Mario Reboa: Yes, we can do that.

Beverly Chase: There are many snowbirds here; will the bags/baskets be available in December when they return?

Cheryl Miller: They are available on a first come first serve basis as we were only given 200 of them to hand out. In order for residents that are here now to receive a bag or box, I would need a list of names, addresses and phone numbers.

Basil Hales: What damage does it cause to the air by not using recyclable containers?

Cheryl Miller: Deerfield Beach does not contribute to the landfill except for special glass which does not disintegrate. Non recyclable items go to the waste energy plant where everything is burned and creates energy for about 75,000 homes.

Basil Hales: Do the plastic bags get burned up and does that damage the air? Yes, they do get burned and there are tiny emissions that are released; it is heavily regulated by state and federal law so it is clean energy that is released.

Joe Rudnick: Can COOCVE or MM look into providing the restraints for the recycle bins to all the buildings?

Charlie Parness: This is a good idea and is a building request. COOCVE will look into getting the information to the building associations.

Security – Sam Jadoo

Sam Jadoo mentioned that there was nothing to report at this time in the Village.

Naomi Redisch: Did you catch the laundry room robber?

Sam Jadoo: Yes, he was apprehended. He confessed to the car break-ins. He did not confess to the laundry room break-ins but after he was caught everything stopped so we assume he was doing both.

Norm Kaplan: Last week, outside the Ashby pool a young person on a bicycle was picked up by security and three sheriff's cars – what happened?

Sam Jadoo: He rode through the main gate and the security guards stopped and questioned him. Security called police and a warrant had been out for his arrest.

Master Management – Anthony Bock

Spoke about the changes that have recently been made to MM – Al Smith being hired as an Executive Director and AJ as the Business Manager. Mr. Bock mentioned they are working on the trolley stops as well as the irrigation system. He told residents that if they want to know specifics about something they have heard in the Village, to call MM to get further information. Mr. Bock can be reached at 954-818-9818.

Basil Hales: Why are they replacing the sod at the Tilford pool?

AJ Bock: The Tilford pool area did not look good and when Seacrest replaced the sod at the Activity Center and LeClub, they laid the sod at the Tilford pool at no extra cost.

Cecile Baskin: Did you receive the code books that I had asked you about?

AJ Bock: No, we ordered a set for the office.

Cecile Baskin: In the last two years, we have had a \$26 increase in the MM coupon, have they made a decision whether or not there will be an increase?

AJ Bock: MM has not looked at that yet.

Cecile Baskin: Can you look at the bench in front of the main clubhouse as it is in need of replacement?

AJ Bock: If it is not a bus stop, it belongs to the property.

Nancy Giordano: If that is CenDeer property, we will look at the bench.

Rhonda Pittone: Why do we only get 15 minutes of watering once a week?

AJ Bock: The watering system we currently have is not capable of watering the Village the way it should be watered. Currently each area gets a full watering front and back only one time. We can only water between the hours of 4 p.m. and 12midnight.

Naomi Redisch: If an inspector comes into your home, can they require you to replace windows which are not hurricane proof, even though they were there prior to purchasing the home?

AJ Bock: Yes, you as an owner are responsible for your home and the inspector will make sure that you are up to code.

Jules Kesselman: Do we need to have a permit on the recycling restraints.

AJ Bock: It is up to the building official.

Roslyn Nehls: Why can't we get rid of all the dead trees no matter whose property they are on?

AJ Bock: We are currently working on the trimming and removing all the dead trees.

Roslyn Nehls: There was a petition for J&J – what happened to the petition that had hundreds of names on it?

AJ Bock: You will need to speak to the Transportation Committee.

AJ Bock: If you are looking to remodel your home, get a contract and before you sign it, I will be happy to review the contract with you to make sure you are getting what you contracted for. I will not tell you who to use and if the price is good, but I will let you know if you meet code and if a permit is required.

Jack Kornfield: Is MM offering your services as an expert consultant in the Village on construction issues?

AJ Bock: No, they are not. I am doing it on my personal time.

Beverly Chase: Recently our building received a letter from the elevator company, Thyssen Krupp, about installing a new shut off valve under the elevator.

AJ Bock: He didn't know anything about the letter but would look at it after the meeting.

East Coast Maintenance - James Quintano

Two months ago, East Coast was asked about securing the trash and recycling bins. East Coast came up with a solution and is offering to build restraints that you saw in the photos here this morning. The restraints can be made out of wood or metal and secured with a chain to hold the bins in place. The price ranges from \$250-\$300 depending on the material used. If we get more than one order at a time, East Coast can work on the price, as the material can be bought in bulk. If you are interested in the bin restraints, you can call Mr. Quintano at 754-368-5544 (cell) or 954-428-7015 (office). Mr. Quintano introduced his father and founder of East Coast, Patrick Quintano.

Seacrest Services Steve Kittredge

This month we have removed seven truckloads of material from the recent storm cleanup. Budget and annual meetings are well underway. American Coastal does not expect any increases at this time but Citizens has been approved by law to raise rates by 10%.

Irrigation sign-up sheets were put up in all the buildings.

Jack Kornfield: Asked if the irrigation sign-up sheets can be compiled on one sheet?

Steve Kittredge: Yes, we can do that.

Norm Kaplan: Recently received his policy from Citizens and the premiums did not go up.

Rhonda Pittonne: Seacrest workers continue to take the big tractors across Newport's property even though they do not take care of it.

Steve Kittredge: We will explain to them that you do not want them on your property.

Beverly Chase: Very happy with the job Seacrest is doing for us, but, when the lawn is mowed near the lake at Cambridge D, can the workers refrain from blowing the clippings into the lake?

Steve Kittredge: Yes, we will do that.

Roslyn Nehls: Two weeks ago, the grass was cut at Lyndhurst M and it turned brown, as we had no water from the sprinklers.

Seacrest: There was a recent water main break on the main line and there was no water to any of the buildings.

Steve Kittredge: Going forward we will do a better job communicating to the residents when there is a major break like that.

Naomi Redisch: Is it in the contract to power-wash the buildings?

Seacrest: Yes, they are done once a year.

Beverly Chase: The hedges are being cut too low in Cambridge D.

Steve Kittredge: We will look into it.

Fred Sherman: Ventnor Q gets watered on a Wednesday, and we were missed twice last month.

Steve Kittredge: We will look into it.

Roslyn Nehls: Yesterday, Dan Cruise spoke about ficus and white fly and he was wrong. Ficus is a tree and it is not supposed to be a hedge. Fertilizing is not helping.

Al Schacter: During the recent storm, one of our small trees fell over in Oakridge U. The tree was picked up, tied and Seacrest was called. Within the hour Seacrest was there fixing the tree and another one that was knocked down. Mr. Schacter thanked Seacrest for their work and quick response.

Jules Kesselman: We also had a tree that came down and within two hours, Seacrest was there to put the tree back up.

Fay Adams: After a rainstorm the water backs up to the catwalk. Can the workers clear the drains in Ventnor B?

Steve Kittredge: Yes, we will do that.

COOCVE – Charlie Parness

Charlie Parness recently spoke with the Vice President of Upminster M regarding the red truck cab parked on the property. The VP will speak to the owner of the vehicle. An e-mail was also sent to Andre Vautrin alerting him of the situation so that the cab will be stopped at the gate and not permitted in the Village. Mr. Parness spoke about the eye sore at Century Real Estate and has contacted code enforcement about the situation. Jules Kesselman had suggested a letter be sent out regarding the COOCVE dues. In the *Reporter*, under the Presidents report, the dues are discussed advising individuals that the COOCVE dues are due as in prior years, so a letter may not be required.

Recreation Committee - Nancy Giordano

Recreation held their monthly meeting on August 10. The advanced season ticket process has started and it is on a first come, first serve basis. La Cage Aux Folles has been replaced by Cabaret. Channel 99 has a new look and evening and Saturday athletic classes will be starting in September. The indoor pool will be having a grand-reopening at the end of the month. Once the indoor pool is opened, the main outdoor pool will be closed for about six to eight weeks for renovations. Maintenance on the pools at Lyndhurst and Grantham will be complete and Berkshire will be next. Lyndhurst North renovations at the pool house are almost complete. The awning at the old bus depot has been approved and will be completed within the next three weeks. We have been having issues with the flag at the real estate office and we are currently looking into the proper procedures for this. Congressman Ted Deutch is going to have a traveling office in the Clubhouse. An assistant from the congressional office will be available to meet with the residents on the last Friday of every month from 10a.m. to 12 noon in the Recreation office. They will be here to assist you with issues pertaining to Medicare, Social Security, Immigration, and Veterans' Affairs or any other issues you may have. We are also trying to have someone come into the village from the building department to assist residents with the permitting process. Ms. Giordano spoke about the issuance of guest ID's in the Village. Every building is issuing ID's differently and we need to have a standard policy. Everyone who comes into the Village needs to have an ID and the forms need to be completed by the Building and the BOD in the building. Ms. Giordano stated that she will be speaking to MM and COOCVE to set up a standard procedure for this.

Alan Schacter: We were having the same issue in our building and the BOD has recently made a policy. The policy consists of a form that was mailed to every owner in the building stating that if anyone stays in the apartment while they are not there, a form is filled out and sent in prior to the guest arriving and all guests must check in with the Building President.

Nancy Giordano: Yes, we all need to do that and follow it.

Fay Adams: I would suggest that all cell phones be part of their ID record.

Roslyn Nehls: Area Chairs should know in advance what is being done in their respective areas so that they could inform residents on the work being done.

Nancy Giordano: The notice was up two weeks prior to the work being done at the Lyndhurst pool. Going forward we will put on the notice exactly what is being done.

Louis Herring – Quality Transportation

Louis Herring reminded residents that if they have any complaints to provide him with as much information as possible including the time, date and bus number. You can reach Mr. Herring at 954-791-2505 (office) or 954-695-7777 (cell).

Roslyn Nehls: Mentioned that the seats are torn on Bus #14.

Rhonda Pittone: Why do the air conditioners on the buses break down so often?

Louis Herring: If the air conditioner breaks down, the drivers are requested to take a standby bus – there are always two to three back-up buses.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Contracts Committee is having a meeting on August 19 at 11:00a.m. in the Activity Center. A speaker from Continental Management Services will be at the meeting.

A motion was made at 11:05 a.m.to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Roslyn Nehls