

Minutes from 05/04/09 CLNA meeting

In attendance for meeting:

Jason Diviki, James McGee, Brian Overcast, Andy Smith, Rich Wall, Nancy Wall, Gary Crosby, Mike Flanagan and Rick Giglio

Upon motion from Brian Overcast, the 04/06/09-CLNA meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report

\$119.00 was spent at Twiggs and Leaves for plants for the Lake Project. \$3,290.00 is the treasurer's balance

Membership Report

There are 87 paid members through April 2009

CONA Meeting Report

The most recent CONA meeting was devoted entirely to the Paris Whitehead shooting and very little was accomplished, due to varying opinions.

Lake Project Update

23 people participated in the most recent Crescent Lake clean-up project. The work day focused on the North end of the Lake, where invasive plants were removed and new plants, including beauty berries, wax myrtles and fire bushes were planted.

Additionally, the City Parks Department has agreed to take care of the Water Goats. Gary Crosby mentioned that people have said positive things about the observation area and that some have suggested shade trees for cover over the benches. Gary Crosby suggested the concept of "adopt a tree" and the board was positive. Crosby suggested planting Cassia trees and perhaps mentioning this idea at the General Meeting.

Crime

Rich Wall's truck was recently broken into. The perpetrators appeared to have popped the lock. A deterrent video camera behind the McGee house was destroyed recently. Kids were suspected, as there was gum struck to the wall.

Banyan Tree Preservation

Mike Flanagan has spearheaded a preservation effort of the Banyan Tree on the southeast side of the Lake. He has commitments from Foot lick, Vineyard and Olive with the City (all are arborists) to work on a plan to preserve the tree. The plan will be developed by Mike Phillips and some of the early ideas include fencing the tree, building up the soil around the tree and fertilization. Local companies have committed to donations and Mike Phillips should have a preliminary plan to present at the 05/18/09-General Meeting.

Rays Ticket Winners

A discussion was had about the presentation of the winners of the drawing to be announced at the 05/18/09-General Meeting. Mike Flanagan will speak with Councilmember Curran about the 10/02/09-Rays v. Yankees game.

New Business

Membership Drive

A discussion was held regarding the Mike Flanagan's idea of "block captains" to champion additional membership in the future. Jason Diviki suggested that the block captain concept could segue into a potential future neighborhood watch type program. Brian Overcast discussed direct mailing for increased membership and the concept of specific projects was also mentioned as a way to increase interest and potential membership in the future.

Luminary Walk

This project was briefly discussed, but the discussion was tabled, as Julie Simmons was not available to discuss any new developments.

Common Effort Meeting

Gary Crosby mentioned a recent discussion with a member of the Crescent Heights neighborhood association regarding their meeting place at Sunken Gardens. The concept of a future joint meeting between several associations at this location was discussed. Rick Giglio has a contact at this facility that he will talk to.

Neck Outs

This subject came up and was discussed once again. Nancy and Rich Wall will serve as contact people for this safety issue. People with opinions on this matter will be encouraged to issue their opinions to the Walls for discussion and potential vote at the 05/18/09-General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.