

Dixieland Neighborhood Association (DNA) Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Our Neighborhood Liaison Officer James Henry briefly introduced himself and left his business cards. John Hayne, representing the FI Presperterian Homes (FPH), was introduced and gave a presentation on future plans for the FPH. The projects put forth that would have the most impact on the neighborhood would be the purchase and demolition of the Historic Cannon Street Apartment complex, and the move of the McCabe House to make room for new offices for the FPH. John answered questions at the end of his presentation.

Jim Studiale, Director of Community Development for the City of Lakeland gave a response against certain parts of the FPH plans, including the purchase and destruction of the apartments, and tried to clarify the FPH boundaries as agreed upon by the City. Residents were given the opportunity to express concerns and to ask questions of both the FPH and City of Lakeland representatives.

At the end of the meeting, DNA President, Mary Smith, read the official response letter expressing the disapproval of the Dixieland Neighborhood Association of further encroachment of the Institution of the FI Presperterian Homes into the Dixieland Neighborhood Historic District, including the reasons. The response letter will also be posted on the DNA Google Group website. (DNAResponsetoFPH\_May2010 .PDF)