



Meeting Minutes - September 11, 2007

Submitted by Lucile M. Keith, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association was held on September 11, 2007, at the Forest Hills Community Center. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were present. Being a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report:

The Minutes of the May 8, 2007 General Meeting, submitted by Lucile Keith, were read by the members. Fred Hueting made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion was seconded and carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report:

Members reviewed a financial status report submitted by Bob Freeland. Fred Fels made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was seconded and carried unopposed.

Unfinished Business:

President Matson introduced Jeanette Baker, of the Tampa Sports Authority, who gave a status report on the matter of wet-zoning for the Babe Zaharias Golf Course. She advised that the next step in the process is to place "good neighbor" signs around the course in addition to "good neighbor" letters that will be sent to all households in the Forest Hills neighborhood on or about October 18, 2007.

Program: Hillsborough County Property Appraiser Rob Turner and Chief Deputy Appraiser Warren Weathers gave a presentation on the property appraisal and property tax process, addressed the current property tax crises, and strongly urged residents to attend upcoming hearings regarding reducing mileage rates, etc. that effect property tax rates. In addition, Mr. Turner explained the Homestead Exemption and the proposed revision to the Florida Constitution regarding the "super homestead exemption." Before bringing their presentation to a close, Mr. Turner and Mr. Weathers took questions from the general assembly.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Code Enforcement/Crime Watch –Jerry Keith gave a brief report on the latest crime and code enforcement statistics for Forest Hills. Mr. Keith advised residents of the importance of being watchful and contacting the police department if they suspect anything strange or unusual is going on in their yard, the yards of their neighbors yards, or anywhere else in the neighborhood.

Golf Course Committee – President Matson read a letter to the Association from Pat Austin, who has relocated out of state.

Election Committee – Mary Mooney explained the election and balloting process to be followed for the election of officers during the meeting. Ms. introduced the slate of candidates and the floor was then opened to nominations for additional candidates. Cheri Spray was nominated from the floor for the position of Secretary. Equal time was allotted for each candidate to state their qualifications for the offices for which they had been nominated. The ballots were cast and the results are as follows:

President:	Jesse Brown
Vice President	Debra McCormack
Secretary	Chuck Segal
Treasurer	Bob Freeland
Quadrant Leaders:	Fred Hueting
	Monte Belotte
	Mary Mooney
	Don Alexander
	Sarah Minahan

No other committee reports were given.

New Business:

Jack Chucho, the Code Enforcement Officer for Forest Hills, was introduced by President Matson. Mr. Chucho announced that he has been reassigned. As a result, Mr. Stewart Runyan will be returning to Forest Hills as the area inspector. Mr. Chucho also addressed the matter of the vacant house on Cliff Circle, advising that the City will abate the property and that the City will continue to maintain it until someone acquires the property.

President Matson recognized the presence of Lt. Steve LaTorrie, representing District 2 of the Tampa Police Department.

Jerry Keith awarded the Chef's Trophy for the best covered dish of the night to Esther Welch.

Fred Hueting announced that Brian McEwen, on W. Elbow Drive, is the new Yard of the Month recipient.

Other:

A plan to relocate the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association general meetings to a church recreation hall on Armenia Ave. was introduced by President Matson. Monte Belotte made a point of order, questioning why the meetings were being moved to a new location without the general membership having had an opportunity to discuss and vote upon the proposed change. The floor was opened for discussion on the subject. Following a brief discussion by members, Mr. Belotte made a motion to keep the meetings at the present location. The motion was seconded and carried by vote. Association meetings will continue to be held at the Forest Hills Recreational Center.

President Matson advised that the next regular meeting of the FHNA is to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at the Forest Hills Recreational Center.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.