

MINUTES DICA—April 7, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Siewert at 7:05 pm

SAFETY REPORT- TPD Officer Bruce Leidholdt Any questions call 813-354-6600,ask for shift commander

Overall much improved. Crimes reported in the City of Tampa down 46%. Davis Island crime is down 67%.

In March, there were 6 incidents: 5 Thefts and in one unlocked car a GPS was stolen.

In March '08 versus March '09 in the City as a whole there were 160 less crimes

Some studies show that 6% of the criminals commit 70% of the crimes.

One Island resident who lives near Chez Brice pointed out that between 12 midnight to 3 am, the establishment was being rented to groups of Univ of Tampa students. The noise and loud music on the patio was a serious problem. The officer reassured us that the problem would be addressed.

TREASURER'S REPORT-

Pam Colker reported the bank balances.

General Liability insurance must be renewed ASAP (before our Ice Crème Social) Leslie Stein will help review and make sure the insurance is in place. There was a question about whether there should be a separate liability policy for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was decided that the Garden Club had their own liability policy.

Letter from the City of Tampa advising us that this is the last year they will “co-sponsor” any events.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-

Charner Reese reported that thanks to a generous \$2500 pledge from Brent R.Smith (on Marmora) we are only \$1015 short of our \$10,000 goal. Jeff suggested that Board members make sure we cover the difference ,ie Pam Colker pledged \$285, Patty Bancroft pledged \$100, Jeanne Wolfe pledged \$100, Jeff Siewert pledged \$300.

In June, the City Foundation administrator will come to speak with us. Seminole Heights is also starting a “Foundation.”

LAND USE—

Kris Kral advised the board that there are several Land Use questions currently under consideration:

621 Jamaica-- Front yard setback from 25' to 16'

341 Blanca-- There is a Grand Tree removal petition, Nancy Turner has lead the campaign to save the tree, and several neighbors have joined in to save the tree. Board voted to support the rejection of tree removal.

Island resident attending the meeting pointed out that there were two new Porto-Lets in the parking lot of Chez Brice. They appear to be at that location on a semi-permanent basis. Lisa Devito said would be a code violation.

114 Baltic Circle – A question of height issue, there is a 35' height restriction – from crown of the street. The board had received an email from the owners of 112 Baltic, questioning the current situation.

ISLANDS FEST—

We will have representation in the “Community Tent” hoping to promote the DICA, and stimulate membership. Pat Fosnaught, Leslie Stein, and Charner Reese will work in 2 hour shifts.

There will be extra Newsletters available for the Islands Fest.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL--

Patty Bancroft has submitted to the City the event application. Certificate of insurance must also be submitted. Jeff questioned if we have paid for the event application invoice.

Advertising and PR for the event were discussed. Four poster samples were shown and Patty welcomed our input. Ken will promote the date on our web site. Charner suggested we mail invitations to city officials.

Bill & Walter can help with the set up. There will be three different flavors of Ice Crème, we need to be sure to express gratitude and thanks for the donation of the ice crème.

There will be entertainment, a Magician and Mothers Day arts and crafts. Ken will be the official photographer. Board members should have name tags for the event.

PARKS and RECREATION—

The city has restructured the Park Department into local areas. One crew will be devoted to Davis Islands. This crew shall be supervised by Earl Olsen (813-478-0807). Except, however, the Marina shall be under the jurisdiction or Rick Oskey.

Another fence shall be replaced at the Dog Park. Some residents have expressed disappointment that the playground was not expanded; the little league complex has grown increasingly large. Lisa DeVitto has list of issues that residents have sent her.

YOUNG ISLANDERS –

The website would be youngislanders.com and email is anderfel@aol.com. Available phone number is 813-431-9031.

This Saturday is the gala Easter Egg Hunt at 81 Columbia, The Davis Islands Garden Club. Sign-in is at 8:45 am. There will be over 2000 eggs.

At Island Fest the Young Islanders will have face painting and tattoos.

NEWSLETTER—

Coming out shortly. Ken saw a copy and says it looks great.

WEBSITE

Ken Elmore has started DIBuzz.com. He is developing Search Engine Optimization and linkbacks from other sites.

The Civic Association site should have a constant flow of information. Ken would like us all to promote our committees on the Civic Association site. We can blog if we wish.

Maybe we can sell advertising in the future. Lisa DeVitto mentioned the “CommunityAtlas”. This contains information on Schools and demographics. Use the “Civic Association’ to enable a search for data. Ken says he may change from ESystems to GoDaddy.

GREEN INITIATIVE

Lisa DeVitto is working on organizing her committee. Hoping to become LEED Certified. The condition of the Parks on Davis Islands is a big concern; people are using our Parks as Dog Parks.

Police no longer have responsibility for Animal Control. That is now supposed to be maintained by the County.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Antonio Amadeo reported that on March 22, he met with Bernice Correy from the City and discussed many of the Davis Islands traffic issues.

There is going to be a study on the crosswalk at the foot of the bridge. A part of that study will be speed evaluation. Striping and brick repair in the Village, at the apex and the crosswalks will also be addressed. The city council is working on a decorative sign agreement so that stop walk signs and cross walk signs will be more aesthetically pleasing.

T.H.A.N.—

May 12th at 6:30 pm there is going to be a meeting with the City to discuss the Community Plan.

The 2009 All American City Forum will be held June 17th through June 19th.
On May 30th there will be a Hurricane Expo.

The City of Tampa Police will do a "Roll Call" in the neighborhood. So that police will have a presence in the various Communities.

At the Website www.TampaGov.net individuals can put a request a watertaxi to come to your dock.

The variance review board will be meeting April 14th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.