

Meeting Minutes

Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Community Meeting

Meeting Started: 6:57PM, 9 August 2016	Location: Edgewater High School, Media Room
Facilitators: Lori Erlacher, Vice President (start) Tom Rowell, President	Number Attendees: 21 (estimate)
Special Guests: Commissioner Bryan Nelson Second Harvest, Sasha Hausman Property Developer, John Rollas	Minutes Author: Frank Gould
Treasurer's Report – Not presented.	
Meeting Minutes – 12 July 2016 – Board Bylaws Meeting Minutes – Not presented.	

Meeting Instantiation

Lori Erlacher started the meeting and said this would be a tight schedule because of the school reservations are an hour and there is a lot to cover. Lori turned the Second Harvest presentation into to Frank Gould who introduced Sasha Hausman.

Second Harvest Presentation

Some of the highlights of her presentation included the 30-year history of Second Harvest and that today they collect food from multiple sources and distribute the food through 550 other non-profits to support their food needs by networking. This totals to feeding some 72,000 people a week in Central Florida and proves how important their network is, because it would be impossible for one organization to support that number of people.

Some of the non-profits include Coalition for the Homeless, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls clubs, shelter programs, and day-care centers for kids, working poor families, seniors, veterans, and homeless. A bulk are for feeding kids. Many of these were symptomatic of school kid's ailments and stress that kept them from being productive. The Second Harvest organization setup after-school meals to alleviate this problem.

Second Harvest just moved into their new facility on Mercer Drive three years ago. The old facility was 35,000 square feet and now they have 100,000 square feet. The tripled size gives them the ability now to collect the full amount of donated food instead of turning away 4 million pounds a year. The frustration then was the quantity of fresh fruits and vegetables, and were protein items that their recipients need so badly.

In addition to the food management, Second Harvest now has a full featured kitchen to help those out of poverty and into a career preparing food. Not only do the participants help prepare meals for distribution but they are for the first time at Second Harvest able to train for hotel, restaurants, and other culinary facilities. The course consists of a 14-week curriculum. This includes job placement with local businesses. So far, Second Harvest has graduated over 130 and all of these are now employed with higher-than-minimum-wage income.

Should anyone wish to tour their facilities, just need to contact their offices and setup a tour at no charge. Sasha also offers an every-other-week tour of the facilities titled "Food for Thought" consisting of a one-hour tour of the facilities with a meal. For more information, visit website at the link below.

<http://www.feedhopenow.org>

New Business

Davisson/Van Ness Multi-Unit Development Presentation - John Rollas

This presentation was to inform the community about building on a lot on the corner of Davisson Avenue and Van Ness Street. Jason Reynolds from the Orange County Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division stood up and said he has been working for a couple months with in-the-works development projects and realized one of these projects is on Davisson Avenue in the Lee Road area. Jason was aware of the Lee Road interest in these kinds of area improvements.

Jason connected with the developer, John Rollas, to inform him that the Lee Road Safe Neighborhood organization is very interested in projects to improve and revitalize the community. Jason also wanted to confirm with John and the organization that this is to share the project transparently with the community to address any needs or concerns. There is also a formal, required county meeting scheduled for 29 August to address additional community issues.

John introduced himself as someone who concerns himself in the business with the development of communities and has done several projects in Seminole County. He looks for dilapidated properties that can be repaired or demolished to replace with something more community-oriented and value-add. His company plans to continue studying the Lee Road area for other similar projects he presented this evening.

John wanted the audience to know that he wishes to work with the community because of the importance of making it a neighborhood beautification project, the county considers existing resident's viewpoints highly, and it makes a difference with zone changes. He wanted to be available for any questions or issues. This six-unit complex will replace a single shack and sits on two parcels directly next to a 21-unit apartment complex.

The meeting on 29 August is the first step of the process to discuss rezoning and road setback variances. The lot is zoned R2 (two unit) and low density, which is single family. Surrounding this property is medium density and commercial properties. The first thing is to rezone it for R3 and medium density which allows John to build up to the maximum number of six. His objective is to build a medium density property beautifully that will transition from the higher density complexes to the single family properties already in the area. This change will affect the whole area and allow other developers to utilize land more densely populated.

John is also not sure whether these inventory units will be rented out on a regular basis or for resale to permanent residents, all will be based on the market needs. Regardless, these properties will be solid residents. Jason added that the LRSN community is concerned about slumlords or landlords who rent irresponsibly at base rent, not screening, renting to anyone who can potentially present a blight on the community. John responded that he runs his property management company and the screening is intense. John also likes to screen candidates based on their history of home ownership and caring for the property.

Lori Erlacher expressed her concern going from two single family lots to six family lots in the same space that will require sufficient capacity for cars and personal belongings. John said he would take this into consideration and maybe offer some kind of alternatives to alleviate any space requirements. He added that they must follow all county environmental compliances regarding water, soil, sewage, native species, and procedures to confirm with mandatory studies.

Commissioner Bryan Nelson – County Update

At this point, Tom Rowell arrived to the meeting (after a family emergency drive home from Georgia). Lori greeted Tom and suggested she update him what has happened during the meeting before he takes control of the meeting. During this time, Jason introduced County Commissioner Bryan Nelson to invite him to give an update on any county news to the community.

Commissioner Nelson started by saying the commissioners are currently working on next year's budget and attending several workshops. The budget is rolling out on 1 October, revenues are up, and not going to raise

taxes. The thing they are worried about is the Zika virus that has only affected a small area in Dade county. He admonished the audience that if everyone would please spread the word to check backyards for tires, trash can lids upside down, or anything else that can collect water. Mosquitoes can breed in anything the size of a soda cap and reproduce in four days.

Frank Gould asked if there was anything being done about the garbage that piles up on the side of the roads that haven't been picked up during the rains and collect rain water. Commissioner Nelson admitted that is a problem with the bulk items and they are working on it. He reported that Mustard Seed has a great mattress program where they utilize ex-convicts, who can't get jobs, to rip apart all the mattresses and box springs down to their core components and recycling all the pieces.

Commissioner Nelson suggested for the next Earth Day that we organize the neighborhood and work with Mustard Seed to collect and rip down old mattresses and box springs. Troy Mueller mentioned that in this recent case, it's ironic because there were items dumped by the street that in five hours it rains and all the items are no longer worth donating to charity organizations like Vietnam Veterans who are just a couple blocks down the road.

Commissioner Nelson agreed that is a problem and the additional problem is that people assume someone else has called for bulk pickup and add more garbage to the pile. These are problems the commissioners are working on and don't know exactly what to do. Frank added that these people don't seem to be able to read and the commissioner agreed that that too is a problem. Commissioner Nelson agreed and added that these are the personal opinions of Bryan Nelson and not the other commissioners. Troy added that penalty fines work because money talks.

Lori mentioned that what has worked in their neighborhood is to post something on social media like NextDoor and inform others that they have placed things on the curb. They let others know that they have a pickup scheduled and to send them their address to piggy-back on the scheduled pickup. People then posted back their address and to please call for them too. This method works for their neighbors.

There was then several other garbage collecting issues discussions such as rental move-outs, additional piles of trash not picked up by the streets, construction waste, and other bulky item waste management. Tom Rowell added that he has recently had this similar situation and contacted OC Code Enforcement. They came out, recorded the violation, and started fining the property owner or management company, until they called and got the bulky items picked up. It takes time, like two weeks in this case, for the process to complete and the garbage removed.

Commissioner Nelson then thanked the audience and concluded by saying Zika virus is a potential problem and that if we find it in Orlando, our revenues will tank and it becomes a real problem. Sasha added that Second Harvest has distributed two tractor trailers full of OFF (bug spray) to all of their partner agencies.

Commissioner Nelson reported that they are informing neighbors in certain areas that they are spraying for mosquitoes and to let people with asthma to take precautions. The other thing the county learned about Zika is that humans are required as hosts to spread the disease. He lives out in the Wekiwa Springs area that is not densely populated with humans and the more open spaces with fewer humans as hosts, the less likely it is to show up there or spread.

When asked what chemical is being sprayed, the commissioner replied that he would need to confirm the specific name but he believes it is Naled for mosquito control.

An audience member asked what is happening with the old Northgate Shopping Center theatre after seeing a lot of construction work. Lori replied that the building is being remodeled to be a warehouse rental space and interior RV showroom. There will be very few cars parked in the small area around the building.

Old Business

Tom Rowell informed the community meeting that there was a board meeting because the organization has been running for several years without Bylaws. The board intensively reviewed four other OC Safe Neighborhood Associations (i.e. Pine Castle, Azalea Park, and South Goldenrod) current Bylaws and pulled out the most meaningful sections. The organization now has documented rules, regulations, and procedures to follow as a professional organization. The board met to review the example Bylaws intensively and decided on a draft for final review. The County has printed these Bylaws that are being handed out at this meeting and this is what this organization will functioning with going forward.

These Bylaws are to confirm that as an organization, we are operating properly, following the rules and voting procedures as documented, and is accountable for each and every thing it does. This is an effort to confirm that our members have a means to function and make sure the organization is functioning properly to get the 501c3 IRS classification. This will generate revenue and funds from the county to do so much more when the organization can generate its own funds.

An audience member, Maria, asked if these are the final Bylaws or are the community members to go over these in detail for a final draft. Tom replied that these are the Bylaws and in the document it describes how to amend these sections. Maria insisted they needed to be voted on. Frank recommended that Maria put together a committee to recommend any changes or amendments desired and bring them to the board for review.

Maria then objected to two or three people creating the Bylaws. It should be "all of us" that create and vote on the Bylaws. Frank repeatedly requested Maria take an action item to put together a committee to amend the Bylaws. Maria said yes. Lori reported that on page six of the Bylaws it outlines how to change the Bylaws.

Tom announced the New Newsletter and format introduced by mail the last weeks of July and thanked Frank for this.

Lori requested a status update on the National Night Out event coming up in October. Ben Shaddrick reported that it was too early but he will be starting on this next week. Lori reminded the audience that Ben is the chairperson for this event.

Next Meeting: 13 September 2016	
Location	Topics
Edgewater Branch Library 5049 Edgewater Drive Orlando, FL 32810	Presentation: Orange County 311 Services and apps 2016 Action Plan Final Review Nomination Chair needed for October
Meeting Adjourned: 7:58PM All Agenda Items completed.	

Author's Note: Frank Gould wrote these meeting minutes at the request of Lori Erlacher, LRSN Board Vice President, in the absence of the LRSN Board Secretary during the 9 August meeting. These minutes are paraphrased remarks by presenters to compress their audio recorded presentations and do not necessarily appear in timeline order. This information is therefore an account with due transparency but not legal or binding representation of any attendee or guest.