West Deerfield Community Alliance Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 28, 2010

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In Attendance: Ann Kennedy – Deer Run, Denise Bogner – Waterford Homes, Joan Maurice – Waterford Homes, Kathy Maggi – Deer Run, Rich Kennedy – Deer Run, Rominy Lindsay – Deer Isle, Terri Rasmusson – Gates of Hillsboro, Todd Drosky – Starlight Cove.

Call To Order: Todd Drosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Upon a motion made by Joan Maurice, seconded by Todd Drosky, and approved by all the minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting were accepted into the record.

Crime Report: BSO Deputy Shaun Casey reported a car burglary in the parking lot of the Dunkin Donuts on Hillsboro and burglaries of residents in River Glenn. Deputy Casey talked about the undercover operations at the 2 pain clinics in the area. People going to these clinics see a doctor and then loiter outside the facility while waiting for prescription pain pills to be sold to them at the sight. The pills are then illegally sold on the street. Many coming to the clinics are from out of state.

Light House of Broward: Jose Lopez Masso and Pat Snyder were guest speakers at the meeting. They gave an overview of the services the non-profit group provides to residents such as independent living and using devises to assist with activities. Last year Light House serviced 1,500 residents with only 5% coming from Deerfield. They provide a variety of service for all ages from babies to senior citizens and people do not have to be completely blind to take advantage of their many programs at no charge. 80% of their funds come from private parties and they receive no state funding. Broward County provides transportation. Classes are taught at their facility in Fort Lauderdale and will also go into homes as needed. Tours of the facility are available and volunteers are needed for some of their programs. As there is no marketing budget to reach people of need that asked that information is passed on to anyone who may benefit from services they provide. Their brochure will be sent via e-mail to all WDCA to post in their common areas and representatives are available to speak at HOA meeting. Jose can be reached via e-mail jlopez@LHOB.org or 954-463-4217 ext 36.

Website: Rominey Lindsay said she is looking for a different host for the web-site which should be ready in around 2 weeks. She will try to arrange to have computer access available next meeting to view the site.

Trash Cans: Todd Drosky reported we should continue to monitor any actions the City may take on the issue of cans being in sight from the street as there are many challenges for different sections of the City.

Mission Statement: Todd Drosky said he will try to start a mission statement and asked all members to make suggestions.

Century Village: Ann Kennedy complained of the Century Village border at Deer Run. Kevin Klopp addressed this concern and stated the inquiry pertains to the removal of a hedge on privately-owned land. The existence of the landscaping was optional and not an obligation of which the property owner was required by the City to install thus the removal

was also their option. Once again, Denise Bogner offered to speak to Commissioner Popelski if Ann Kennedy will provide her with pictures and details of the problem area.

COPS (Citizens Observer Patrol: Rominey Lindsay stated COPS volunteers are needed to patrol the Deer Isle community.

NEXT MEETING will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the BSO Substation/Teen Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bogner