

West Deerfield Community Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 26, 2009

**In Attendance:** Colleen DiDinato – Deer Isle, Denise Bogner – Waterford Homes, Joe Cutroni – Starlight Cove, Joan Maurice - Waterford Homes, Steve Westerfeld – Riverglen, John Stevenson - Gates of Hillsboro, Kathy Maggi - Deer Run, Penny Frantello - Waterford Homes, Ralph Francione – Crystal Key Pointe, Richard Lauricella - Villa Portofino, Steve Wagner - Harbors of Riverglen, Terri Rasmusson - Gates of Hillsboro, Todd Drosky - Starlight Cove, Richard Kennedy – Deer Run, Ann Kennedy – Deer Run

**City of Deerfield Beach Representative:** Bill Ganz – District 4 Commissioner

**Call To Order:** Colleen DiDonato called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Penny Frantello, seconded by Todd Drosky and approved by all the minutes of the June 24, 2009 meeting were accepted into the record.

**Crime Report:** BSO did not have a summary for all communities but will present specifics at the individual Association's regular meeting. It was reported that criminals were apprehended at both Waterford Homes and Waterford Courtyards while committing home burglaries. BSO has tied other crimes in the area to these criminals. Newport Center area has had a number of car break-ins. 9 arrests were made at Riverglen for sale of drugs. One adult and 8 juveniles were arrested with some living in Riverglen and attending Monarch School. The crimes were being committed at the tot lot and pool area.

**Turnpike:** Kathy Maggi reported Henry Pinzon no longer works for the Florida Turnpike. She was able to contact Imran Ghani with Florida DOT (phone 407-264-3802 e-mail [Imran.ghani@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Imran.ghani@dot.state.fl.us)). He said that a date has not been set for the Public Hearing but maybe held on October 29, 2009 and they have not yet completed the sound wall study. Denise Bogner passed out an article from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun-Sentinel that stated the expansion is delayed until 2017-2018 due to lack of funds.

**Web-Site and Logo:** Todd Drosky reported that Rominy has the West Deerfield Community Alliance Web-Site [www.WDCA.info](http://www.WDCA.info) up and running. He asked all members to log on and send him any suggestions for the site and he will forward to Rominy. Suggestions at the meeting including a link to the City's website and to posting the WDCA Mission Statement.

**Deer Creek Representation:** Colleen will contact Gary Lothar to see if there is another person who is interested in representing Deer Creek at WDCA meetings.

**Funding for WDCA:** Colleen asked members for input on having Associations make contributions to WDCA so that funds would be available to pay for expenses incurred by the group (such as registering the name and developing and maintaining the web site). She asked members check with their individual Boards to see if they are willing to include the expense in their 2010 budget estimated to be from \$25.00 to \$50.00 each. Discussion included having local companies pay a fee to advertise on the

web site. Other information that was discussed that the group would have to apply for tax exempt status to be able to operate a checking account. Another concern was if the Association would need to carry insurance.

**Deerfield Beach Update and Projects:** Commissioner Bill Ganz reported he will have his own web-site for District 4 accessible through the City's site and will let us know when it is up and running. One item that will be included is for individual to receive the crime update he now sends out with matters affecting our neighborhoods. After the problem with the employee with a criminal background working at Quiet Waters Park, the City has implemented that background checks be done on certain City funded projects, such as the Well field project on SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street due to the location near the neighborhood park. The Commission will be voting on a temporary change to the signage ordinance allowing local businesses to use other forms of advertising during these hard economic times.

**Future Meeting Dates:** September 30, 2009 to be held at the BSO Substation.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Bogner