

**West Deerfield Community Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**In Attendance:** Commissioner Bill Ganz, City Manager - Burgess Hanson, Joan Maurice - Waterford Homes, Penny Frantello - Waterford Homes, Richard & Ann Kennedy - Deer Run, Kathy Maggi - Deer Run, Paula Bazzone - Deer Creek - B.O.D., John Stephenson - Gates of Hillsboro, Ralph Francione - Crystal Key Pointe, Sharon Aslanian, Todd Drosky - Starlight Cove, Ronnie Baslsamo - Gates of Hillsboro, Angela Castellano - Gates of Hillsboro

**Call To Order:** Todd Drosky called meeting to order @ 7:00pm  
Denise Bogner - Secretary - absent, Kathy Maggi and Joan Maurice filling in to take minutes

**Minutes:** Upon a Motion made by Joan Maurice and seconded by Penny Frantello and approved by all the minutes of January 27, 2010 were accepted into record

**Introduction of New City Manager - Burgess Hanson**

Mr. Hanson started with the city as Assistant city Manager to Prior City Manger Larry Deetjin, then moved to position of Manager of I.T., most recently accepted Interim City Manager position and now is City Manger. Mr. Hanson continued .....There is a challenge of a 15.7 million dollar deficit for the next fiscal year. Mr. Hanson will be starting budget workshops in March 2010. Continuing projects in the city include a 5 acre parcel next to Quiet Waters Elementary that will be used for athletics, Finishing the streetscape project on East Hillsboro Blvd., Collecting bids for the Cove shopping Center improvements. Collecting bids for project on the International Fishing Pier and adjacent restrooms. We all welcome Mr. Hanson as our new City Manager and applaude his new endeavour.

**Crime Report:** BSO Sgt. Sean Casey reported: Deer Creek car break-ins, numerous, targets seem to be cars women exit hoping they have left purses in them. Some break-in's are not reported and they should be for conviction if criminal is caught and for better tracking of the crime areas. Women take your purses with you, DO NOT leave them in the car. Numerous golf clubs/bags being stolen. Copper is being stolen out of outside/exposed wiring. A golf cart was stolen. Smashing of sliding doors to enter dwellings is occurring. There were kids arrested from Meadow Lakes connected to some of the burgeries. Horizon Club had break-ins but not reported properly. Strong Arm robbery @ Bank Atlantic on Military - Ma Barker - was arrested. Door to Door soliciting is prohibited, if they come to your door, don't open your door, call the code enforcement or police and report. (Direct # to Code Enforcement 954-480-4241) At Quiet Waters Elementary 3 teachers cars were broke into. Pressure washer taken @ River Glenn. Tinting for sliding doors helps prevent smashing them.

**Guest Speaker: Code Enforecment - Joe Joyce - Supervisor, Bob Cummings, Jenny Walsh - Code Enforcement officers in District 4**

There was ongoing conversation during this section of meeting between guest speakers, homeowners and Commissioner Ganz, the following are some of the main complaints.

**Complaint:** Homeowners putting bulk stuff out way to early, not used to new schedule, Joe Joyce handed out flyer of schedule again.

**Complaint:** Rules for cutting yards on forclosures - Let code enforcement know! - When call comes to city of over grown yards, cities contractor checks, then mows, then bill goes as a lien on property. The contractor is covering pools with boards or wire and visqueen. Cities fee for registration to Bank is \$200.00. There are over 500 homes in foreclosure status in city. Over \$75,000 for registration and over \$200,000 in fines generated for the city so far. HOA's can foreclose on homes.

**Complaint:** Covering street drains with garbage/yard debris - Public Works says there is nothing they can do, however it was stated call the streets and drains dept. 954-480-4274 and they can

get it removed, there are signs on drain covers saying "Do not cover drain"

**Complaint:** Trash ending up in yards @ Waterford from Publix on Military, Clamsters dumpsters aroma lingers into Waterford neighborhood. Code enforcement will check into it.

**Complaint:** Cars parking over sidewalks - code enforcement can't write parking tickets, call police. However there are some driveways and easements thruout the city that are very small and that is the only way they can park.

**Complaint:** Parking on yards between sidewalk and dwelling - call code enforcement, sustained parking in those areas is prohibited, a yard cannot be turned into a driveway or parking lot.

**Complaint:** Disatisfaction of garbage containers - As some HOA's have rules of screening garbage containers, since the new containers came into effect, homeowners in these areas are unable because of size of containers. Code enforcement says they can request smaller ones.

**Complaint:** Exposed garbage - Code enforcement says it is difficult to adopt a ordinance to blanket the whole city as space can be an issue with some areas.

**Complaint:** Over filling of dumpsters at business locations. Code enforcement says there is no requirement when it comes to the size of a dumpster in relationship to the amount of trash/garbage that is put in them, nor, the frequency of garbage pick-up.

#### **District 4 Commissioner - Bill Ganz**

Reminded everyone of District 4 Meeting on February 25, 2010. Asked everyone to send notes to him regarding code enforcement issues/concerns. Informed of the new Parks and Recreation Director Bob Harbin, and he will be at the District 4 meeting along with other department heads. Commissioner spoke of the new Nuisance Ordinance which will help with how money is allocated when put as lien on dwellings, including dealing with some of the unsightly habits of dwellings.

Todd Drosky handed out flyers for BSO's "Operation Medicine Cabinet" and South Florida Water Management's flyer concerning various watering restrictions

**Future Meeting Date:** March 31, 2010

**Meeting adjourned**