

West Deerfield Community Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009

**In Attendance:** Colleen DiDonato, Deer Isle – Todd Drosky, Starlight Cove – Joe Cutroni, Starlight Cove – Gary Lothar, Deer Creek - Kathleen Maggi, Deer Run – Joe Hartmann, River Glen – Joan Maurice, Waterford Homes - Rominy Lindsey, Deer Isle, Steven Wagner, Harbor at Riverglen – Ralph Francione, Crystal Key Pointe – Richard Kennedy, Deer Run – Ann Kennedy, Deer Run – Richard Lauricella, Villa Portofino – Terri Rasmussen, Gates of Hillsboro - Penny Frantello, Waterford Homes – Denise Bogner – Waterford Homes

**Call To Order:** Colleen DiDonato called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Crime Report:** Deputy Kathy Combs, Broward Sheriff Community Affairs Division, gave a report on the crime in the neighborhoods over the past month. She asked that the Alliance contact her in advance when new communities become members so she can have reports prepared for those areas.

**Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Penny Frantello, seconded by Gary Lothar, and approved by all the minutes of the July 23, 2008, August 27, 2008, September 24, 2008, October 29, 2008, December 11, 2008, January 28, 2009 and February 25, 2009 were accepted into the record as presented.

**Artificial Turf:** On March 17, 2009 The City of Deerfield Beach Commissioners unanimously adopted a City ordinance prohibiting artificial turf in landscaping. There is a two (2) year grace period for residents to remove any artificial turf they have installed. This matter was brought to the attention of the Commission by members of the WDCA; a number of them spoke out with facts regarding the substandard qualities this product has on the environment.

**Master Vendor List:** All members were reminded to complete a list of vendors they use in their communities. Richie will prepare a spreadsheet of information that has been gathered and submit it to all members.

**Turnpike/Sawgrass Expressway:** Kathy Maggi has attended the past two (2) meetings of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. Kathy presented members information on widening projects both from Atlantic Blvd. to the Hillsboro Canal and from Sawgrass to Glades Road. The first project (Atlantic to Canal) has been approved but has run short of funds but they expect this project to continue with a time frame of 2017 to 2023. The second project (Sawgrass to Glades Road) is in the study and design phase and currently there are no funds set aside for the expansion project. Kathy will ask Henry Pinzon, Project Manager, to attend the next WDCA meeting.

**Sound Wall Along Turnpike:** Joe Hartmann led a discussion on the necessity of a sound wall along the Turnpike especially in the River Glen area as these homes are in close proximity of the road way. Bill Ganz stated that the preferred style of sound barrier is made of concrete with grooves on the exterior to deflect the noise. Joe will submit a request to both the Deerfield Commission and County Commissioner Jacobs to ask for their support.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Colleen DiDinato, seconded by Joan Maurice, and approved by all that any requests and or discussions on turnpike related issues should be expressed as the West Deerfield Community Alliance Organization being behind these requests.

**Tree Trimming:** Todd Drosky reported a number of homeowners have had their trees hat-racked. He said that concerned residents should contact the City's new landscaper, Harold Hoyt, at 954-571-4521. He will issue a violation to the homeowner and will not pick up the debris. He will also take necessary steps if the tree needs to be removed due to damage resulting from the hat-racking. Todd presented brochures to all members detailing the problems that occur when trees are not properly trimmed.

**Height of Bushes:** The City Commission tabled any action on the question of hedge heights within Deerfield. A number of homeowners in West Deerfield were issued citations which are currently set aside until the Commission addresses this at a future meeting.

**Newsletter or Web-Site:** Terry Rasmussen shared copies of e-mails she receives from Parkland showing current events in their City. Members will investigate if this type of service can be provided by the City or at no-charge to the Alliance.

**Speed Enforcement:** A discussion was held on the problems with speeders along 45<sup>th</sup>. A request will be made to BSO to ask if they will patrol this area.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Colleen DiDonato, seconded by Todd Drosky and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Bogner