

West Deerfield Community Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

In Attendance: Bob Gutekekunst - Deer Pointe, Colleen DiDinato – Deer Isle, Denise Bogner – Waterford Homes, Joe Cutroni – Starlight Cove, Joe Hartman – Riverglen, John Stevenson – Gates of Hillsboro, Kathy Maggi – Deer Run, Penny Frantello – Waterford Homes, Sharon Aslanian - Harbors of Riverglen, Steven Wagner – Harbors of Riverglen, Todd Drosky – Starlight Cove, Judi Deferinando - Wildwood of Deer Creek,

City of Deerfield Beach Representatives: Bill Ganz – District 4 Commissioner

Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department Representatives: Asif Ali and Robert Carew. Contact information is attached to this report.

Call To Order: Colleen DiDonato called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes: Upon a motion made by Todd Drosky, seconded by John Stevenson, and approved by all the minutes of the April 29, 2009 meeting were accepted into the record.

Crime Report: BSO gave a summary of the crimes in the communities for the past 30 days. It was reported that crimes of conveyance still plague all local areas with the biggest problem being vehicles left unlocked with valuables in plain sight. BSO warned of a scam that occurred at a local bank – a female found a flat tire on her car after leaving the bank; a “good Samaritan” appeared and offered to change her tire. As she was busy at the back of the car another person removed the cash withdrawal from her purse which was on the seat inside the vehicle. Information on Cybervisor – www.sheriff.org/cybervisor was given to all members. This allows residents to get e-mail or text message alerts from the Broward Sheriff’s Office.

“**Know the Flow**” presentation was given by Asif Ali and Robert Carew from Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department. They gave a brief history on the water control methods in the State of Florida and how they affect water availability today. They highlighted different methods to use for irrigation and plant materials to best control water usage outside the home and the areas inside the home that waste the most water – such as a dripping faucet and toilets. An important addition to all irrigation systems is to install a rain gage that costs around \$20.00 – this will turn off the system when it rains. They provided a number of handouts for water conservation and recommended plant materials for our area.

Web-Site and Logo: Colleen reported for Rominey that she has secured the domain name of: **www.WDCA.info** for the Alliance. Rominey is in the process of developing a web site. Sample logos were shown to the group and members were asked to submit additional designs to be considered at a future meeting.

Master Vendor List: A discussion was held that vendors included on the Master List have the implied recommendation of the association listing the company. If an Association is no longer working with a vendor or have a new company to add to the list, it should be sent to Todd and Richie will update the list and re-send to all members.

Deerfield Beach Update and Projects: Commissioner Bill Ganz reported the Commission approved the expenditure of \$200,000 in City funds to purchase the Boinis property on the beach. It was pointed out that Bill did not endorse this expenditure. Bill also commented that Kristen Jacobs, MPO, the Mayor and the other City Commissioners are aware of the need for a sound wall along the turnpike in Deerfield. Commissioner Ganz, Mayor Noland, and Mike Mahaney recently traveled to Washington D.C. and met with representatives. A major concern for the City of Deerfield Beach is the need to replace the 30 year old sewer line that services the barrier island. By meeting with our Officials they hope to get knowledge of any federal funds that may be available for this project. There will be a new business going into the Tire Kingdom building - the Commission approved a variance for the number of parking spaces which keeps all vehicles within the walls at this space.

Future Meeting Dates: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at BSO Substation. There will not be a meeting of WDCA in July. Monthly meetings will resume in August.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Bogner