

West Deerfield Community Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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In Attendance: Ann Kennedy – Deer Run, Bob Gutekekunst – Deer Pointe, Denise Bogner – Waterford Homes, Joe Cutroni – Starlight Cove, John Stevenson – Gates of Hillsboro, Kathy Maggi – Deer Run, Rich Kennedy – Deer Run, Paula Bazzone, Deer Creek, Ralph Francione – Crystal Key Pointe, Rich Kennedy – Deer Run, Todd Drosky – Starlight Cove,

Call To Order: Todd Drosky called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: Upon a motion made by John Stevenson, seconded by Joe Cutroni, and approved by all the minutes of the September 30, 2009 meeting were accepted into the record.

Crime Report: BSO Sergeant Casey reported on the DUI Check Point that had been held on Military Trail. It resulted in 73 citations, 10 criminal stops, and 3 physical arrests including one female who had 30 individual packets of marijuana in her possession. The local BSO Station will be collecting food for 60 Thanksgiving baskets they will distribute to families in need. BSO will also sponsor Shop with a Cop. 16 kids will be given \$150.00 each to shop and an additional 250 kids will receive \$25.00 each to shop for Christmas. If you know of someone in need or would like to contribute contact Sgt. Casey or Joe Cutroni at Starlight Cover

DEERFIELD BEACH ARBORETUM Jerry Behan gave a presentation on Arboretum located at Constitution Park 2841 West Hillsboro Blvd. Phone contact 954-480-4494 or e-mail: carribbean@aol.com. The Arboretum is a city owned facility with volunteers taking care of the site. Costs to maintain currently is \$20,000. Free tours are available at 10 am every Friday and the 1st Saturday of the month. Private tours can be arranged for a small fee. Volunteers are need in many areas both in care of plants and clerical and fund raising efforts. A new Rain Forrest is under design which will include 2 waterfalls, paved walkways and bridges. Total cost is expected to be \$150,000 and the City has provided a \$25,000 grant to get started.

Jerry is also a member of the City Of Deerfield Beach Beautification Committee. The City is once again offering the Shady Tree program where homeowners in non-gated communities can purchase trees at a discounted price and City employees will plant them. See the City's web site for more details.

Broward County is still offering a Beautification Grant for funds to be used to enhance community entrances.

Turnpike: Public Hearing for the Turnpike will be held October 29th at Embassy Suites in Boca. An interchange between Deerfield and Boca will be discussed. Although funding on the turnpike is down and construction is not expected to begin until 2017 now is the time for the residents of Deerfield to voice their concerns about the need for a sound wall.

Web-Site and Logo: It was suggested that the web site address be included on WDCA minutes and agendas.

Future Meeting Dates: Due to the holiday season the regular WDCA meetings will be rescheduled. Joe will check to see when the room at the BSO Substation/Teen Center will be available and Todd will send out notification.

Respectfully submitted:
Denise Bogner