**Del Oro Groves Estates**

**Homeowners’ Association Board Meeting**

**May 17, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** John Breen, Vickie Santullo, Marsha Hahn, Sharon Mills, Jo Ann Roby, Del Scott, Michael Ciaramello, Robert Schwartz, Kelly Myer

John Breen called meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

**Minutes** from March 15, 2012 board meeting were reviewed. Robert Schwartz made a motion to approve minutes as amended (adding Britt Schwartz’s name to Picnic volunteers). Del Scott seconded.

**Treasurer’s Report** Robert Schwartz provided hard copies. YTD ending balance is $13,648.18. Grant money remaining balance of $1,431.67 was added under the Grant section in Treasurer’s Report. Picnic expenses were over budget due to replacement of tableware. Concerns expressed regarding grant money balance and if we have enough funding for historical signs. Sharon Mills made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Vickie Santullo seconded.

Janet Schellenberger and Robert Schwartz to schedule audit by June 2012. Janet’s numbers are (727) 797-4375 or (727) 515-8372.

**Committee Reports**

**Annual Meeting:**

Katie Baker will schedule annual meeting at Safety Harbor Library rooms A and B for Thursday, November 8, 2012 6:00-8:00 p.m. (6:30-7:30 meeting) once the reservation window opens.

**Garage Sales:**

Next garage sale is September 29th, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Signs:**

No new updates on historical signs project. Christine Knighton was to get an estimate from Michael Sacco for trimming palms at monument sign near Madera and power washing the monument sign at end of San Bernadino at Bayshore. She will also ask Michael Sacco for native plant suggestions for the monument signs. Marsha Hahn offered use of power washer for sign cleaning. Kelly Myer will paint over letters once sign is cleaned. The Board has the design and needs new estimates and should check with residents on the *northern* corners at each street along Bayshore. Board would like to add four signs along Bayshore if the budget allows, but agreed to plan for at least two signs – one at San Mateo and another at San Gabriel. Del Scott and Michael Ciaramello volunteered to proceed with getting estimates/information for the historical signs project. John Breen recently had palms trimmed around monument sign at the Madera/San Bernadino intersection.

**Landscape:**

The Wolanin’s at 1203 Maximo were awarded for April 2012 and The Harben’s at 3216 San Bernadino for May. Email Cathy Breen at [smokey6123@aol.com](http://mail.live.com/?rru=compose%3faction%3dcompose%26to%3dsmokey6123%40aol.com&ru=https%3a%2f%2fprofile.live.com%2fcid-66955f7749cd24fa%2fdetails%2f%3fcontactId%3de33a3813-0000-0000-0000-000000000000%26ru%3dhttp%253A%252F%252Fby170w.bay170.mail.live.com%252Fmail%252FContactMainLight.aspx%253FContactFilter%253D2%2526n%253D1914809654) with nomination ideas. Residents are emailing nominations.

**Neighborhood Crime Watch:**

John and Cathy Breen published an April 2012 update and emailed to the distribution list. April was a high crime month. Criminals used a crow bar at the front door of a home on San Jose, theft of jewelry at another home, silent alarm tripped at another. Migrants, spring break, etc. are contributing factors. It seems that tree trimmers were around one day and then the following day there were several crimes reported in the same area. Discussion regarding “No Solicitation” signs as a fundraiser available for purchase on our web site. Del and Michael will coordinate a design with the historical signs.

**Public Relations:**

No new updates. Discussion to eliminate this committee.

**Hospitality:**

Britt Schwartz delivered scones to three more households. She invited new residents to the picnic. JoAnne to send card to recently deceased long-term resident.

**Volunteer Force:**

John Breen placed Volunteer Force recruiting signs and received three responses. Vickie Santullo has a complete list of volunteers. Revisit recruiting/coordinating with high schools for service credit in the Fall. Need to create a Service Hours sign and refer students to Facebook for more info. Jay Breen will provide Vickie Santullo with administrator access on Facebook. Discussion regarding adopting Del Oro Park through the City of Clearwater as a monthly (or bi-monthly with another neighborhood) clean-up event. Vickie and John will contact the current Volunteer force and identify the first project as “cleaning up the monument signs.”

**Directory:**

No new updates. Kelly is cleaning up Gmail Contact list and coordinating with Leticia to reach out to residents for updated email addresses. Constant Contact is not a viable option for communication at this time.

**Picnic:**

Clearwater Neighborhoods Day was Saturday, March 24, 2012. Thank you to all who attended and to Britt Schwartz, Michael Ciaramello, and Henry Mills for doing the grilling. 66 households attended this year vs. 53 last year. 96 total people attended. Kelly Myer to get a copy of sign-in sheet from Sharon Mills to see if there are any updates for Directory/Gmail Contacts list. Sharon Mills would like to resign as the Picnic Committee Chairperson, but is willing to assist on the committee. Thank you to Sharon for all of her hard work and dedication. Board will discuss a new committee chairperson at the July 2012 board meeting. Noted that picnic committee will need to purchase another box of hamburger patties for next year’s picnic.

**Community Service/Helping Hands:**

No new updates.

**Block Parties/Phone Tree:**

San Bernadino had a successful block party on April 21st. Pictures will be posted on the Del Oro Website and Facebook. Block parties are a great way to meet your neighbors.

**Bunko:**

Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Dates and hostesses are scheduled for all of 2012. No Bunko in July and August. Men of Del Oro Groves are invited to attend trivia night at The Grind House on the 1st Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**CNC:**

No new updates. Next meeting is June 4th.

**Newsletter:**

A newsletter will be emailed mid to late June. Some of the items to be included are introduction of Pet Registry, airplane traffic update, Garage Sale ideas (Early Birds, Group Sales, etc.), and graduation announcements.

**Website/Facebook:**

All Board members should email a photo of themselves to Kelly Myer at kelly\_myer@hotmail.com for publication on the Web site. Pet Registry is now available on our Website.

**Old Business**

-John Breen called auditor and left message regarding scheduling audit. Robert Schwartz will be out of town from Memorial Day for an entire month and will be able to mail any reimbursements checks, etc. if needed.

-Cooper’s Bayou: John Breen contacted the City of Clearwater regarding trimming reeds and removing the alligator at Cooper’s Bayou Park. He received a response from Mayor Cretekos stating that a permit has been issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to have an alligator trapper visit the park. Also, the City’s environmental staff visited the lake and he was told that in the spring the cordgrass is cut back to allow for new growth.

**New Business**

-Garage Sales: Discussion regarding Friday night neighborhood “preferred shopping” social event for residents. Also to encourage neighbors to join forces and have group sales. Kelly Myer will put in newsletter to contact the Bakers for more info.

-Community Vegetable Garden: Discussion regarding using vacant land for a community garden at end of Monterey and/or Maximo. The Board needs to check into the official ownership of the land in question.

**Future Board Meetings:**

July 19th Jerry and Katie Baker 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 27th Beth Marshall 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 13th John & Cathy Breen 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to Del and Jasper Scott for hosting the meeting.

Robert Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Marsha Hahn.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Myer, Secretary.