

Del Oro Groves Estates
Homeowners' Association Board Meeting
July 18, 2013

Board Members Present:

Christine Knighton / Jerry and Katie Baker / Beth Marshall / Lucille Jensen / Becky De Croteau / Karyn Reames / Del Scott/
Robert and Britt Schwartz / Lucile Casey / Sharon Mills / Chip Tieder / Alissa Ciaramello / Robert L. Booth / John Breen

John Breen called meeting to order at 7:25PM

Minutes

Mike Hatch joined the meeting. He is our **new community officer**. Mentioned we've been dealing with Officer Kim Kilian the last 3 years who has elected to transfer back into patrol. Going to be our contact for at least the next two years. Any concerns, issues or general questions. Kelly will share Officer Hatch's contact information. 727 562 4242 x2373. Feel free to leave a message. Michael.Hatch@myclearwater.com. Use email as the primary contact.

Burglaries:

Officer Hatch mentioned be sure to close your garage if you are in the house. Unlocked vehicle burglaries can happen if you make it easy for them...loose change, sunglasses and minor items. If you are a victim of a (minor) burglary, you still feel violated. Be diligent, be mindful. 3 Tiers: Opportunity – Motive and Intent. Control the opportunity. Be sure to lock your car and close your garage doors (external/internal).

Camera:

John Breen mentioned to Officer Hatch the four video cameras that we have. Robert mentioned he has a camera as well – so now we have five. Robert hasn't connected to the Del Oro system yet. Thankfully, we've seen zero burglaries since the camera system has been put into place.

Speeding/Stop Signs:

We discussed the frequency of residents and those who pass through the neighborhood are not stopping completely at the stop signs and are speeding. Discussed setting up a speed box. (Two wires that measures the speed.) This will give Officer Hatch an average estimate of time and speed. "Hours between X and X – highest speed was X." This will give the police department stats that we have a problem or show within acceptable levels. We can show this information at the annual meeting.

(Background: Officer Hatch has been with CL police department - 8 years. He worked as public housing liaison – section 8 program. Getting back to his roots. He enjoys interaction.)

Review minutes of prior meeting:

One revision. Robert indicated that for the Treasurer's report comments there was an error: Directory Advertising, anticipated revenue \$2000, expenses \$2000. Revenue anticipated is forecasted high. Needs to be corrected to show expenses of \$1,000 and revenue of \$1,000.

Minutes - Motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Thank you Christine and Robert. Christine will be taking on this responsibility.
Current balance \$12,188.76.
Started out at \$10,520.00.

Membership campaign generated an extra \$1,000 this year. Last year was \$3,740. YTD \$4,600. In theory we trickle in more months –hit at HOA meeting.

Still under budget. The income needed from dues is \$5,000. Set high intentionally. We are 6.5 months into the year. At some point Christine needs to be added as signatory on account. Web access as well. Move to add Christine via motion as signature on account / Treasury. Approved by board.

Old Business:

List available for dues drive if anyone would like to reach out to residents.

Directory: Vickie couldn't make it. Spreadsheet tracking activity / prospects and income.

We are giving advertisers a book.

3 new ads added to directory tracking sheet:

- Chip ¼ ad, black and white.
- Brooklyn Knish, Brian, business size (Chip)
- Davis Ventures, restoration company, business size (Chip)

Needs to be printed by Sunday, October 27th for annual meeting. Setup at 1:30pm. Meeting will be 2:00PM – 4:00PM. Cleanup 4:00PM.

Sell ads until the September 19th meeting. John will be traveling. Chip is going to see if he can host this meeting. September 19th - 27th dates for proofing, then printing.

Printing quotes: Christine will send contact info (Local Shops 1) to Vickie for Vickie to follow-up, get pricing, etc.

Kristin Langley, 727.712.3034 is reviewing address by address. Reviewing residents via public records on file. Current actual owner and known phone number on record. She needs to be completed by September 19th. John and Kelly are also reviewing contact information (Google and Phone tree.)

Agenda item for September 19 meeting: Ribbons. Be sure to circle back.

Committee Reports

Garage Sales:

Jerry and Katie will be in Peru. They need help with the signs. Christine mentioned if they bring the signs to the September meeting we'll work together to get the signs up. John will put up the 'sandwich' board signs. Next garage sale is October 5th.

Annual Meeting:

Katie Baker mentioned a topic to mention: Annual dues increase. Come to discuss. Come and vote.

Add airport traffic as topic for annual meeting also.

John will put the message out in the call-them-all.

Come see some history items (Joe Brown's items), etc.

Food: Publix catering. Desserts and light sandwiches. We had too many cakes last year. See if we can get food donated.

Budget item: \$300.00 for food and hall.

John Breen asked the Bakers to inventory what they might need and send out an email to the team.

Airport:

Karyn couldn't attend. Britt attended her in place. Britt thoroughly enjoyed it! No complaints from Del Oro. No one is calling the hotline. People could be tired from complaining OR go online and complain. UPS was represented there. Allegiant keeps flying over the neighborhood. Main offender at this point.

Newsletter:

Next newsletter: mention the airport complaint number and/or website. Remind the residents.

Mention: Reclaimed water is available in the neighborhood.

Mention: Potential – Joe Brown's papers. Christine is reviewing and will give to Kelly.

Hospitality:

Three scones delivered: San Jose, San Gabriel, San Domingo.

1 waiting. Another on San Pedro. Also 3303 San Jose, 3310 San Carlos. Sharon will email couple on San Carlos.

Landscape:

This month's winner – San Carlos Street. Sophia's Cleaning. 727.647.7457 cell. Nominated by her neighbors. We've had 30 winners by going monthly.

Neighborhood Watch:

Good report thus far since July. Very thankful we have proactive security in place.

We wanted to get additional recordable cameras. Ciaramello's have a non-recordable. Would like to swap that out. Also, another for Lucille Jensen's entrance (corner).

Motion:

Budget: \$75 for upgrade + \$150 for additional. \$225.00 total. This would be an additional expense: Approved by board.

Be sure to cut your high bushes and do not crack your garage windows. (Tip from Britt).

Camera site to view camera activity: www.mydlink.com

Android marketplace OR Apple store: Dlink

Login: Delorogroves@gmail.com

PW: delorogroves

Robert purchased a high resolution outdoor camera. \$260.00 Class 10, 32 gig, an extra \$30.00.

Robert mentioned possibly purchasing directly thru D-link's website.

Volunteer Force:

Try to leverage for signs and annual meeting. Baker's – please send email out to Volunteer Force.

Picnic:

We had a meeting after the picnic to get feedback. Alissa called Costco –can't do advertising, but they will help with picnic. Low-key table, not hard sell/products for being a sponsor.

Going to move bounce house into shade. Extending the time.

Ice cream truck – loved it. Face painting? Balloon guy? All potential ideas. More to come, stay tuned.

Helping Hands:

Britt is helping out with scones.

Block parties:

May 1, 2014 may be a date. We'll talk about it in the Fall.

Bunko:

On hold during the summer. Picks up in the Fall.

Clearwater Coalition:

Ed Hooper, District 67 (per Sharon), reviewed the budget passed by FL Leg. Eye opening, budget cuts throughout Clearwater. Mr. Hooper talked about money from cutbacks going into Medicaid budget (significantly increased for this year).

He mentioned the beaches area spruced up, money going into that - making it attractive for tourists. He said because the Chinese economy is so good Chinese tourists are starting to explore the world. An area of interest – Florida beaches. Sharon was pleased with his work thus far. His term will be over shortly. Running for County Commissioner.

This past meeting, Mayor Cretekos. Topic: Clearwater Aquarium. Quite a lively discussion by the people who lived in condos by the aquarium. This group of people being persistent, and their feelings were not positive with the move. The aquarium wants to move to the City Hall location.

Other: Location behind Safety Harbor Spa. We can now walk to the beach.

Facebook:

Very handy for lost dogs.

Coyote spotted by Britt. Universities are doing research in Alligator Lake. Catching and tagging them.

If you spot a coyote – email it to delorogroves@gmail.com so it can be posted.

We will post a picture of Kristen with her cat, letting the neighborhood know her cat was found.

Be sure to share the FB page with neighbors.

New Business**Items from long ago:**

One of our prior board members, Joe Brown, dug out items from a long time ago. One item – how Coopers Bayou Park came to be. Potential articles for the newsletter.

Reclaimed Water:

Bob Booth mentioned many people haven't opted into reclaim water. He thought to place a mention in the newsletter.

Reclaimed water is available in the neighborhood.

Ribbons:

Bob Booth was concerned about not putting ribbons on all the houses. We'd love to see every home have one – perhaps sell ribbons? Circle back September 19th meeting.

Made motion to adjourn. 9:04PM.

Thank you to Jerry & Katie Baker for hosting!

Respectfully Submitted,

Alissa Ciaramello

on behalf of Kelly Myer, Secretary