Minutes of the Neighborhood Captain Forum

October 12, 2023

The Neighborhood Captains' Forum was called to order at 2:10 PM by Janet Nolan, Chair of the Neighborhood Captains Executive Committee. 15 Neighborhood Captains or Assistants to the Captain were in attendance. New Captain Madeline Murrell, Portofino West was welcomed. A motion to accept the minutes of September 14, 2023 was made by Helen Koonz and seconded by Melissa Anderson. The September 14, 2023 meeting minutes were accepted.

I. Reflection Reminder:
   A. October 27 for the December Issue: Teri Barber Lago Vista and Scott Svihula, Versilia
   B. Captains signed up for 2024 article submissions. A copy of the Reflections Article reminder will be sent to the Captains with the Preliminary Minutes.

II. On October 9th, the Executive Committee met in the Administration Conference room at 2pm. The following items were discussed or carried over by NCP Chair.
   A. The Standard of Practice to assure consistency of the program will be submitted to HOA Vice President Marie Sepe for an initial review.
   B. The amount of $6000, has been placed on the HOA line item for the Captains' program, approval will be Oct 17 HOA Board meeting.
   C. Two neighborhoods need Captains – Rainbow Lakes West and Bella Vista.
   D. There will be an open position on the Executive Committee starting January 1, 2024. Applications from interested Captains should be sent to the Executive Committee.
   E. The Executive Committee is reviewing the Neighborhood Captains Mission Statement.
   F. All "Weekly Digest of Email Blasts" are to be forwarded. Captains were reminded to clean out their Neighborhood Captain inboxes.

III. Kristi McConnell and Helen Koonz updated the Captains on plans for the November 29th Captains' Holiday Pot Luck event at the Palms. We have the community room from 4 to 9 PM for setup and cleanup. The event will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

IV. Kristi McConnell presented the Scar Update from a meeting of several neighborhoods on October 6, 2023 at which Lita Epstein described the history of the CFX proposal to build a toll expressway along Cypress Parkway in Poinciana. The current plans include removing businesses through eminent domain, which would eliminate 122 jobs. SCAR has suggested an alternative route that would have less impact on the residents and businesses in our community and may relieve some of the current traffic congestion.

The request for Title 6 is now in Washington and the lead investigator has hired two additional investigators. CFX had claimed they had notified everyone, including the businesses to be impacted, but has now admitted they never sent the letters of notification. The current plan cannot move forward until Title 6 is resolved. The court case is now in Washington.

SCAR is not opposed to building an expressway in Poinciana to help relieve congestion for Orlando. They just feel there is a better solution than the CFX proposed Southport Connector. For more information see: https://scarofpoinciana.com/.

V. Announcements:
   A. Michelle in Lifestyles has been transferred. Her replacement is Alexandria Velez. Her email is Alexandria.Velez@CastleGroup.com.

B. The Neighborhood Captains Program will host three Meet & Greet programs for Candidates for the HOA Board Election:
Dec. 6 - Meet the Candidates introduction in the Ballroom. Volunteer Captains will welcome attendees at the doors.
Jan 3 and **24** - Meet the Candidates. We will have more details at a later time.
Any Neighborhood Captain inviting a "candidate" to an event must invite all candidates and email a copy of the invitation to captainprogram.solivita@gmail.com.

VI. Open Agenda
A. Captains discussed neighborhood structures and events.
B. A motion was made to ask the Board to review the ability of Captains to offer services in the area of arts and crafts to other Captains for events. The request is made for clarification on charging for supplies. The motion was made by Helen Koonz and seconded by Virginia Russell.

VII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:55 by Margo Heimbaugh and seconded by Melissa Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Godlewski
Executive Committee