



**Cocoanut Grove Village Council**

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**Cocoanut Grove Village Council  
December 16, 2006  
Meeting Minutes**

On December 16, 2006, a quorum of duly elected Directors of Firm met to discuss and decide issues relevant to the business of the corporation. Council Members Hecht, Nelson, Niemeyer, Zilber and Dubin were present and voted. The following discussions took place, including the enactment of resolutions as described herein:

1. Minutes approved for November 15 and December 5 meetings. Felice Dubin moved, Michelle Niemeyer 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.
2. Website: constant contact, Michelle Niemeyer will order. Lottie Person, David Collins and Ron Nelson still need bios. Gary Hecht will write Ms. Person's bio.
3. Applications. Accepting until January 2. Harry Gottlieb has applied. Nathan K. will apply. Tom Cobitz just applied today. Lili Dones wants to apply. Robert Loupo doesn't want to apply, nor Bob Ferreiro. February TV meeting committee will present finalists and council will have the chance to vote.
4. Crimewatch. Robert Loupo did not want to address subcommittee issue until after the holidays.
5. Meeting schedule for 2007: The City had taken us off the calendar totally. They put us back on first Tuesday.
6. Discussion regarding Gary Hecht Co-Chairing Crimewatch. As Chair of the VC he can't by the by-laws. He will be the liason. It is Gary's understanding Yvonne McDonald will stay on Crimewatch.
7. Treasury report: \$12,537.08 balance in account. Mailing will be about \$4,800. Nelson in Comm'r Jimenez's office will send an application for 2007 funding. Felice Dubin concerned about the budget for next year.

Felice indicated LB, a CPA, says we're an elected body and says we are a quasi-governmental body. Martin Zilber disagrees. Martin suggested we should open a new entity. Discussed Matt Ogurick's opinion that 501(c)(3) benefits

outweigh burden, or we could be 501(c)(4). Martin doesn't see the downside to doing it the right way. LB Carpenter, CPA, told Felice that if we are quasi-governmental we don't have to file a tax return.

Martin suggested we ought to listen to Matt Ogurick's ideas about benefit/risks of being a 501(c)(3). We will do an RFP for an accountant to file our taxes for 2006. Martin will call accountants whose names council members provide.

Michelle Niemeyer will ask Matt Ogurick to attend the mid-month January meeting to discuss the 501(c)(3) issue. We may want to consider filing the first time under 501(c)(3) with the IRS. Michelle will ask Matt is if this is something we want to do on this tax filing.

Discussed budget going through old budget and addressing amounts for next year. Felice will circulate the budget to be appended to the minutes and her annotated draft from this meeting.

Procedurally we will have a vote to pass the budget and a further vote to authorize funds.

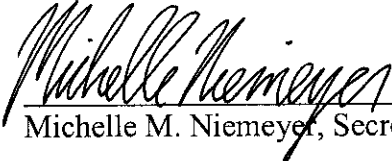
Martin move to accept budget, Ron Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

8. Update mailing. Gary Hecht asked us to e-mail the things we consider the highlights of the year.

9. Gary Hecht wants to have a year-in-review in January. Updates from all committees. Home Depot, CrimeWatch, TreeWatch,

10. Michelle Niemeyer moved to adjourn, Gary Hecht 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adjourned.

Dated: January 3, 2007

  
Michelle M. Niemeyer, Secretary