



Coconut Grove Village Council

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

On June 6, 2006, a quorum of duly elected Directors of Coconut Grove Village Council met to discuss and decide issues relevant to the business of the corporation. Mr. David Collins, Ms. Felice Dubin, Mr. Gary Hecht, Ms. Yvonne McDonald, Ms. Michelle Niemeyer, Ms. Lottie Person, Mr. Marc Sarnoff, and Mr. Martin Zilber were present and voted. A majority of said Directors voted in favor of the following resolution(s):

1) Motion to approve prior meeting minutes by Ms. McDonald, Ms. Person seconded motion, approved by unanimous vote.

2) Acceptance of check from County Commissioner Carlos Jimenez, \$15,000.

3) Report from Mr. Johnson of Commissioner Jimenez's office. On June 13 there is a Town Hall Meeting at Frankie Rolle Center, 6:30 pm.

Mr. Jim McMaster mentioned a proposal about 27th Avenue property "standards" for a possible development at the metrorail station. The city has some say in this, according to Will. Proposing FAR over 7, 35 story building, mixed use, etc.

4) Report from Mr. Robert Loupo, All Grove Crime Watch. Over this past month fewer e-mails about crime and crime activity than in the last two months. 305-579-6111 is the non-emergency number. Officer Braga's cell is 786-486-1488. Bring problems to the All Grove Crime Watch. June 14, 6:30 at Virrick Park.

5) Ms. Dubin invited Commissioner Winton to match the funds provided by County Commissioner Jimenez.


6) Home Depot Update

Mr. Strang, Architect, Mr. Milam, owner of Milam's grocery store, and Mr. Workman of Home Depot

presented plans and answered questions about Home Depot's plans and about the restrictions included in the Class II permit issued by the City of Miami. Traffic Engineer discussed study, which was conducted in summer weekday rush hour and modified to add 7%. Extensive public comment regarding concerns raised by Home Depot's potential effect on the community, including concern about industrial use in residential neighborhood, zoning issues, traffic, traffic study that doesn't account for seasonal breaks and people coming in, and fire protection. Residents are offended by handout threatening 8th Street store if we continue to oppose the Home Depot. Immediate neighbors believe still not enough consideration to buffer the neighbors or enforcement mechanisms. 30th Court wants as much consideration for traffic impact as Bridgeport. The owners of the property have not shown any regard for the community. Home Depot belongs in an industrial area, not a commercial area.

7) Mr. McMaster informed the Council there are plans to build a high rise, mixed use project at the 27th Avenue metrorail station. He indicated the only opportunity for the public to possibly have any input before the size of the project is accepted would be at a meeting to be held on July 5. Mr. McMaster encouraged the Council to issue a resolution to request that Miami-Dade County refrain from making any decisions regarding the proposed project at the Coconut Grove Metrorail Station until such time as there has been an opportunity for public input. Mr. Collins made the motion, Mr. Sarnoff seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Dated: August 18, 2006


Michelle Niemeyer, Secretary