

Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association Member Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/10/08

Location: Cuba Hunter Park

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by President, Jeanie Holler

Agenda:

1. Welcome & prayer –
Prayer led by Lowell Griffith
2. Announcements -
Jeanie recognized a few folks that have made an impact to our neighborhood since our last meeting. Recognized as “GENA Warriors” were:
Billie Griffith
Kelly Lucas

The Board has approved a “Business of the Month” – still developing the criteria for selection. The criteria is being refined and will be brought to the membership for a vote.
Chair – Billie Griffith, Members – Kelly Lucas, Walter Fish & Vicki Layton

American Legion Post 88 is collecting grocery coupons. Bring to any meeting. Coupons should not be expired or specific to any local store (like Publix, Walgreens, Winn Dixie).

GENA & American Legion Post 88 are teaming up for another collection for the Troops in May. This collection will be in time for Memorial Day and will be in honor of Lt. Cmdr. Keith Taylor (brother of GENA member Beth King), killed in Iraq 1/29/05. In honor of Keith’s commitment to wounded soldiers, this collection will also include items for hospitalized soldiers. Please include slippers, pajamas, housecoats, socks, t-shirts, etc. Vickie Kutscher is working with the Post & will provide a list of items at the April meeting.

May 3rd – GENA “Yard Sale” – proceeds will be used for more mass mail-outs of our newsletters

Litter Patrol reminder – meet at the “circle” this Saturday.

3. Michael Drudy, Fair Tax presentation –
An excellent presentation of the Fair Tax proposal was given. For more information go to www.fairtax.org
4. Mary Slaughter, the Housing Market -
Per MLS our neighborhood is in the St. Nicholas area. There are 118 active residences for sale, 19 pending sales, 124 sold last year, and 202 expired last year.
She supports GENA by offering \$300.00 towards closing costs if buyers (or sellers) become members of GENA.

Committee Reports

5. Membership – Jeanelle Lewis
57 attending tonight
130 paid members

Yard of the Month – Jim Mollenhour

Jim encouraged “personal” litter patrol as you get your daily exercise.

He is trying to give out YOM in different “zones” of the neighborhood so the word spreads more about our organization.

Also, he asked each person to please sign up to bring refreshments to the meeting at least one month.

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Old Business

6. Hudnall/Putnam Drainage Project – Don Redman
Construction has begun. They've started clearing for the retention pond.

University/Beach intersection – Don Redman

He opposes the changes the JTA are proposing. He will meet with JTA to argue against the proposal. Mark Patrick has sent a letter on GENA's behalf objecting to the plan.

JSO update –

4 teens were arrested as part of a "robbery ring". They aren't sure if this will stop the home invasions we've experienced lately or not.

Gang activity ("MS 13") is on the rise. This is a Mexican gang that has caused the closure of several Latino clubs in the area.

7. Open Microphone –

Scott Wilson advised there has been a great deal of speculation about a club going into the old Food Lion on Emerson. He advised a Zoning Exception would be required for this to happen.

Scott also advised the Spring Park Road project should be complete in about 6 weeks.

Reminder: our website is up and running! Go to www.greatgena.com to see.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.