

DNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Randy Wright.

Old Business

Entry feature dedication. Bill has designed an oval sign. Design has been handed over to Gary. I would like to have a dedication in the fall.

Duck Pond island cleanup – have asked the city to not cut grass on the island to provide cover for ducks. We do need to schedule a cleanup and planting on the pond. Our goal is to provide cover for the ducks so the hawks don't eat the ducks. Randy will send out an email asking for volunteers

We want to see attractive maintained plants in the pond and are trying to get the city to live up to its promise.

Neighbors helping neighbors. A young man at UF has developed a piece of software called shareability.org. He would like to have us test it. It could be a tool to help neighbors communicate with other neighbors who might need help.

We have formed Friends of Metcalfe. We are going to be proposing enrichment activities at the school. Jack Donovan is the new minister at Highlands Presbyterian. His church has adopted the school and is filling up backpacks with food and taking them over to the school every Friday. If you are interested in helping them, come on Thursday. Contact Jack if you can donate food or help fill backpacks.

Announcements from the floor

Dan Harmeling: here is a little information on law enforcement flights over the city. You can use this information for complaints and or compliments.

Anne Ogg: we are beginning a small study group to talk about race issues. This is a way to develop a dialogue. Contact Anne for more information.

Penny Wheat- I am a candidate for the district 4 commission seat.

Craig Lowe- I am a candidate for mayor to replace Pegheen who is term limited.

Randy Wells - In the interest of full disclosure, I plan to file for city commission as well and hope to have some good discussions with you.

Kirby announced has boxes out for toys for underprivileged. Presents need to be unwrapped. Drive will go thru Dec 12.

Tonight's Program

Phoebe Cade Miles – Mrs. Miles gave an overview of the museum her foundation is proposing. It would serve as a bridge between town and gown. Depot Park is a brown field which is undergoing remediation and the processes being used to restore the area are innovative. Our vision is to teach the art of innovation and science of creativity. Mrs. Miles gave an overview of the different exhibits that will be in the museum. Why Gainesville? Gainesville is a powerhouse of innovation and is one of the top schools that actually transfer ideas to reality. Gainesville is the home to 6 business incubators which is unprecedented that we have this much technology. If you want any more information please go to www.cademuseum.org.

Police Report

Crime reports from Sept 1st. Indicate that we are doing well in the Duck Pond. All of the auto burglaries that we have had, have been window smashers. Do not leave something in your car that might be desirable in plain view. One burglary was to an unlocked house. In the newsletter is a number to call if you would like to volunteer to help. We are reaching out to our citizens due to budget cuts. Another way you can help is to contact your state rep and ask for funding for the juvenile assessment center. Jim Backhaus, 334-2422. 339-6237 cell.

Bill Cervone

Bill has been a neighborhood resident since 1977 and works in the State Attorney's office. Bill explained that this office handles everything from the most minor offense to most serious. We do our best work when we have evidence and usually that means people who are willing to become involved as witnesses. We need your involvement. Be aware of and report things that happen in your neighborhood. Most criminals are opportunists. If you leave temptation in view, you are more likely to be a victim. If you would like information about a case, if you have any questions about our office, please contact our Public information Officer Spencer Mann at 374-3670

Call for volunteers

There are many volunteer opportunities in the neighborhood. Randy-needs volunteers for Sat Dec 5 to help set out the luminaries. Also, at 5:30pm, we need help lighting the candles. We expect quite a few people in the neighborhood so if you put out lights to decorate your house try to get the decorations up before the 5th. Your Board of Directors has an opening for a treasurer. Also, we are in need of additional board members. If you like to edit newsletters or write articles contact Randy. The Roper Park Fund has \$1600 available. If you want to do some planting in the park, you can get reimbursed. It was suggested that we do a tree planting in honor of Sam G. Contact randy

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm