

Minutes DNA general membership meeting

November 12, 2013

Fellowship Hall

17 members present

Guests: GPD - Ofc. Ernest Graham, Speaker - Bill Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm (Melanie Barr)

1. Introduction of members

2. Approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting (motion Bill Warriner; seconded by Charlie Covell, motion passed)

3. Treasurer's report (Brian Miller)

- Largest expense is the newsletter; ads will offset the cost
- Duck fund: generally goes to food for water fowl. The DNA Board recently voted to shift \$200 from the general fund into this fund. Those who are interested are invited to join the duck/pond committee and think about ways to raise funds etc.
- Dues are per calendar year (so due January 1). The treasurer will send out and post reminders.

4. Police report (Officer Ernest Graham)

- Residential burglaries from 15 down to 4; car burglaries still frequent, mainly of cars that are left unlocked.
- Problems with youth around Thelma Boltin center after birthday parties at night: better staff attendance is worked on, parents will be made aware of when the events end and when their children need to be picked up.
- Do not use drop boxes to pay rent

5. Guest speaker Bill Hutchinson (City of Gainesville Cultural Affairs)

- Cultural affairs created in 1979
- Responsible for/involved with Downtown arts festival, Hogtowne medieval faire, several grant programs, Downtown countdown, Free Fridays (contact David Ballard for suggestions), Holiday tree lighting, Jazz fest in April, Ice palace, Spring promenade Kids theatre, Thomas center galleries, and Evergreen cemetery.

6. Announcements

- Making Strides Again Breast Cancer: Duckpond team ended 37th (out of 161) with \$1,005 raised

- Roper Park Yard sale, Saturday November 16; set up at 8am
- Currently we do not have any wagons for the carriage rides on December 7. Gregg Rogers volunteered to call companies and make further inquiries.
- Petition Florida Water and Land Legacy (hand completed forms to Charlie Covell)
- Spring promenade homes needed
- Melanie will write Steve Phillips (Parks & Recreation) about installing cameras around Thelma Boltin Center and Thomas Center.
- Joanne Auth: On GPD website you can look up which incidents happened in a certain location at a certain time
- Joanne Auth: it may be useful to have a list of the house numbers of the homes around you, so you know what location to mention when calling the police.
- Newspaper thefts
- Newsletter ideas or contributions please send to board (Charlie Covell)

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm