

PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Covenant Presbyterian Church Room 230

February 13, 2018 -- 6:00 - 8:10 PM

Board members present: Caroline Martino, Margot Kaufman, Bob Kaufman, Al Jones, Carol Girardin, Elona Dreni, Alan Brown

Board Members Absent: Cindy Dreyfuss, Ed Livingston, Joan Ginsberg

Meet and Greet time from 6:00-6:30 with Refreshments was enjoyed by all.

PRCA Caroline Martino called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members were introduced and Caroline mentioned that Cindy Dreyfuss and Ed Livingston have resigned their board membership.

Our Guest Speaker, Doug Caldwell from the Extension Service was introduced by Caroline.

Doug presented information on Post Hurricane Irma Tree Damage and Recovery. Ongoing correct pruning of trees and shrubs may minimize damage during storms. Don't prune to leave trees top heavy. Don't "hatrack" trees. Don't "hurricane cut" palms — instead leave green fronds on the tree at a 3 o'clock to 9 o'clock pattern. Coconut trees are self-pruning - so leave green fronds on. Trees sometimes take months after damage to die. He said that branch architecture is a "big deal" for wind resistance. V-shaped branch junctions are weak. U-shaped junctions are better. Doug suggested that we shouldn't plant Magnolias or Crepe Myrtle.

In order to remove trees, Doug said that you need a Tree Removal Permit. When planting new trees, read the Collier County Native Plant List to see what's best for the area. Plant the "Right Plant in the Right Place"

Doug suggested fertilizing with 8/2/12 for trees and shrubs.

Doug Caldwell can be contacted via email on dougbug@ufl.edu

He also has a You Tube Channel - Doug Bug Himself!

Caroline called the regular PRCA Business Meeting to order at 7:20.

Caroline :The Directory is online and is password protected. There is a new password each year which is provided to members upon receipt of their dues payment. Our website is PineRidge34108.com. Hotmail has been discontinued and replaced by New Email address: PRCA@pineridge34108.com

Next Door is also very helpful way to communicate with neighbors.

Secretary's Report (Margot K) No minutes for January meeting since the Board assembled the mailing for dues and information instead having a regular meeting.

173 residents have paid dues so far this year.

We have been working to start a Welcome Committee for new owners. Volunteers are needed!!

District II Report (Al J): Trail Boulevard sidewalk will be on the west side of the oak trees - new light poles are also being installed.

Stormwater (Al J) : Pine Ridge Stormwater Study has been done by the County but it is not yet written up. There may be a new

County stormwater fee to budget specifically for repairs and maintenance. Perhaps Commissioner Solis can attend our March meeting to fill us in on that issue.

Landscape Report (Alan B.) - Small pine trees can be purchased from the State - we missed this year's timeframe.

Trail Blvd Trees were officially donated to the County on June 20, 2017.

Bob K - County is doing street sign replacement for those lost or damaged by Hurricane Irma. He has called to report many signs needed in Pine Ridge. If anyone sees sign that have disappeared - please call the County to report them. Joan G had volunteered to survey the community roads for missing PRCA signs.

Treasurer's Report (Carol G): As of 12/31/2017 there was \$53K in the account. Since she travels so much, Carol would like to find a PRCA member to replace her as Treasurer on the Board. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer

Past President's Report (Bob K): Discussed the new development that is being planned at the NE corner of Goodlette-Frank and Pine Ridge Roads. The developer is asking for a zoning change and an increase in density from 275 to 400 units. This issue will be brought to the Planning Board. Residents of Pine Ridge and the other affected nearby communities on Goodlette and Pine Ridge Roads can write letters to the Planning Board and the Commissioners voicing their feelings about the proposals.

President's Report (Caroline M): Caroline thanked Ed and Cindy for their time on the Board. They have both resigned their positions. We have a vacancy on the Board. Caroline asked if there are any

volunteers from the attendees. No one volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Caroline noted that the County has stopped working to repair the cut-thru on Center Street. We will have to remind them to please finish! Cane Toads are back. We had 8 board meetings last year Caroline requested members think about ideas for Guest Speakers for future meetings and also constructive comments on ways to handle future disasters.

Nominations for Board Members. Caroline again asked for volunteers to fill the Board vacancy. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Since there were no volunteers, she asked for a motion to re-elect the current Board. Motion from Jill Hickey, Second from Larry Hendrickson. The current Board was re-elected Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by Margot Kaufman, Secretary PRCA