

PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Covenant Presbyterian Church Room 230

April, 18, 2017 -- 6:10 - 7:55 PM

Board members present: Caroline Martino, Margot Kaufman, Alan Brown, Al Jones, Cindy Dreyfuss, Elona Dreni

Board Members Absent: Ed Livingston, Bob Kaufman, Carol Girardin, Joan Ginsberg

The General Meeting was called to order. Caroline introduced the Board and our guest speaker, Jennifer Southall to the 17 members of the Community who attended this meeting. Jen Southall is a Biologist/Herpetologist who runs Cane Toad Removal & Control Programs. She gave us a very informative presentation on these invasive toads. Cane toads live in our area, especially near water where they lay their eggs..... they secrete a poison when touched and are very prolific. They are a danger to children and pets who might catch them and to fish who may eat their eggs. Jen runs programs to help people get rid of these toads from their property. If you see any of this toads and/or manage to eliminate some of them, you can call her since she is keeping logs of how many and where they are.

For more information, visit Jen's website www.canetoad.webs.com
You can contact Jennifer Southall on 239-384-2115 or email her at Junglejensouthall@gmail.com

There are other "exotic" animals in the area and it was suggested that if you see an unusual animal, you should:

- 1) take a picture;
- 2) note the location
- 3) report the sighting to 888-ive-got1 (888-483-4681)

For more info go to the website MyFWC.com/Nonnatives

7:10 PM the regular Board Meeting was called to order by Caroline.

Cindy mentioned that perhaps members of the Civic Association might receive a discount on the fee that Jen charges to come to your property to help with the Cane Toads. Jen did not accept a fee to give her presentation to the PRCA.

Alan B. made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the last meeting. Al J seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Caroline suggested that the minutes should be password protected on our website just as the member contact lists are. That would be another benefit of membership in the PRCA and might encourage more people to join. Our second mailing only brought 10 new paid members on board. We now have 238 members with email addresses for most, but not all of them. Some people get their info only from Next Door. It was mentioned that more information meetings might also encourage more people to join the Association.

Cindy volunteered to create a spreadsheet and have people sign in on the computer for future meetings. She will do that over the summer.

We discussed that there were no responses to our request for suggestions for new plans for the community barbecue.

Caroline will update the directory list on our website.

The issue of our donation of the Trail Blvd trees to the County must go before the BCC. As of this 4/18/17 PRCA Board meeting, the item was not on the agenda on the County website for the 4/25/17 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Al J said he will get info on the Trail Blvd sidewalks so requests for trees at the Ginsberg and Dreni addresses could be made.

Traffic & Speeding issue: Cindy has a friend who is knowledgeable on traffic rules. She said she will get us info on the rules of Traffic on Goodlette Road, North of Pine Ridge Road. This relates to traffic that would be generated by the proposed 400 new residential units that will be discussed at a Neighborhood Information Meeting (NIM).

Alan B will get Fire Wise information.

Cindy mentioned a problem with properties that have no swales or culverts causing flooding on other properties. She called Code Enforcement. Margot suggested that she call the Roads and Bridges Dept since they are responsible for that.

PRCA will report problems such as this as a benefit for MEMBERS of the association.

Caroline will post a note on NextDoor mentioning the allowable days and hours for construction. Several new construction jobsites have been active early Sunday mornings.

Al J mentioned there are new water mains being installed on Trail Blvd.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Submitted by Margot Kaufman, Secretary PRCA

