

Scottsmoor Community Association

Meeting Minutes January 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President, Jerrad Atkins. The pledge of allegiance was led by Jerrad Atkins, followed by a moment of silence. A dinner of Pork BBQ was prepared by Alyssa Atkins with sides provided by community members. There were 48 in attendance at dinner and 50 at the meeting. Officers present were President Jerrad Atkins, Vice President Todd Lisak, Treasurer Tom Minch, Secretary Alyssa Atkins, and Executive Board Member Doug Chamberlain. Executive Board member Rose McGinnis was absent due to illness.

Visitors: Jerrad Atkins introduced community member David Laney. He reported that 2 weeks ago the Sierra Club notified him of a proposed change to the Brevard County Long Range Comprehensive Plan regarding the wetlands restrictions on residential property. He stated that the process of getting this change through actually began back in March 2019 with request to review the Long-Range Comprehensive Plan, and then the issue went off the radar. Mr. Laney went on to explain what the restrictions are and how they protect wetlands in Brevard County. He stated that if wetlands are affected by development of residential property in Brevard, they must be mitigated to result in a zero-net loss in wetlands. He said that the proposed change would do away with the portion of plan that states that you may only develop 1.8% of wetland property. The EPA states that you may have 1 residence per 5 acres on wetland property. They decided that the percentage (1.8%) is basically the square footage of the actual residence itself based on a 4,000 square foot floor plan (4,000 square feet is 1.8% of 5 acres). Mr. Laney stated that the proposal was to do away with that particular paragraph that has the 1.8% reference. Not only would that leave wetlands vulnerable and prone to destruction, but other sections in the plan reference the paragraph for determination of what restrictions may apply in order to help preserve the wetlands. This would essentially leave NO restriction on development of wetland property. He explained 2 options were chosen by the commissioners at the meeting for further evaluation, neither of which would cause a change to the current 1.8% rule nor the mitigation to incur zero net loss of wetlands in Brevard County. He declared that a WIN for our wetlands and the IRL in Brevard County!

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November's meeting minutes as written was made Doug Funk. It was seconded by Cheryl Ann Barnes. The motion passed.

Bertha Bonardi had brief issue with the statement regarding the national waterway in November's meeting minutes made by Joe Bonardi. He had expressed concern about the increase in taxes to clean up a government-controlled waterway. It was explained by David Laney that waterways are kept navigable by the US Coast Guard and Congress, but they do not have responsibility to clean up the waterways. He said that falls back to the EPA.

Treasurer's Report: Due to no meeting being held for the month of December, both treasurer reports for December and January were submitted during this meeting.

December: Tom Minch reported that the beginning bank account balance on 11/25/2019 was \$7,956.11 and the ending balance on 12/31/2019 was \$7,220.75. Motion to approve December's treasurer report was made by Arnie Benson. It was seconded by Todd Lisak. The motion passed.

January: Tom Minch reported that the Beginning bank account balance on 12/31/2019 was 7,220.75 and the ending balance on 1/27/2020 \$7782.15. A motion to approve January's treasurer report was made by Joe Goforth. It was seconded by Doug Chamberlain. The motion passed.

Meeting Hall: Combined attendance for December and January was 302 people.

Public Relations: Jerrad Atkins received a card for his broken leg.

Membership: 148

Mims Report: Ron Bartcher reported that at the Mims community meeting they had a Think Green Fruit factory representative as guest speaker. They explained that they will be refurbishing the building for a wedding venue and an indoor market. He stated that there are no detailed plans yet. The indoor market, named Plant Street Market, will be

similar to one in Winter Park. Local vendors will be selling their items there. It will be indoors and have a brewery. He also reported on the future of the Mims community group. He said they will no longer have Mims community meetings for two reasons. First, the county is going to charge them \$45 to utilize the building. Second, he is having a hard time getting interesting speakers. He explained that they are not an incorporated group and there are not enough volunteers to make it so. He told the membership that he is on the planning and zoning advisory board and he gets notice and he will still notify us of any issues. Both Mr. Arnie Benson and Jerrad Atkins offered any of our services, including the free use of the Scottsmoor Meeting Hall for their meetings, because they have shared such invaluable information over the years regarding our community.

Parks and Rec: Arnie Benson reported that he has been re-elected as chairman for another year. He reminded everyone that the meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Brevard room in Titusville at 5pm. He asked that anyone that can attend, please do.

Special Events: Scottsmoor Kids Event this month is a free STEM activity at the meeting hall on Feb 20th at 5:30pm.

Prize Committee: Jerrad Atkins reported that the kayak will be given away on the 24th of February and He offered ticket packages for members to help sell ticket within the community.

Mail: None

Old Business: Jerrad Atkins reported that we needed an additional board member to make it an odd number. Arnie Benson announced a nomination for Jake Bullington to be an additional board member. Jerrad Atkins requested additional nominations 3 times. Arnie Benson moved to close the nomination window. One ballot was cast. The motion passed. The membership voted to elect Jake Bullington as the new board member.

Land usage: Jerrad Atkins brought back up the discussion of what we will do as a community with the extra land we acquired. He suggested that what Paul Raulerson did at Serenity Park would be a great end result. He suggested community areas and benches, etc... Tom Minch reported that Amanda Milligan offered to go in and do some landscaping and adding of plants. Arnie Benson suggested we keep an open mind until we get it cleared out. Jerrad Atkins asked for volunteers to participate in the clearing out Arnie Benson expressed the need to find the pins and find the property line. Doug Funk asked if there were any restrictions as to what we can remove from the property as far as indigenous trees and such. Jerrad Atkins referred back to David Laney for the direction on keeping native species alive on the property.

New Business: Jerrad Atkins reported on the vandalism in Serenity Park where the sign we made was shot. Todd volunteered to help upkeep the park area. Jerrad Atkins discussed the making of a new sign. Community member, AW Simmons, who owns Space Coast Engraving, offered to engrave a wooden sign.

Other Considerations:

Website update: Jerrad Atkins reported that he updated all the blogs dating back to May of last year. He invited the members to check them out on Scottsmoor.org.

Amazon smile: Jerrad Atkins reminded everyone how to use it and to use it.

Scottsmoor School: Gina Prudhomme updated us and said that we do have a historical designation and they are ready to talk with the county about moving forward.

Jerrad Atkins reported on the Brevard County Sheriff Department shooting class and introduced the setting up of a CPR class at the meeting hall.

Jerrad Atkins brought to light a recent rezoning request that Ron Bartcher made him aware of in our area. A couple, John and Beverly Vogt, bought 18 lots and has just under 4 acres and they want to change the zoning to agricultural light. He said that it has made it past the zoning board and it goes before the commission 2-6-2020 at 5pm. It was reported that

they are only building one house instead of the potential for 3 on that 4 acres. The purpose for the rezoning application is so they can build a barn and get a couple of cows, while being compliant with zoning regulations.

Arnie Benson informed the membership again of the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary election that will be held for district 106 at the meeting hall on March 17, 2020. The polls open at 7am and will be open until 8pm.

It was requested that we have a volunteer to audit the Association's last financial year. Cheryl Ann Barnes agreed to do so.

50/50: Jim Taylor received \$30 and the association received \$30.

The door prize: Fred Young won the \$25 Honeysuckle gift certificate.

Motion to adjourn was made by Becky Funk and seconded by Bill Goff at 7:59pm

Minutes submitted by Alyssa Atkins, Secretary.