

# Scottsmoor Community Association

## Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Jerrad Atkins. The pledge of allegiance was led by Jerrad Atkins, followed by a moment of silence. A dinner of lasagna was prepared by Rose McGinnis with sides provided by community members. There were 46 in attendance at dinner and 50 at the meeting. Officers present were President Jerrad Atkins, Treasurer Tom Minch, Secretary Alyssa Atkins, Executive Board Members Rose McGinnis and Doug Chamberlain. Vice President Todd Lisak was excused due to holiday travel.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Jerrad Atkins introduced FL Congressman Rene “Coach P” Plasencia. Coach P has been serving Florida’s 49<sup>th</sup> district for nearly 6 years and has 1 more term. Prior to this he was a high school teacher at Colonial High School in Orlando. He is an Orlando native, and is married with 2 kids. David Laney thanked him regarding the quick manner in which he responded about the rezoning issue Scottsmoor was dealing with earlier this year. Doug Chamberlain brought up concern over Titusville is attempting to incorporate Mims.

Ron Bartcher said that Mims had a very large meeting regarding incorporation and annexation. He reported that the City of Titusville does not want to annex Mims. Certain developers are voluntarily annexing into Titusville for city services (water, sewer, etc...) and Titusville has accepted these to increase their tax base. The commissioner said that from her opinion there is no advantage to Titusville annexing all of Mims and nobody is a fan. There is not a push for large incorporation.

Vinny Palmieri asked about Florida’s past solar electric program. He stated that he only received half of what the program was supposed to reimburse him. Coach P reported that this was something that transpired prior to his involvement in state legislation, and that the program likely ran out of money and could not give him the entire amount. Coach P offered his number to correspond about that issue.

Rose McGinnis asked how we may be able to change our current Mims zip codes to a Scottsmoor zip. Coach P asked that the community send him an email on this. He’s not sure if it’s federal or state. He said he will look into it. Joe Goforth explained the old way that the postal service used to operate here in Scottsmoor.

Lloyd Chamberlain asked about the Indian River Lagoon project, specifically about the bill with 50 million dollars toward saving it. Coach P said that this is not a new thing. He said it has been on-going. He said that everyone is concerned about the lagoon and there are very many factors contributing to its decline. He said getting 50 million dollars to the lagoon is probably not going to happen, but he described there are matching dollars- and you can apply to have your contribution matched up to a 50 million threshold. He said that annually they are pumping 100 to 150 million dollars into projects across the state which helps the lagoon. Joe Bonardi asked if it was a national body of water.

Jerrad Atkins asked if, while looking into the piecemeal annexation of Mims into Titusville, Coach P or staff had found anything as far as protection for Mims that may eventually assist Scottsmoor down the road. He reported that the research on this is ongoing and if anyone is interested in contacting the Congressman, call his office at 321-383-5151.

Jerrad Atkins introduced Don Murphy, director of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. Don Murphy reported that since the opening of the cemetery 4 years ago, 7,057 veterans have been buried there. He said that each month and each year the interment increases. He explained that phase 2 will be roughly 50 acres. Right now, they are projecting beginning construction as early as April. It will be a 24 month project. It will provide a larger number of grave sites. They expect phase 3 not to be needed until 2030. He reported that construction traffic will be heavy along Huntington. The construction traffic pattern and path will be the same as during phase 1. There will be no construction traffic on Johns Road or Dixie Way.

A community member asked what they were going to do about traffic down Huntington, expressing problems with so much construction traffic along a residential area. Don Murphy said to alert his office of problems. Speed bumps were

brought up. Don Murphy offered to come back once the construction has begun, and to bring decision makers and those that oversee construction workers that can make a difference so that something can be done. Ron Prudhomme asked if this was a federal contract through the VA. He asked where they can go to voice their concerns, and could Don Murphy provide the contact to who is managing the solicitation. Don said yes of course he can notify a member of the board when that happens. Solicitation number was requested. Lloyd Chamberlain said the sheriff's office rents out officers for \$30 per hour and suggested maybe they could work that in. Joe Goforth expressed that cemetery itself is fantastic and beautifully laid out. Doug Chamberlain asked why the front of the cemetery was dark. He explained that the lights were out of order and were being repaired.

Jerrad Atkins announced that the DAV is raffling off an AR15 and if anyone wants tickets, get with one of their volunteers for more info.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve October's meeting minutes by Rose McGinnis. It was seconded by Arlene Chamberlain. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Minch reported that the Beginning bank account balance on 10/29/19 was \$7,718.92 and the ending balance on 11/25/19 was 7,956.11. A motion to approve the report was made by Joe Goforth. It was seconded by Cheryl Ann Barnes. The motion passed.

**Meeting Hall:** Jerrad Atkins reported that the meeting hall attendance for the month was 140.

**Public Relations:** None.

**Membership:** Tom Minch reported that there was 1 more member this month with 140 members for year-end. He said he will begin collecting dues for 2020 after the New Year.

**Mims Report:** Ron Bartcher reported that there was not a Mims community meeting. He reported that the old Nevins Citrus Packing House is redeveloping into a wedding venue. He is hoping to have the New Owners come to the Mims meeting in January. He said there is nothing new at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library, but the next sale will be in the first first week of March.

**Parks and Rec:** Arnie Benson reported that Parrish Park at Titusville is going to be fixed up nicely and the plans were approved it at their meeting. The November meeting was the last meeting of the year.

Arnie Benson reported on the elections for 2020 and utilization of the hall for their purposes. The Presidential Preference will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> (setup day) and March 17<sup>th</sup> (election day). He said that the Primary Election is going to be August 17<sup>th</sup> (setup day) and August 18<sup>th</sup> (election day). And finally that the General Election will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> (setup day) and November 3<sup>rd</sup> (election day). He requested volunteers.

**Special Events:** Rose McGinnis and Alyssa Atkins reported on the Thanksgiving lunch. Rose said there will be around 20 people in attendance and the meal will begin at 1:30pm.

**Christmas Party/parade:** Rose McGinnis said that the membership never voted on the party, only on the parade. She explained that the parade and party would now be on different days. She expressed that we should keep the parade on the original day of the December 29<sup>th</sup>, which keeps the Christmas party and parade on the same weekend as traditionally held. She reported that the meal would be at at 5pm for the Christmas party on December 28, 2019 and the parade would be held December 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**\*\*\*Note\*\*\* Since there was an improper motion during the October membership meeting, the Christmas parade will be held on the original date of 12/29.**

**Prize Committee:** October's raffle winner was present for the meeting and was introduced and congratulated. He and his wife became members, Wayne and Jerie Pennington. The TV raffle for November raised \$695, with a total profit \$378. The new raffle prize was introduced. It was a fishing kayak and paddle, with a prize value of \$550.

**Mail:** The only mail was from the Insurance Company regarding the addition of the land parcel next door, which yielded no change in premium.

**Old Business:** Annual picnic: Arnie Benson made a motion to keep the picnic on July 4th. Joe Goforth seconded. Discussion: Arnie Benson and Jerrad Atkins expressed the need volunteers. The motion passed.

**Next door land update:** Jerrad went over the options from the land parcel use idea page he sent around last month. Rose McGinnis suggested we wait until we get it cleared of trees and underbrush. Jerrad said we need to first find the boundaries. Tom Minch reported that there are designated funds toward the property of \$243 set aside and we are still accepting donations for that project. Arnie Benson made a motion to table the discussion until January about regarding the use of the land parcel, which was seconded by Rose McGinnis. The motion passed.

**Bylaws Update:** Rose McGinnis made a motion to adopt the revised bylaws. It was seconded by Anita Goforth. The motion passed.

Jerrad appointed Arnie Benson to the SCA nomination committee.

**New Business:** 2020 budget: Tom Minch reported on the new budget as follows:

He stated that membership dues and fundraising bring in a substantial amount, but he suggested more members get involved with the fundraising efforts.

Rose McGinnis made a motion to accept the fiscal year 2020 budget. It was seconded by Anita Goforth. Discussion: Tom Minch reported that the budget is feasible. The motion passed.

Money for Dec/January/Feb raffle item: Becky Funk made a motion to spend \$400 on a kayak for the November fundraiser. It was seconded by Doug Funk and passed.

**Other Considerations:**

**Website:** No change.

**Amazon Smile:** Jerrad reiterated the benefits and encouraged everyone to use it.

**Scottsmoor School:** Jerrad Atkins reported that Gina Prudhomme and Rose McGinnis had been trying to get the area around the old Scottsmoor School and the ruins recognized as a historical area. Gina requested a volunteer committee to help maintain the area. She explained that there needs to be enough interest to even move forward. Gina would like phone numbers of the people that are willing to pitch in.

**New Year's Eve:** Rose McGinnis explained that the cost for the New Year's Eve Bingo event is \$50 paid in advance, with a limited number of seats available.

Ed Rost asked about the Mims parade. Rose McGinnis explained Thanksgiving night she will be heading up the decorating of the float. She explained that Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is the Mims parade, and if anyone wanted to ride the float or if anyone had a say in how the float should be decorated, they needed to be there to help.

**The 50/50:** \$46 total: \$23 to Eric funk and \$23 to the Association.

**Quarterly prize:** Richard Ceballos won \$50.

**Monthly Raffle:** The winning ticket for November was drawn by Doug Chamberlain. Arnie Benson was the winner of the TV raffle.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vinnie Palmieri and seconded by Becky Funk at 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Alyssa Atkins, Secretary.