

Parrot Cove Association General Meeting March 24th, 2009

Location: 100 North Palmway Time: 7 pm

Board members in attendance: Brian Gleason, Anna Schafer, Dana McLaughlin, Peter Just and Teresa Miller

Neighbors: about 20

Brian introduced **Alberto O'Neill of VB Engineering, a solar design and installation** company. Mr. O'Neill discussed various types of solar electric systems, changes in the federal tax credit and added his company now offers free energy audits. He explained during the energy audit, suggestions would be made as to how to make your home more energy efficient.

Mr. O'Neill was also asked about limitation due to the historic status of the neighborhood, insurance issues related to solar panels as well as the ability for panels to withstand hurricane force winds. Mr. O'Neill explained there is a Florida statue in place, which cannot prohibit installation in historic neighborhood. He can provide this info upon request. He also stated their solar electrical systems are engineered to withstand 150 mph hurricane force winds.

According to Mr. O'Neill there is a \$2000 discount available if 20 or more households are interested in obtaining a solar electrical system as well as grant monies.

His contact information is:

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If you would like to be part of the neighborhood discount please contact Brian Gleason at briangleason@earthlink.com or 315-4020

Brian then introduced **Jodie Dixon-Mears of the Lake Worth Playhouse** who presented upcoming events, the independent film schedule and future auditions. Jodie suggested people view the playhouse website for this seasons shows and more information. Tickets are on sale for the Art and Blues Show, which takes place April 9th at The Cottage. Portion of the proceeds will go to the Lake Worth Playhouse.

Maria Karki, a local resident reported excessive water bills adding some people are being overcharged. She thus far has reports from 15 other residents who feel they have been overcharged and she is taking information from any others who have had the same experience. Maria can be reached at either karki09@me.com or 386-2241

Brian then introduced **Vice-Mayor Joanne Golden** who stated if residents have issues with Lake Worth utilities and are unable to get the issue resolved through the department's customer service to please contact any of the commissioners including herself for further help.

Commissioner Golden stated they are interviewing for a **new City Manager** and the new HR Director is in place, and the former Building Dept official has been replaced. Commissioner Golden gave updates on the golf course, beach project and vacant spaces downtown.

Brian Gleason reported on a meeting with City Officials and neighborhood representatives to discuss **neighborhood boundary signs** identifying Lake Worth neighborhoods. The city agreed to install and maintain the signs. They are also willing to purchase the poles in bulk for the entire city. The individual neighborhoods then will purchase the actual sign which will be an oval shape with print on both sides and placed on top of the pole. Neighborhoods that have enough money will purchase their own, the CRA and city might be able to help those neighborhoods that don't have enough funds.

Brian discussed the **hydrant-painting project** explaining there are 22 hydrants to be painted and 5 have been completed so far. Go to www.parrtocove.org for the locations. He said they are looking for people interested in painting a hydrant as we provide the paint. The only stipulation is the hydrant look like a parrot or have a parrot theme.

Teresa Miller, responsible for the newsletter stated if anyone has any news they would like to share she would put it in the newsletter. More details will be in the newsletter regarding the "meet the candidates" event for City Manager. Water/sewer rate increase will also be included in the newsletter. It was reported Lake Worth was mentioned in a Wall Street Journal Article in the section Off the Beaten Track.

Items and assistance for the April 25th yard sale are needed. Please drop items off at 620 N Lakeside Dr. – anytime in the covered patio. For questions please call Anna at 586.8612.

Parrott Cove t-shirts are available for \$20. You can purchase them online at www.parrotcove.org or email or call Anna (annaks@bellsouth.net)

Meeting adjourned 8:30