

October 18, 2016

The October meeting of Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association, shortened to CINA, took place on Tuesday, October 18. Eight members were in attendance. As folks gathered in the Sanctuary Meeting Room, Maria Tabraue had members sign a get-well card for fellow member Dan Samohovetz who was then in the hospital with serious health issues. After receiving the card, Dan passed away. It was hand-delivered by Maria and Eduardo in person. He told his sister he didn't know he had so many friends. Dan was a fixture in CINA. He was known as "Fencepost Dan" since he built fence posts for friends and neighbors.

President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm and the first order of business was to approve the minutes of the prior meeting in August.

The second order of business was to ratify (affirm) the two motions made at the last meeting which were:

(1) The motion to write a letter of formal grievance to the County Commissioner about mixing trash and recycle pickups. The motion was ratified without opposition.

(2) The motion to authorize the Board to renew efforts to recruit new members by disseminating news of interest through social media, our own website and to expend reasonable amounts of money to accomplish this. This motion was also ratified without opposition.

An open discussion followed with President Bill moderating. He reported that he had sent the letter to Progress, the company who picks up recycle barrels in our neighborhood, and he was rewarded with a phone call two days later. Progress fired some drivers and put effort into riding with trucks to see that they picked up properly. However an attendee present reported that, again, Progress did not pick up recycle barrels. President Bill, who is running for County Commissioner for our District 5 in the November 8th election, said that the only way to deal with this is to send continual feedback to all county commissioners to create a visible food chain so the department head can see what's going through to create transparency.

Other discussions included cars passing on double lines in the neighborhood; the possibility that DOT will open the exit/entrance at Everglades and I-75; the man who has gone missing on Immokalee near Jones Mine has not been found yet. Bill McDaniel discussed his plans if he wins the election on November 8th and updated us on the Farm Workers Village in Immokalee, saying it's doing great. He also reported that Jones Mine has been sold, and that a 65,000 square foot charter school is slated to go in on 17 acres near Randall. Other news was also discussed which this writer did not scribble down on the note pad - all part of the pleasantries of a CINA neighborhood meeting.

Other News

Our President, Bill McDaniel, won the County Commissioner seat for District 5 on November 8, so he is now called Commissioner McDaniel instead of President Bill.

Orin Smith whose 100th birthday was announced to be held on September 18, 2016, passed away on the 15th so the birthday party was transformed into a Celebration of Life for Brother Orin with many friends attending.