

- 6:35pm meeting called to order by Chairman Anne Ruby
- Chairman Ruby reported we are "getting wealthy": \$3,967.31 total (checking acct, cash, and Bike Week BBQ fund)
- Next meeting Thursday Oct 3
- 7:30pm meeting adjourned by Chairman Anne Ruby

1. Meeting began with pledge and invocation. Elected & public officials in attendance were recognized.

2. Citizen Q&A

* Police Capt. Scott Lee: Reported our district is down 8% in Part 1 Crimes. Law enforcement & code enforcement are joining forces to clean up Ocean Avenue. Roomba had been renting rooms at low rates, possibly by the hour. Roomba voluntarily shut down to address code violations. People who had been staying in the Roomba have been displaced into adjacent neighborhoods, creating some issues w squatting. Code enforcement is inspecting 200 block of S. Oleander, and also on Hollywood, locating squatters in vacant houses and helping the owners get the squatters to move on.

* Zone 3 Commissioner Quanita May.

Someone announced that Commissioner Paula Reed has announced a collection drive for Bahamas hurricane relief. It'll be this Saturday at Midtown Center.

Q&A

Capt. Lee and Commissioner May answered various questions from citizens re code enforcement, squatters, crime.

Q: I've seen open windows at Roomba.

A: Will check on that.

Q: Bunch of bicycles at 211 S. Oleander, is anyone legally in there?

A: Working w owners to get squatters removed; call us if you see suspicious behavior.

Q: I've been harassed by person showing up at my door w axe.

A: Call police.

Q: Banner signs at Streamline: Are wrap railings permitted?

A: Yes, doesn't qualify as a sign, nothing they can do.

Q: Can owners of unoccupied houses be required to have no-trespass signs?

A: Most owners don't have any problem w getting a sign, we have had no problem w owners refusing to do that.

Q: Anne Ruby – any progress on putting enforcement mechanisms in place for the Redevelopment requirements in the LDC?

A: Everything requires process improvement, changing expectation, things happening in 10 places at once. Working on short-term living, badly managed sober houses, dorm living.

Q (from Commissioner May): Can you let everyone know how long we've been working on this? (Referring to the sober/dorm living, not redevelopment requirements)

A (Capt. Lee): 6 months.

A (Commissioner May): We visited various places, saw what a well-run recovery home looks like. Also visited correctional institutions. John Lawry, guy who sued 20 years ago, is now working w the City to help draft the ordinance against non-legit recovery houses. Met with DCF, Stewart-Marchman.

Q: There are well-run houses across from me, on Phoenix. Has helped many people. But some are in it only to make money.

A: We aren't targeting recovery houses, we're targeting dorm living. Needs regulation to make sure people not taking advantage of people. Intention is for people to learn to operate as a family. Function in normal society. SIX people in three rooms for example, not 19 people.

Q: When ordinance structure is put together, will we start doing inspections?

A: We found 40 houses, eliminated some from list.

Q: I called police re bike theft, they showed up at my house in the middle of the night, woke me up.

A: When you call to report an incident, let them know you are going to sleep and will call back tomorrow.

Comment (from Ted): Everyone eat or take the pints of ice cream!

Comment (from Big): DB had 112,000 calls for service from Jan thru Aug. Daytona has way more calls for service than other cities. About 14,000 calls/month.

Capt. Lee: Public CodeStat meeting will be held in the evening (usually they are in the morning). Sept 17, 6:30pm at Civic Engagement Center at BCU, 740 W. ISB.

Q: Fed up w dumpsters not being emptied.

A: Call WastePro.

Q: Is the area north of Main included in BNW?

A: Yes. That area is inundated with complaints, and only one officer is available, and has to go out and respond to every complaint. Some of the complaints are not valid.

Q: So many properties need to be written up but are not.

A: I understand it is frustrating, takes coordination/communication w other departments. Now coordinating efforts. City had curbs repainted, boxes w graffiti repainted. Takes time.

Q: I see no improvement in past 3 years, things have gone downhill in past 10 years.

Q: (other citizens said they see improvement)

Q: Most Main St biz's not open 240 days a year.

A: They don't have to be. They just have to be open that many days if they want to participate in Bike Week Master Plan, have vendors outside.

3. Chairman Ruby introduced candidate for County Tax Collector, Will Roberts. Introduced himself: Said he is the only candidate; has several years' experience in Revenue Division, several years as correction officer, several years in military. Since 1971, Volusia County has only had an appointed tax collection officer (as opposed to elected). Gave background about the rationale for elected tax collector. Said he intends to save the public money. Took questions from citizens.

4. 50-50 raffle (Amy Pyle won \$5 but took a pint of ice cream in lieu of the cash); passing of the hat for BBQ donations. Write your name down and it'll be acknowledged on the sign. Anne announced we need volunteers for Biketoberfest Oct 18-19 11am-7pm. Feeding police, firefighters, & beach patrol. Talk to Ted or Anne if you want to volunteer.

5. Elections, Future of the Organization

Anne: Next month are elections. If we don't have a full board we will have to close this group as a 501(c)(3). Think about if you want this group to continue as a nonprofit and if so, we need people to serve on the board. Would be a shame for it to close but if that's what has to happen, it will. We could have a 6-month board term as a trial. Otherwise we could simply exist in the form of a supper club.

Meeting adjourned! Cleanup, go home.