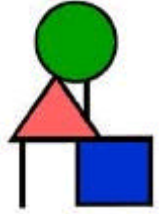
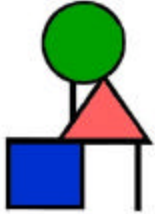


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January 5, 2004 Meeting Agenda

City of Clearwater speakers--Paul Bertels on street light proposal and Eleanor Breland on the future of downtown Clearwater

Open forum discussion on plans for 2004



Happy New Year 2004

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Our 2004 Neighborhoods Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the brand, spanking new Phillies Stadium. We will feature more of the problem identification and problem solving techniques from our 2003 conference and much more.

OUR CONFERENCE WILL BE ENLIGHTENING!!

When & Where

Monday, January 5, 2004 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road ——Clearwater

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2003 MEETING

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Doesn't your neighborhood
deserve the recognition?

1. President Sandra Curry called the meeting to order.
2. President Sandy introduced our speaker, attorney Bob Tankel, who updated us on where homeowner associations can find information to protect their deed restrictions. He also spoke about the CAI or Community Associations Institute.

The effect of the MRTA act was to wipe out any restrictions on the deed or title after 30 years, if they are not in the chain of title. The legislature subsequently created a way to keep deed restrictions, but the association has to be a mandatory association with power to assess the members or the association has rights to enforce covenants.

Voluntary associations did not fit the criteria, but each individual has rights to enforce violations. Therefore, Bob states that individuals can assign this right to the association. Once these rights have been assigned to the association, the board must give notice that it is extending the covenants, sends out a resolution with the notice attached, and records the result. He said an attorney needs to do this. In addition, the legislature is discussing a method for resurrection of expired covenants.

Upon questioning from those present, Bob said that you can amend deed restrictions to assign rights of enforcement. The covenants apply to all properties in the association, not just those who assigned rights to the association. He also stated that automatic renewal provisions in covenants do not keep them from expiring at 30 years, due to MRTA. It appears that all this is subject to debate, as various interpretations of MRTA exist, and it is best to consult an attorney before assuming anything. Bob's website has an article on MRTA at "condocollections.com".

The Community Associations Institute is composed of condominium associations, accountants, attorneys, public officials, developers, managers, etc. and is primarily an educational tool. They have a monthly breakfast with speakers, a yearly seminar, a magazine "Common Ground", and a website at "caionline.org". The website is for members only, but he said we can access it with user name "CAI" and password "member". Suncoastcai.com is the local chapter, and Bob said Florida is very active.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhood Services Jan reported that Julie Gomez resigned and has left the department already. They will be looking for a replacement with a planning background in mid-January. 3 grant workshops were held for those who had already submitted grant applications. They will have until December 15 to reapply under the new requirements. The next round of workshops for grants should start in January. She urged us to submit applications for home and neighborhood of the quarter.

Tax Watch and Treasurer Report John reported a net worth of \$ 709.63 as of 11/30/03, with \$ 578.35 reserved for the conference. Income for the year has exceeded expenses by \$ 23.63.

He also received the 501-3C determination letter from the IRS on the day of the meeting, so he now can send out the sponsorship solicitation letters for the Conference.

Nominating Committee Jim and Elizabeth declared the nominations for officers for 2004. Doug Williams --President, Bill Murray--Vice-President, Rich Glasgow--Secretary, John Doran--Treasurer
Lucile Casey made a motion to accept the slate. Motion was seconded and passed

Chamber of Commerce Doug reported the Chamber supports the Charter review which recommends 4 year terms for City Commissioners, gives the City the ability to dispose of property by donation rather than placing for sale (where appropriate), and makes modest changes to wording concerning the Bayfront to enable a marina and parking garage in that area. They also supported the gasoline tax increase that the County decided to not pursue and intend to start a task force on various issues. Holly Duncan is the chairman for 2004.

4. Meeting adjourned 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

CNC Membership Application

Association Name _____ #homes/condos _____

Association Mailing Address _____

President _____ Phone # _____

Home Address _____

CNC Rep. _____ Phone # _____

Home Address _____

Alternate Rep. _____ Phone # _____

Home Address _____

E-mail contact _____ Fax contact _____

Annual dues: Individual—\$25; up to 25 homeowners—\$25
 more than 25 homeowners—\$40

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- A. To provide a forum to gather and exchange information concerning common and unique goals and problems of member associations, and to use the combined strength to achieve mutually agreed objectives.
- B. To promote desirable development in association areas and to support civic and legislative efforts to effect such development.
- C. To assist public authority in policing and maintaining proper behavior within member association areas.
- D. To monitor and make recommendations on governmental services to member association areas.
- E. To engage in such other activities as may be of benefit to the associations which comprise this COALITION.

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