

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, January 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Largent at 1:30PM. He welcomed everyone then turned the meeting over to Stan Parker, Vice President, who introduced the speaker, Angela Polo, of the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program, with a series of humorous anecdotes.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Polo's slide show demonstrated ways in which residential yards can be designed to preserve the environment by utilizing the concept of "Right Plant/Right Place". She advised us to group plants by levels of irrigation needed, and explained that most native plants, once established, need little supplemental water or fertilizer. Turf grass, a heavy water and fertilizer user, should be used where necessary, only. Using the correct fertilizer only as needed will lessen runoff into our waterways. Ms. Polo showed examples of housing developments that use these designs to realize cost savings in water and fertilizer. She suggested a website, [www.floridayards.org](http://www.floridayards.org), which will help with yard design and selection of plants specifically for our area.

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a 2006 year-end balance of \$9009 and a current balance of \$7873.

PICNIC

Bonnie Littrell reminded everyone to attend the SMKA picnic on Saturday, January 20. There will be lots of food and live music, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, at Chadwick Park.

MSTU/BEAUTIFICATION

Steve Stump reported that the drainage project for the Little Court area is entering the Engineering phase and will start the Construction phase in about 12 months. Phase 2, Gulf Blvd., is about 6 months behind. He asked walkers and drivers to help water the plants in the Roundabout "pork chops" and around the Little Boy statue. He also cautioned people to lock their cars, as there has been an increase in burglary.

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Sue Carroll reported that total membership is 450 but that those who haven't paid will soon be dropped. She asked everyone to bring their dues up-to-date and to be sure to give their correct email addresses.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BJ Galberaith explained what the Manasota and Sandpiper Advisory Committee, and its arm, the Architectural Review Committee, were working on. She invited people to attend the meetings, which are held at 9:30am on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Englewood Beach Villas Clubhouse.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Betsy McCallum introduced START (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide), an organization concerned with education and research about Red Tide. A new Englewood area chapter will be opening, with an organizational meeting at 1:00pm February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5096 N. Beach Rd. Membership is \$25.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wayne introduced Steve Stump, the new president, who told us a bit about his background and introduced his wife, Bonnie. There was a big hand for outgoing president, Wayne Largent. The other officers remain the same for 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

The next meeting will be March 20 at 1:30PM at Gulf to Bay. The program will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Sue Carroll, Secretary