

EAST PASCO RESIDENT OWNED COMMUNITY INC.

Meeting February 11, 2011

Parks Attending: Host Park: Colony Hills, American Condominium Parks Betmar, Grand Horizons, Spanish Trails, Spanish Trails West, Valleydale, Gem Estates, Country Air Estates, Country Air Manor, Tippecanoe, & Sleepy Hollow.

Associate Members Attending: Rebecca Gaddis, First Community Bank; Sam Surratt, Lee Reed Ins.; and Norman Loiselle and Bill Gorman, Life Style Choice Reality.

Chairperson: Rebecca Gaddis.

Board Attendance: Richard Rendall, President; Linda LaFayette, Treasurer; Carol Beecroft Roop, Secretary; and Dick Charron, Director.

Absent: Jimmie Stokes, Vice-President

President Richard Rendall opened the meeting with the roll call of the board at 10:10 AM

Carol Beecroft summarized the minutes, which were distributed.
Dick moved the minutes be accepted
Seconded by Linda
Carried.

Linda read the treasures report stating we had \$1600.00 in our account and no expenses to date.
Moved by Carol that the Treasure's report be accepted as read
Seconded by Dick
Carried.

The board will be receiving a letter from our lawyer and the bylaws will be discussed in a March meeting. We will also discuss the procedure for the annual meeting.

Rebecca introduced our speakers. They are Srgt. Art Rowand, Traffic Unit Supervisor with the Pasco County Sheriffs Office; Robert Reck, Traffic Operations Manager with Pasco County; and Lieutenant Gary Brewer with the Zephyrhills Police Department.

The format was mostly questions from the members and answers from the law enforcement officials.

The state statutes are #316.0747 and #316.0745 for all areas of our parks. Unless these statutes are conformed to the officers cannot enforces any violation.

The speed limit for most of the populated areas is 30 miles per hour and can go up or down in posted increments of 5 miles per hour.

Rumble strips are legal but are very noisy and cause complaints. Speed bumps offer their own set of legal concerns.

Flashing signs and other posted signage must conform to the state statute.

Three and four way stop signs are justified only by an engineer study. Hire a company to install signs and have them inspected by the county or city where you live.

You may put up any signs you like but they cannot be enforced. You may also need a good insurance policy.

For County enforcement Call # 1 800 854 2862 if an emergency call #911

The Community Service Unit has only 5 trailers that go around checking the amount of traffic in an area and the average speed of travel. They will make a recommendation if further investigation is needed to install a stop sign or traffic light, etc. to make it safer.

This service also does a summer watch if requested.

The city numbers for the same service Sergeant Marques of the Citizen's Service Unit 1 800 854 2862

Capt. McDougal 813 780 0050 for the patrolling of the park and house checking for Snowbirds etc.

The intersection of Hwy. 54 and Linear St. is a very dangerous place because there is little space and the electric poles are too close to the side of the road.

Robert Reck said the county will look into the intersection with the state people and see what can be done.

Golf Carts

Cart rules can be set for inside the parks and can be enforced by the parks own rules and regulations.

In the county or the city the carts have to be in good condition with breaks lights front and back and you should have an insurance policy for the golf cart.

Parks should check with their lawyer as to how to regulate carts in their community.

Sam Surratt of Lee Reed Insurance said that the insurance could be attached to the home policy or the auto policy.

Changes to the speed limits can be done if there is an engineer study and the changes will be in 5 miles and hour increments.

Lt. Brewer stated that the golf carts crossing 16th Ave. do so at their own risk. It is very dangerous and illegal.

If speed limits do not conform in the park, what will the insurance carrier do?
If you have passed the insurance inspection by your carrier then you are covered but if they said no to them then you have knowingly committed a violation (gross negligence)

Bill Gorman stated that if your speed limits are properly done and within the parks rules and regulations the park can enforce them

The next meeting will be March 11/11
Colony Hills @ 10AM
Next meeting discussions will surround the topic of Real Estate, with a panel of speakers.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:35AM

Respectfully submitted by Carol Beecroft Roop; Secretary