

## **COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, INC.**

### **Members Meeting**

**January 18, 2017**

**Gulf Harbors Civic Association Clubhouse  
Floramar Terrace**

Officers Present: President – Dominick Scannavino; Vice President – Ron Hubbs;  
Secretary – Theresa Torchin

Excused: Treasurer – Helen Kelley

Directors Present: Government Committee - Ernie Reed and Hugh Townsend; Program  
Committee- John Ford; Membership Committee – Kelly Miller

Excused: Sally Hanlon

President Dominick Scannavino led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all attending members. President Scannavino provided an update from his recent visit to Tallahassee.

- Air B&B: Pasco County is the only Florida county with an ordinance prohibiting short term rentals. Many other Florida counties have already passed ordinances permitting short term rentals. This will prove to be a central issue for the upcoming legislative session.
- A meeting was held with our new Representative Amber Mariano. She was provided with the CAI/FL Legislative Alliance white paper outlining issues of concern for our membership.
- A meeting was held with Representative Mauritas during which the Estoppel Bill was discussed and focused on the issues of primary concern to our membership – Doc Stamps, home warranties and the timeframe for compensation for estoppel preparation.
- All in all, President Scannavino met with nine representatives and some of the senators in Tallahassee during his recent visit. He urged all members to reach out to their legislators and make their voices heard. Florida is number one in the nation in the number of common interest communities.

President Scannavino introduced Mr. Jim Moll of Florida Friendly Landscape – Pasco County Extension Service of the University of Florida. Dr. Whitney Elmore unfortunately was battling the flu and unable to join Mr. Moll in the scheduled presentation.

The Program: Fostering Healthy Storm Water Ponds in Our Communities

Storm ponds are manmade structures and need to be maintained. Pollution is concentrated within storm ponds and therefore no fish should be eaten that live in them. Some measures communities should take to maintain storm ponds include but are not limited to the following:

- Avoid growing grass to the edge of the water line
- Avoid fertilizing or applying pesticide to the edge of the water line

- Keep grass clippings, landscape material and pet waste out of the water
- Don't irrigate the area
- Keep inflows and outflows to the pond clear
- Dredge the pond if necessary. Dredging should be done when the original capacity of the pond has been reduced by approximately 10%.
- Consider using coloring to induce shading rather than copper to limit algae growth
- Direct downspouts to pervious rather than impervious areas to limit run-off.

Storm water ponds have an average lifespan of 15 to 20 years. The permit required at the time of the original storm water pond construction must be renewed at the appropriate time and all conditions of the permit must be followed.

At the conclusion of the presentation, President Scannavino awarded Certificates to Mr. Moll and Dr. Elmore.

New attendees were recognized. Representatives from Edgewood of Gulf Trace, Key Vista and Leisure Beach joined us for the first time.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

The February CONA Membership Meeting will focus on the US 19 Landscape Beautification Project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Ann Torchin, Secretary