

THE GARDEN'S HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC  
A FLORIDA not-for-profit CORPORATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2008  
7:00 PM – CLUBHOUSE

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Look at 7:00 PM. He thanked the members who were in attendance, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed.

A no quorum was declared.

The 50/50 drawing was held and \$32.00 was collected. Howard Cleveland won \$16.00.

President Look:

Asked for the minutes of the last Annual Membership meeting of April 18, 2007 to be read by Diane Walsh. A discussion occurred in regards to this and the minutes were not read. It was stated that those minutes were already approved at a quarterly meeting. President Look stated that he would look into it and there would be an amendment at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted and approved.

There were no other comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM..

The floor was given over to FDOT speaker Cindy Clemmons-Adente, Public Information Director.

Cindy, along with her team of engineers shared project information about the widening of US 301 and the installation of the traffic signal. They brought along a complete layout of the widening project and put it on display. The Chin Rd. and Palm Blvd intersection onto US 301 met the state requirements for a traffic signal. There will also be a median put in front of Tiger Lilly and traffic will be a left turn into Tiger Lilly and a right turn out of Tiger Lilly. For those going to Publix, you

will have to use the Palm Blvd intersection where the traffic signal will be. Many questions arose throughout the meeting, in regards to golf carts, pedestrians, and bicycles. It was asked, how extensive was their study of the widening project and when will the traffic signal be put in. The engineers stated that it was indeed extensive. No time line can be developed as to when the traffic signal would go in. Manatee County is still in the process of getting the contractors for this project. It could take 2 to 3 years. This then raised other questions of traffic control on US 301.

Some of the members suggested the possibility of a temporary signal or perhaps signs on US 301 north and south to slow down traffic. Cindy and her team would look into both suggestions. The team of engineers also shared about the Veranda Springs median problem and the new Post Office & Fire Station entrances.

The team of engineers will continue working with the County officials as the widening project goes forth. Cindy left an open door policy with everyone there, and if they had any concerns to please let her know.

President Frank Look thanked Cindy and her team of engineers for coming and taking the time to speak with us.

The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.