

Minutes on the April 25 Annual OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance: Brian Smith, County Commissioner Dave Eggers, Jim Wiesner, Sue White, Dottie Choate, Dave Ennis, Dennis Green, Donna Green, Bob Fortner, Terry Fortner, Jim Longen, Julie Longen, Luke Longen, Barb Feldstein, Kelly BeCraft, Connie Rieben, Bill and Elaine Schilp, Dianna Runyon, Ken and Ruth Titus, Marc Sokol, Eric and Karen McLendon, Todd Guarino, Peg Mahara, Richard Pizzicara, Steve Wiseman, Sandra Beebe, Patt Adams, Anthony Maccaroni, Ann Newton, Sandra Beele, T Carl Jackson, and Ken Titus.

The meeting was held at the Ozona Village Hall. Brian convened the meeting at 7:00 PM and an introduction of those in attendance were made.

Brian indicated that the March minutes had been distributed by email. The minutes were approved.

Jim Wiesner reviewed the financial statement for the month which included the current OVIS membership of 194 with 21 sponsors. The ending account balance was \$15,164.09.

Brian reviewed a major hall improvement concerning drainage. He noted that during the rainy season there was standing water under the hall due to the fact that the ditch on the west side of the hall connecting Bay Street to the Preserve was clogged with vegetation. He said with County Commissioner Dave Eggers's help contact was made with the County who agreed to fix the problem and clear the vegetation out. That required OVIS setting aside an easement officially for that purpose. That has been done and the drainage project is now being scheduled by the County.

Brian then noted that there was another improvement program in the works for the hall. He said that Scout Troop 526 of Palm Harbor meets in the hall and were interested in an improvement project with hello there will the hall. He said Luke Longen is an Eagle Scout candidate that needs such a project to meet the requirements of attaining Eagle Scout. He then introduced Luke to review his proposed program.

Luke began by stating that his troop started using the hall in the 1920s so there is a history to this relationship. He outlined a four-part program: painting the second-story wall outside of the hall on the south side, replacement of the side entrance stairs, re-landscaping the perimeter of the hall, and replacing the sign in front of the Hall. Following a good discussion it was agreed to refine the proposal as follows:

- The scout project will not include the painting of the hall - OVIS will do that.
- The other three projects will be included:
 - The back door outside stairs will be replaced with an estimated cost of \$800. Carl had provided a construction drawing for this.
 - The landscaping on the east side and front of the hall will be replaced with the existing ginger plants being given away - with this project estimated to be \$500. Carl has provided the needed landscape plan.
 - The front sign project will need a little more refinement in terms of design and inclusion of the announcements board provision.

The official action was for Luke to proceed with the stairs and landscaping and provide more information on the signage to Brian who will then obtain OVIS approval through email. Luke did mention that he was in contact with Lowe's about obtaining a donation of materials for the project. As a follow-on Luke will provide a schedule for the project(s).

Brian then provided a brief review of development activities in Ozona. He noted that the 6-acre development at the southwest corner Tampa Road and the Pinellas Trail was still in site plan review.

There was discussion of the small residential project on Orange Street on the west side just north of Ridge Road. It was noted in the back of the residential area there was a spring pond that was connected to the Ozona Preserve. It was understood that this was land behind two platted lots. The group authorized Brian to send a letter to the County to explore the County's acquisition of either all or part of the vacant property that included the spring and pond.

Brian indicated the next item was the election of officers and board members for OVIS. Bob Fortner took over the meeting and made a nominating committee report with: Brian Smith President, Dennis Green Vice President, Donna Green Secretary, Jim Wiesner Treasurer, and Board Members Dottie Choate, Dave Ennis, Connie Rieben, and Sue White. Bob called for any other recommendations and there were none. Group was then elected by acclamation. (Bob, while he was at the podium, announced the next community cleanup was Saturday, May 14.) County Commissioner Dave Eggers performed the swearing in ceremony for the Officers and Board Members.

Following that, Commissioner Eggers remained at the podium and provided a brief update on County activities. During that presentation there was considerable discussion about a drainage situation on Lagoon. Commissioner Eggers agreed to find out more about it and what could be done. It was further agreed that OVIS would send a support letter to the County expressing concern about this drainage situation and requesting some form of remedy. Commissioner Eggers also noted he was interested in assisting with exploring the possibility of the County acquiring the spring and pond related to the Ozona Preserve that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Following this Brian introduced the evening program. He introduced Kelli BeCraft of the County Animal Control Program. Kelli provided a comprehensive presentation of the program reviewing statistics of how much activity there was with respect to cats and dogs and the various services available through the program which was followed by questions and answers.

Following this presentation the meeting was adjourned to socialize. The next OVIS meeting is scheduled for August 22.