MEETING MINUTES

PBNCA ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 21, 2016

7:00 p.m. at Palm Beach National Golf Course Club

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Meeting was called to order by President, Steve Krupa. A quorum of the residents was established.

President, Steve Krupa welcomed everyone for attending meeting and introduced the area reps.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

* Hassan Hadjimiry, P.E., Assistant Director, Palm Beach County Water Utilities
* Matthew Gaffney, Battalion Chief, Area Supervisor, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

*Notes from the presentation and discussion of possibly bringing more fire hydrants to our neighborhood, which currently has hydrants along Nassau Road and one on St. Andrews at Nassau.*

Palm Beach National currently has four miles of four-inch pipe; there is no way to install fire hydrants on a 4” pipe. (On Pinehurst, they already have fire hydrants. There is a 24-inch line going down Pinehurst, so there is no issue with water availability there.)

So for the other streets, they would need to put new pipeline in, 6-inches or greater, through the whole community. They do not have that in their capital budget. Estimate $2 to 2.5 million for new lines and hydrants. Timing for funding: four years.

The 2013 fire flow study indicated that all the homes are in a CAT 3.

This is not the only area in the county without hydrants, but they are trained and efficient at putting out fires from static sources (canals and ponds). They do that in the acreage.

Also they can run a relay from a hydrant >500 feet to fire with a 5-inch hose. So they can get 1,000 gpm at minimum amount of pressure; so three engines will get you water to the end of the block.

Otherwise they use canals. They have a 4X4 brush truck, park along a canal, use a suction hose, and pump it to the relay station. “We can assure you that we can get water to you with or without hydrants.”

They can also use swimming pools with owner’s permission. Use a float-a-pump. Pumps 3-500 gpm for a good initial supply until they set up and draft in the relay, which takes a few minutes.

There was a question about the fire that happened 8 years ago at the end of Saint Andrews. The house completely burned. Chief Gaffney explained that the delay was due to the relay of the information. By the time they got there it had already been engulfed. (*note: the fire was in the middle of the night, the house was unoccupied, and the fire was initially seen and reported by a motorist from the turnpike).*

There was a question about how much the assessment would be. Mr. Hassan explained that for the water line there is no assessment. He said that they are planning to do it by 2020. But, he warned, the construction will be major and would take six to nine months. We are the only community getting this.

There were other questions about the details of the construction and Mr. Hassan said it is too early to tell

The question and answer period continued for about 15 minutes.

Sewer lines would not be included in the water line improvements. If we want sewers in our neighborhood we would have to put them in.

The Fire Rescue Certificate is posted on our website. Download this certificate at [www.pbnca.com](http://www.pbnca.com) and check with your insurance company. One resident recently reported that his insurance dropped $800/year after giving this certificate to his insurance provider.

NEW BUSINESS

Crimes: Discussion of the April incident involving a man who fired a gun at Okeeheelee MS, then fled to Oakmont, leading police on a search for him and for the gun. Turns out the man recently moved into 7295 Oakmont. And yes, it was gang-related. Residents were upset about the lack of information shared by the school and the police.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have 117 paid households (only 29%), and 342 people on the group email list.

The PBN Neighbors group on Facebook now has 160 members and has become an effective communications tool for information exchange between neighbors.

COMMITTEE SIGNUPS

An overview of the committees and positions was presented, and signup sheets were made available at the meeting. The committees & Positions are as follows:

* Welcome Wagon – new committee
* Adopt-a-Road – New chairs: Stephanie and Kathleen Hartman will be taking over for the Lessard family who initiated the project. Deanna Lessared announced that the the next cleanup of Pinehurst Road will be on May 7th. Volunteers will meet at Freedom Park at 8:00 AM.
* Youth Volunteer Coordinator - Stephanie Hartman is interested in forming a PBN Teens group.
* Scholarship Committee
* Neighborhood Directory Project
* Events & Socials
* Information Technology
* Area Reps
* Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

OFFICER ELECTIONS

A list of nominees was read. A number of nominees declined the nominations. The final list of officer candidates was presented and a with a show of hands the following people were elected to office:

* President: Brian Smith
* Vice President: \*Initially, Julia Gomes was nominated but could not be at the meeting; she later declined the nomination, and Karen Petrella agreed to step in as Vice President.
* Secretary : Sally Postmus
* Treasurer: Tammy Smith

NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:

Our next meeting will be the semi-annual meeting on January 26, 2017.

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Mandy Krupa*