

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 28, 2003**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Chair Geri Clark, Donnell Johnson, Katherine Montgomery, Willa Moore, and Denis Shaw. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel, Secretary Janet Gale and Clerk Linda James recording the meeting. Vice-Chair Tom Truex, Richelle Gilhauley, Kitty Preziosi and Sharon Zane were absent.

2. TELEPHONE ACTION REQUESTS

There were no action request calls to review.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Shaw advised that at the September Board meeting, he had been appointed to look into creating a community chest for the Town. He understood that the Town set aside approximately \$200,000 for charities and the community chest would enhance this amount. Mr. Shaw added that there was some discussion that if the community chest "got well enough along," the Town would no longer have to contribute which he did not view this as happening. He indicated that most community chests had a permanent participation by the local government. Mr. Shaw described a community chest and discussed Coral Springs' community chest. Ms. McDaniel questioned who was in charge of Coral Springs' community chest. Mr. Shaw responded that Coral Springs had a large board of local business people who also contributed to the chest. He added that there were no politicians on the board.

Mr. Shaw advised that organizing a community chest did not appear easy and indicated that in larger cities, a community chest had a professional staff including professional fundraisers. He stated that the Town had a great deal of potential for a community chest. Mr. Shaw indicated that the community chest should also be available for individuals and as an example, discussed the need for school supplies for Arrowhead condominium community after a fire occurred. He added that the community chest could be used for anything else that the Board defined in the by-laws. Mr. Shaw indicated that he would like to see the community chest involved with charities and organizations directed at the Town's youth. He stated that a commitment from the Town to continue funding was needed.

Chair Clark questioned if Mr. Shaw saw this as the Board's "visions and goals." Mr. Shaw stated that at the last meeting, the Board wanted to design something that would benefit the Town. He indicated that he was not sure this Board should maintain but it was something that the Board could organize.

Ms. McDaniel suggested that she contact Coral Springs Commissioner Maureen Berk to attend the next Board meeting. Mr. Shaw advised that the Board had to develop an organizing committee and someone who was good in tax law was needed.

Mr. Shaw indicated that an organizing committee would need to develop by-laws and IRS tax-exempt status and organize how board members would be selected. Chair Clark added that assistance could be provided by EASE. Mr. Shaw indicated that a community chest might take it upon itself by becoming a bigger supporter of EASE.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Vision/Mission/Goals

This item was not discussed.

4.2 Community Involvement

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Ms. McDaniel advised that Lite 101.5 FM would like to interview Chair Clark and provided the information to Chair Clark.

4.3 Coral Springs Community Chest
This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

4.4 Schedule of Meetings

Ms. McDaniel indicated that the Board needed to decide if it wanted to cancel its November and December meetings due to the holidays. It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the November and December meetings.

Ms. McDaniel stated that at the September meeting, Norm Blanco had donated 20 turkeys and he had requested that this Board determine who should receive the turkeys. She indicated that the Board decided that the turkeys would be donated to EASE. Ms. McDaniel advised that Mr. Blanco had received an additional ten turkeys and questioned where the turkeys should be donated.

After some discussion, Ms Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to give the additional ten turkeys to the PAL. In a voice vote, all voted in favor with Vice-Chair Truex, Ms. Davis, Ms. Gilhauley, Ms. Preziosi and Ms. Zane. (Motion carried 6-0)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Montgomery indicated that she was unable to attend the last meeting and questioned what actions the Board had taken. Mr. Shaw advised that one matter was the community chest and a positive way that this Board could do something. He indicated that another matter was the tone of political debate and individuals could be more civil to each other. Mr. Shaw explained that the Board was looking at ways, that whatever happened in the Town did not immediately resort to name-calling; however, there was no resolution.

Ms. McDaniel advised that the next meeting was scheduled for January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine Island Multi Purpose Center.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw made a motion seconded by Ms. Montgomery, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor with Vice-Chair Truex, Ms. Davis, Ms. Gilhauley, Ms. Preziosi and Ms. Zane being absent.. (Motion carried 6-0)

Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member