

CSO Meeting Minutes for April 9th, 2007
Supporters of Del-Nor Wiggins Park, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM with 18 members and 3 staff in attendance. Many of us had participated in the 8 AM clean-up, so refreshments were served at the beginning of the meeting while passing around the 50/50 tickets and sign-in sheet.

Olga Williams gave the treasurer's report, stating a March balance of \$6890.43 in the checking account. This combined with the CD's and Money Market accounts adds up to a total of \$40,501.70 in monetary assets. Mark announced that there are 8 more grills on order, so we expect to spend over \$3000 on those.

Joan Erb reported a total of 70 members, including a new corporate member. Joan also reported that there had not yet been an opportunity to hold a committee meeting for the 20th Anniversary Event, therefore, a date and time has not been set. Several members suggested some time in late October when most are back for the season.

Park news from Bob included the status of park rangers, one out on medical for a bad back and that he and Mark would be conducting interviews for a new ranger to replace Adam. There is still slow but forward progress on the new administrative building. Also, WalMart is launching a new "green" program which may include having their employees coming to the park to do clean-ups in the future. Bob also mentioned that there would be an event in the park on May 12th, held by the Collier County Sheriff's department. It is a Deputy Education Program, "Understanding Today's Youth".

Lois reported on the outcome of Mr. North's art show, thanking all who worked on the event and contributed to its success. Mr. North sold \$3,135 in paintings and prints. His contribution to the CSO was \$623 and we made \$221 on T-shirt donations, totaling \$844.

A brief discussion of the Family Discovery Day event included passing around a sign-up sheet to help fill in some remaining spots, and a bit of "show-and-tell" for members to see the prizes that were included in the raffle. Art and BJ had designed new display boards for the children's shell hunt that were met with applause for the beautiful art work and clever shell icons. Sharon had designed a new hand-out for the event, which included family friendly icons for locating the exhibitors. An explanation of the aluminum can recycling program was on the back. A work day for preparations for the event was scheduled for Friday the 13th at 8 AM.

Lois asked for ideas for a main dish for the last meeting of the season, which is a picnic at the pavilion at 12:30 PM on Monday the 14th of May. Diane Schwartz volunteered to order a sliced ham from Publix with 2 or 3 other members contributing to the purchase.

Bill Paul inquired about the possibility of organizing a day-trip to Clyde Butcher's gallery and a possible swamp walk. Diane volunteered to call for information and would get back to the group on Friday.

Bill also inquired about future plans for artists in the park. Lois stated that there was a need to establish criteria for artists who are interested in the resident artist program, so there would be an application process in place. Bob and Mark have already contributed some preliminary suggestions that will be reviewed at a later date.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. Additional refreshments were served immediately following.