

Miami-Dade County Chapter *of the* Florida Surveying and Mapping Society

Secretary's Report

June 17, 2010

Location: La Carreta Restaurant, Miami, Florida.

Attendance: 26 members & guests present.

President Ralph Cabrera called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he did the invocation.

We did quote the anti-trust statement.

The Secretary's Report for the May chapter meeting was distributed. There was a motion to approve the Secretary's report and the same was approved.

Treasurer Tom Brownell submitted the Treasurer's Report. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the same was approved.

Ralph Cabrera introduced our guests, which included Jose Tormes, Flood Plain Supervisor for unincorporated Miami-Dade County (works for DERM), FSMS President Steve Stinson, NSPS Governor Mike Maxwell and FSMS Executive Director Marilyn Evers.

Surveyors in Local Government

Announcements:

- DERM: Working on 6 projects for outside consultants.
- WASA: Nothing new. No money for consultants.
- Special Taxing District: Doing more work, mostly public housing.
- Coral Gables: [Not attending].
- Public Works R/W: No report.
- Public Works Survey: Mike Whitling reported the following:
 - PW had a couple of instruments stolen this past Friday (July 11th), including a Sub-meter GPS handheld and their only 1st order level.
 - They are not firing the leveling crew despite the fact that they have no instrument, and, because the County is self-insured, no money to replace the stolen instrument. Mike expressed his opinion on the County being self insured.
- FDOT: [Not attending].

State Director's Report

Since we had both our State Directors, the FSMS President, our NSPS Governor and the FSMS Executive Director in attendance, we all presented the issues that occurred at our Board meeting in Tallahassee on Friday, June 11th. Topics discussed included:

- the FSMS Constitutional Amendments, the recent Attorney General opinion on the Best Value Approach used by Collier County for professional services (uh, the County got spanked);
- the La Gorce v. Witt court case and the recent appeals court ruling that was not in favor of our position;
- The Governor's recent veto of our bill to reduce a professional's potential liability;
- The potential upcoming split off of NSPS from ACSM;
- Other super important items that you had to be there to be privy to...

Guest Speakers

Mr. Jose Tormes (tormej@miami-dade.gov) spoke about the FEMA Flood Certificates and maps. This was a continuation of last month's presentation.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Ralph spoke about a slate of chapter officers for 2010-2011 and solicited volunteers from the audience. Frankly, there is always a lot of apprehension and avoidance from some as they feel it is a huge commitment. The truth is that it is so much easier than one would imagine that everyone should not have any qualms about volunteering. Those who came forward are as follows:
 - Bill Herryman, President
 - Frank Paraus, Vice President
 - Tom Brownell, Treasurer
 - Ed Pino, Secretary
- The July chapter meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month, as our anticipated guest speaker will be Dr. Dave Gibson, who will speak on riparian rights.

The habitual raffle was held and Orlando Grandal won, though he did not pick the Joker.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Campanile, Jr.
 Secretary, Miami-Dade County Chapter,
 Florida Surveying and Mapping Society