

**THE WOODLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**SEMINOLE COUNTY  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

February 7, 2017

The Members of The Woodlands Civic Association, Inc (“WCA”) held an annual meeting at 7:00 pm on February 2, 2017 at the Moravian Church at 1525 W. State Road 434 in Longwood, FL.

Todd Burnett, President of WCA led a discussion that focused on activities from throughout the year including improvements to landscaping, the current planned improvements to front entrance lanterns and the effort to inform and influence a rate increase proposed by Utilities, Inc.

Members of the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO) were guests at the meeting including newly-elected Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma, together with Deputy Gary Richards, Deputy White and Sargent Love. Sheriff Lemma provided a number of statistics relative to trends in crime per capita in Seminole County over the last 40 years. While population has grown 216% during that time, crime per capita is down 75%. Lemma views the SCSO effort as not just fighting crime, but reducing it and reducing the fear of crime. Deputy Richards also led a discussion with the membership offering SCSO resources to neighborhood meetings, and other advice to avoid being the victim of identity theft or other crimes.

**Volunteers:**

Volunteers were encouraged to make themselves known to the WCA board, with examples of the kind of helpful skills in demand. During the meeting, two neighbors with skills ranging from electrical work to office/clerical signed on to join the team of volunteers who make WCA events and activities possible.

**New Board Members:**

Two new board members were nominated or volunteered during the Annual Meeting: Steve O’Toole and Marilyn Horne.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Rosemary Mills, Secretary