Minutes

Hospin, Lake Park

Town of Lake Park, Florida Regular Commission Meeting May 21, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor Daly, Commissioners Balius, Carey, and Osterman, Attorney Thomas Baird, Town Manager Maria Davis and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez. Mayor DuBois was absent.

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez led the Invocation. Vice-Mayor Daly led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Vivian Mendez performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ordinance 05-2008 was deferred to the next Commission Meeting of June 4, 2008.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Osterman to approve the Agenda as modified; Commissioner Balius made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Balius | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Carey | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Osterman | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor | | | |
| Daly | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |
| DuBois | Absent | | |

Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC and OTHER COMMENT

Tony Lewis, 225 E. Ilex Dr. – introduced himself as the principal of Lake Park Elementary. He introduced Ms. Kay Heisler as a Character Education Teacher. He discussed the goals and objectives of the faculty and staff at Lake Park Elementary (see Exhibit "A").

Kay Heisler – introduced herself as the Character Education Teacher at Lake Park Elementary. She gave a brief description of her qualifications and her duties as a teacher. She discussed the goals and objectives of the faculty and staff at Lake Park Elementary (see Exhibit "A"). She stated that Lake Park Elementary was the first public school in the United States to earn the honor of flying the Peaceful Schools International Flag and that Lake Park Elementary has made

adequate yearly progress in their grades. She stated that \$33,000 was needed for next year's school budget to maintain Character Education. She gave suggestions and recommendations on how the money could be raised and she asked for guidance and direction on how to raise the money for the Character Education Program.

Commissioner Osterman gave Ms. Heisler her home phone number and stated that she would attempt to put her in contact with at least one business owner who may donate funds.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she would put Ms. Heisler in touch with the Town's Grant Writer Virginia Martin.

Commissioner Osterman recommended a five minute video be placed on the Town's TV channel asking for donations for the program.

 $\it John \, Line weaver, \, 836 \, Evergreen \, Dr. - spoke on behalf of the Character Education Program and highly recommended it.$

Tim Kasher, 315 Foresteria Dr. – referred to the "Women of Dignity" sober living facility on Foresteria Dr. He gave a brief history of the actions and past discussions on the facility. He stated that he was taking a Declaratory Action against the Town with regards to the facility.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY

Commissioner Carey thanked Marina Manager Mike Pisano for a successful Fishing Tournament over the past weekend.

Commissioner Balius stated that he received approximately 20 positive comments about the Marina and the Fishing Tournament.

Mayor DuBois

Absent

Commissioner Osterman stated that the Fishing Tournament was a success. She commended and thanked Marina Manager Mike Pisano for the improvements he has made at the Marina.

Vice-Mayor Daly stated that the Public Works Department did a good job painting the building at the Marina. He commended Marina Manager Mike Pisano for his work and contributions to the Marina.

Commissioner Balius gave a description of the prizes given away at the Fishing Tournament.

Attorney Thomas Baird stated that his older daughter had participated in the Character Education Program at her elementary school. He commended the success of the program and asked Ms. Heisler to contact him to arrange a donation.

Town Manager Maria Davis congratulated Marina Manager Michael Pisano for having a successful Fishing Tournament. She also thanked Recreation Director Greg Dowling for his help at the Fishing Tournament. She thanked LJ Parker of the Historical Society for his assistance in searching the Town's Archives for photographs of the Town's past Mayors.

She stated that Palm Beach County was offering foreclosure assistance through the Commission on Affordable Housing at 160 Australian Ave. West Palm Beach and the contact person was Sheila Brown at 561-233-3660.

She stated that the 10th Street Resurfacing Project was not complete and needed cleanup and striping. Permanent striping would commence at the beginning of July. Lake Shore Park renovations had begun on the north end and completion would take 90 days. She announced that the Town was awarded a Block Grant in the amount of \$60,000 to be used toward drainage on the Alleyway Project.

She stated that the Commission had gone to Tallahassee in March and lobbied legislators for storm water funds for a project on Lake Shore Dr. She was happy to announce that the Town was awarded a legislative line item appropriation in the amount of \$100,000. The Town's project was the only new project that was provided funding for the upcoming year. She thanked the Commission for their efforts in obtaining the funds.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Planning and Zoning Board Regular Membership

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez announced that she had made an error at the last Commission Meeting in counting the Planning and Zoning Board applicant ballots. Mason Brown and Mary Gambino were tied for the position of Regular Membership on the Planning & Zoning Board. She stated that the item would be brought back to the next Commission Meeting of June 4, 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Award Contract to Construct the South Breakwater at the Marina
- 2. Resolution No. 27-05-08 Revise the Classification and Pay Plan to Amend the Job Description for the Position of Recreation Director
- 3. Resolution No. 28-05-08 Revise the Classification and Pay Plan to Provide for the Position of Camp Counselor
- 4. Resolution No. 29-05-08 Revise the Classification and Pay Plan to Provide for the Position of Recreation Bus Driver
- 5. Resolution No. 30-05-08 Building and Signage Fees
- 6. Resolution No. 31-05-08 Special Magistrate
- 7. Notification of Purchase Order for Sidewalk Repair/Replacement in the Amount of \$14,185.65

Vice-Mayor Daly requested that item #1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve the Consent Agenda as modified; Vice-Mayor Daly made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | | _ | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Balius | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Carey | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Osterman | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor | | | |
| Daly | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |
| DuBois | Absent | | |

Motion passed 4-0.

Vice-Mayor Daly stated that the South Breakwater in the Marina Project was not bid out. He asked for an explanation.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that the contract was piggybacked off of a contract from a similar project that was done in the Town of Palm Beach. She stated that she chose to piggyback the contract to expedite the project. She stated that if the Commission wanted her to put the project out to bid she would be happy to do so, but the project would be delayed.

Vice-Mayor Daly recommended bidding out all future projects in order to obtain competitive prices.

Discussion ensued between Town Manager Maria Davis and the Commission regarding past project contracts and the reliability and satisfaction with Vance Construction.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Balius to approve the award of a contract to construct the south breakwater at the Marina; Commissioner Carey made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Balius | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Carey | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Osterman | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor | | | |
| Daly | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |
| DuBois | Absent | | |

Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

SIGN WAIVER IN THE PARK AVENUE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT: Request for a sign waiver for the Kelsey Market sign in the Park Avenue Downtown District

Town Clerk Vivian Mendez swore in all witnesses

Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan explained the purpose of the item. He stated that staff recommended denying the waiver. He gave a brief history of the sign at Kelsey Market (see Exhibit "B"). He stated that because the Town had approved the sign within the last three years, staff and the Planning and Zoning Board recommended using the remainder of grant money from the Regions Grant to move the sign and bring it into compliance.

Commissioner Balius asked if there were any other code violations on Kelsey Market.

Director Sullivan stated that Kelsey Market's roof was not in compliance with the roofing ordinances for the Park Avenue Downtown District.

Discussion ensued between the Commission regarding the Kelsey Market roof issue.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she would like some time to discuss the Kelsey Market roof issue with staff and bring the item back to a future Commission Meeting.

The owner of Kelsey Market requested that his sign be grandfathered in. He gave a brief history of the building and its sign.

Director Sullivan recommended that the Town require Kelsey Market's roof to come into compliance once the roof is in need of repairs or replacement.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Osterman to deny Kelsey Market's sign waiver request and for the Town to pay for any expenses needed in order to move the sign; Commissioner Balius made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Balius | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Carey | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Osterman | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor | | | |
| Daly | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |
| DuBois | Absent | | |

Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2008 - Reasonable Accommodations Procedures AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE I, SECTION 78-6, ENTITLED "REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS PROCEDURES" TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, FROM THE TOWN MANAGER TO A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE APPOINTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR MAIL AND NEWSPAPER NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ANY REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: TO PROVIDE FOR AN OPPORTUNITY BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON THE REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT: PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Osterman to approve Ordinance No. 07-2008 upon 2nd reading; Commissioner Balius made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | , | 1 | outer |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Balius | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Carey | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Osterman | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor | | | |
| Daly | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |
| DuBois | Absent | | |

Motion passed 4-0.

Attorney Thomas Baird read Ordinance No. 07-2008 by caption-only.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2008 – Signage in the Park Avenue Downtown District AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 78 ENTITLED "ZONING," ARTICLE III, SECTION 78-70, ENTITLED "PARK AVENUE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT" ("PADD"), TO AMEND SECTION 78-70(p) TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR REAL ESTATE SALES AND LEASING PERMITTED IN THE PADD AND TO REQUIRE A TOWN SIGN PERMIT BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO ERECTING OR DISPLAYING ANY PERMITTED SIGN WITHIN THE PADD; AMENDING TABLE 78-70-1 ENTITLED "PERMITTED SIGNS" TO CLARIFY CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON SIGN SIZE, NUMBER, COPY, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO PERMITTED SIGNS IN THE PADD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan discussed and explained the changes made to Ordinance No. 06-2008.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Carey to approve Ordinance No. 06-2008 upon 2nd reading; Commissioner Osterman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | | | 700 Maria |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Balius | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Carey | X | | |
| Commissioner | | | |
| Osterman | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor | | | |
| Daly | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |
| DuBois | Absent | | |

Motion passed 4-0.

Attorney Thomas Baird read Ordinance No. 06-2008 by caption-only.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2008 - General Regulations and Restrictions Pertaining to Animals

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA BY CREATING NEW CHAPTER 11 TO BE ENTITLED "ANIMALS"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW ARTICLE 1, TO BE ENTITLED "GENERAL REGULATIONS"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-1 TO BE ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-2 TO BE ENTITLED "BIRD SANCTUARY DECLARED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-3 TO BE ENTITLED "CRUEL AND INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR

THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-4 TO BE ENTITLED "PROVISION OF FOOD AND WATER TO CONFINED ANIMALS REQUIRED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-5 TO BE ENTITLED "MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSSESSION AND SHELTERING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-6 TO BE ENTITLED "MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD PETS"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-7 TO BE ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF PET EXCREMENT REQUIRED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF **SECTION** 11-8 TO \mathbf{BE} **ENTITLED** "NEGLECT ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-9 TO BE ENTITLED "NUISANCES CREATED BY ANIMALS PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-10 TO BE ENTITLED "ANIMALS WITH CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-11 TO BE ENTITLED "AID TO INJURED ANIMALS REQUIRED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-12 TO BE ENTITLED "RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS IN AN OPEN BED OF VEHICLES"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 11 TO BE ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING PRIMARILY TO DOGS AND CATS": PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-13 TO BE ENTITLED "REGISTRATION TAGS AND LICENSES FOR DOGS AND CATS REOUIRED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-14 TO BE ENTITLED "DOGS RUNNING AT-LARGE PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-15 TO BE ENTITLED "ANIMALS INJURING OR KILLING OTHER ANIMALS PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-16 TO BE ENTITLED "DOGS DAMAGING PROPERTY OF OTHERS PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-17 TO BE ENTITLED "INJURY TO AND/OR INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE DOGS PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-18 TO BE ENTITLED "REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO VICIOUS ANIMALS AND DANGEROUS DOGS"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-19 TO BE ENTITLED "IMPOUNDMENT"; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF NEW SECTION 11-20 TO BE ENTITLED "PENALTIES; PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Carey to approve Ordinance No. 08-2008 upon 2nd reading; Commissioner Balius made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Member | | | |
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| Commissioner | | |
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| Balius | X | |
| Commissioner | | |
| Carey | X | |
| Commissioner | | |
| Osterman | X | |
| Vice-Mayor | | |
| Daly | X | |
| Mayor | | |
| DuBois | Absent | |

Motion passed 4-0.

Attorney Thomas Baird read Ordinance No. 08-2008 by caption-only.

General Approval of Item CRA Alleyway Project Loan

Town Manager Maria Davis explained that it was her understanding that tax increment dollars could not be levied for a CRA Project without referendum. She stated that she was informed by Bond Counsel that because the Supreme Court ruling failed to identify which entity was to hold the referendum, the CRA, a municipality or the County, the Town would not be able to obtain a loan using CRA funds. The re-hearing of the ruling is still out and the Supreme Court is expected to rule shortly. Attorneys are requesting that they be informed of what entity would need to do the referendum. The Town is currently unable to get a loan through the CRA and using tax increment funds. She has requested advice from a Municipal Financial Advisor.

Mr. Clark Bennett introduced himself and recommended that the Town make a primary pledge of non ad valorem revenues. He explained that the Town could pay the debt service on the loan with the CRA revenues. Under state law they may not pledge those revenues for more then one year but they may pay the debt service with the tax increments. He explained how this type of financing could be utilized for different projects throughout the Town. He explained the process and timeline of the program.

Town Manager Maria Davis recommended that the Town pledge General Fund non ad valorem revenue to take a loan out and implement an Inter-Local Agreement with the CRA and have the CRA contribute those funds back for the debt service annually.

The Commission came to consensus to approve pledging non ad valorem revenue to obtain a CRA Alleyway Project Loan.

Commissioner Osterman stated that she was very unhappy that money was spent to do a referendum when it was unnecessary and asked Attorney Thomas Baird to comment.

Attorney Thomas Baird stated that he rendered his opinion based on his reading of the case and that he understood that other attorneys could have reached a different conclusion.

Discussion and Possible Action

Should the Town Step in and Clean up Foreclosure/Abandoned Properties

Commissioner Balius stated that the Town is required to clean up foreclosure and abandoned properties.

Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan stated Attorney Thomas Baird had provided him with a list of foreclosed properties in the Town that he was aware of (see Exhibit "C"). He was not able to find another source that listed all of the foreclosed properties in the Town.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that there are people abandoning their homes and that several payments must be missed in order to start foreclosure proceedings. She stated that there is a five to six month period in a foreclosure process wherein a homeowner could pack up and move. There are more abandoned properties than properties that have started the foreclosure process.

Director Sullivan stated that the Town has the ability to go in and clean up a property. The owner is charged back for the improvements made to the property. The normal process is to place a lien on the property. Once the home has gone through the foreclosure process the Town cannot retrieve its funds. The Town's lien is usually wiped out once the bank takes possession of the home.

Discussion ensued between the Commission and Mr. Sullivan regarding foreclosure issues.

Commissioner Osterman asked Attorney Thomas Baird what the City of West Palm Beach's approach was to foreclosed properties.

Attorney Thomas Baird stated that the City of West Palm Beach's approach wasn't any different to the approach taken by other municipalities.

Discussion ensued between the Commission and Mr. Sullivan regarding the processes taken by other municipalities on foreclosed properties and how the Town would need to proceed to do the same.

Town Manager Maria Davis explained the different processes that were taken by former cities that she worked in. She stated that the Town would need a balance in their approach to cleaning up and maintaining foreclosed properties. She stated that there are cases were clean up would be mandatory due to possible safety and health concerns.

Commissioner Osterman recommended notifying mortgage companies of abandoned properties.

Director Sullivan stated that it is difficult to determine which homes have been abandoned or are rental properties waiting to be rented.

The Commission came to consensus to proceed with getting all of the information needed in order to clean up foreclosed properties in the Town.

Proposed Reduction in the 2008 Fireworks Festival Expenditures

Town Manager Maria Davis explained that she reviewed the different functions and services that the Town offers at the Fireworks Festival. She was able to cut some things out of the budget but still have a good festival.

Commissioner Carey recommended charging a small fee for the kid's rides. He stated that the rides have always been free in the past and patrons would understand if the Town began to charge for the rides.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she would speak with Recreation Department Director Greg Dowling about charging for the children's rides at the Firework Festival.

Commissioner Balius recommended having generators for supplying power at Town festivals.

Vice-Mayor Daly stated that there was always a use for generators.

Commissioner Osterman asked for the status of a packet that Grants Writer Gini Martin and Recreation Director Greg Dowling were putting together for sponsorship.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she did not know the status and since Ms. Martin and Mr. Dowling were not present she would ask them to give a status update.

The Commission came to consensus to approve the changes made to the 2008 Fireworks Festival Budget.

Dogs in Parks

Commissioner Osterman stated that she did not want to see dogs in parks were there would be children playing.

Town Manager Maria Davis stated that she realized that she failed to put signs at Lake Shore Park during renovation. She ordered signs that would be installed the following week.

Discussion ensued between the Commission regarding the possible implementation of a dog park in the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Balius and seconded by Commissioner Osterman, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Du Bois

Deputy Clerk Jessica Shepherd

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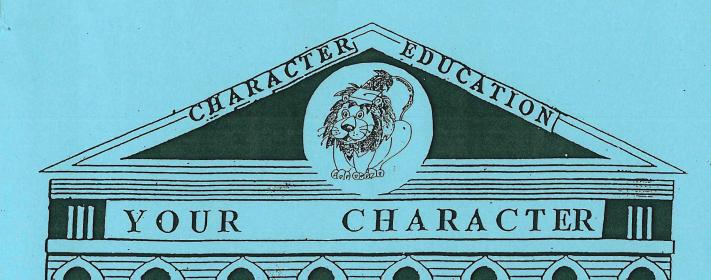
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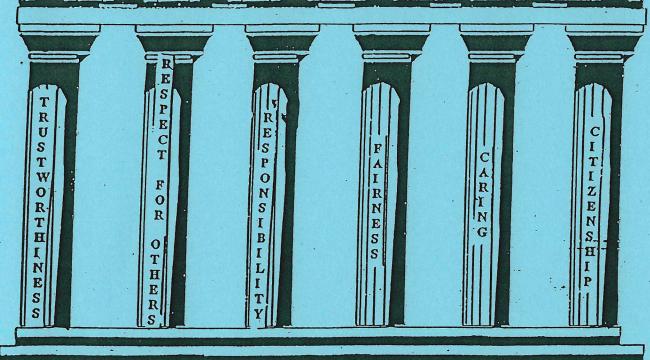
GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

The faculty and staff at Lake Park Elementary believe that leaving no child behind will require that efforts in promoting a civil school be treated as seriously as our academic efforts. We feel that our school can serve as a greenhouse for nurturing and growing in our young people the healthy and productive habits of social, moral, and intellectual pursuits that make organized, civilized society possible. In other words, we feel that our job as educators is not just to teach the academics, but also to model for and inculcate in children the moral and social sensibilities that will assist them in becoming social and moral contributors to their community.

Lake Park Elementary School staff and parents are dedicated to developing high performing, compassionate, and cooperative human beings that can function in an ever changing and complicated society. By differentiating instruction and providing life strategies, we will achieve our goal to meet the instructional and emotional needs of all students.

For the past 12 years, the faculty and staff have worked very hard to restore a common standard of civility within our school. Within that time period we changed our campus that had such a bad reputation for their behavior, substitute teachers dreaded working here, into a peaceful campus and a favorite school of substitute teachers. This evolution of our peaceful campus began in 1993 with the implementation of Conflict Resolution followed the next year with trained fifth grade peer mediators. In 2001, weekly Character Education classes were initiated for grades K-5. A year later we applied for and received permission to have the first S.A.V.E. Chapter (Students Against Violence Everywhere) in Palm Beach County. In 2003, we were the first public school in the United States to earn the privilege of flying the Peaceful Schools International Peace Flag by meeting a 7 point criteria





Honesty

Sincere

Dependable

Trustworthy

Promise

Loyalty

Courage

Intergrity

Courtesy

Considerate

Understanding

Dignity

Tolerance

Attentiveness

Perseverance

Example

Reliable

Accountable

Self-Control

Goal-Setting

Hard Work

Excellence

Initiative

Patience

Justice

Equality

Fair Play

Kindness

Empathy

Share

Compassion

Cooperation

Volunteer

Participate

Law-Abiding

Patriotism

