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Meeting Information

The Club at Seven Oaks
Second Thursday
6 p.m.

PACA Membership

Class A-1
HOAs, CDDs, and Condos
with resident controlled boards
Annual Dues: \$50.00

Class A-2
Neighborhoods without
HOAs, CDDs, and Condos
Annual Dues: \$25.00

Class A-3
HOAs, CDDs, and Condos
with governing boards
not controlled by homeowners
or whose governing board
has not applied for membership
Annual Dues: \$25.00

Class B
Individuals
Annual Dues: \$10.00

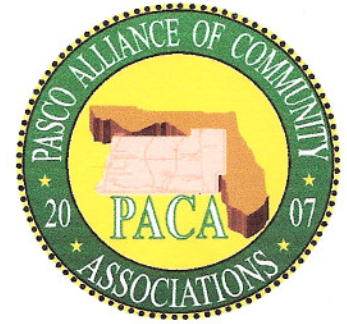
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The Club at Seven Oaks
Second Thursday
7 p.m.

PACA

A New Organization

By Bill Parsons, PACA President



Why PACA—A Little History...

In 2002, a group of Pasco County homeowners who wanted to address issues dealing with state law and county government contacted the President of the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA), a nonprofit organization that helps homeowners with these types of issues. Since CONA is based in west Pasco County, they agreed to sponsor a CONA group for east Pasco County in 2003. The founders of CONA-East recruited members and held monthly meetings with guest speakers who addressed local and state issues as well as homeowner association issues. During the next two years, they held annual workshops on weekends that provided information to the members by having lawyers, property managers, and others at the workshop.

Shortly after becoming Chairman of the Seven Oaks Residents Council in August 2005, I attended the October and November CONA-East meetings. The leadership of CONA-West changed and its new leadership was uncooperative with the CONA-East leadership in working out changes to the By-Laws and other matters. As a result, CONA-East meetings ceased, and the organization went into limbo. I worked with a few of the CONA-East Directors to schedule a meeting for September 14, 2006 at The Club at Seven Oaks. My objective was to get the meetings started again and to place more emphasis on topics that would help resident-controlled boards get help with issues relevant to their situation during the monthly meetings. At the meeting, we decided to create a new organization rather than trying to resurrect CONA-East. For the next few months, we worked to create the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, logo, application, and all the other paper work associated with creating a new organization. These documents gave the organization two purposes. One is to assist HOAs, CDDs, and condo associations with their operational issues. The second purpose is to represent the interests of the membership before local and state government bodies. The name we chose for the organization, Pasco Alliance of Community Associations (PACA), was one that we felt had an easy acronym to say and represented the purpose of the organization.

What's Happening Now...

On February 8, 2007, PACA had its first meeting at The Club at Seven Oaks with 17 people attending, representing 13 organizations. At the meeting, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were approved subject to legal review. They also approved the logo (at the top of this page), and the application. In addition, seven people were elected to be on the PACA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors met on February 28th to elect officers and make changes to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws that the attorneys recommended. At the next Association meeting on March 8th, 15 people attended representing 12 organizations. They approved the changes made to the Articles of Incorporation and discussed changes to the By-Laws, application, and brochure. Several of the people at the meeting volunteered to be on the committees to include the Membership Committee that will be responsible for recruiting new members.

The Future...

At the next meeting scheduled for April 12th, the Association will decide what topics will be discussed at future meetings to help the membership with the day-to-day operational issues of their associations. Organizations are struggling with issues such as deed restrictions, insurance, collecting assessments, creating a web site, and processing architectural changes and need help with them. They will also decide which county and state issues that affect the membership need to be addressed to these government bodies. The development community and businesses are well organized and effective in representing their interests and communities need an effective organization to represent their interests to act as a counterbalance. If you would like to join PACA or know of a CDD, HOA, or condo association that would like to join, please contact me at PACA_Parsons@hotmail.com