

Meeting of the Arch Creek Trust: February 9, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. at the First Church of North Miami, 1200 NE 135 Street, North Miami. A quorum of five members was present. Membership dues were collected.

The by-Laws were reviewed article by article. The only change made was Article 3, section 3, where the quorum was changed from 10 members to 5 members. A motion was made by Janet Sall, seconded by Lee Ivey that the By-Laws be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

Janet Sall was elected treasurer, replacing Adele VanSciver, who will be moving to Atlanta, Ga. The ballot for officers was unanimously passed, on Walter Bell's motion.

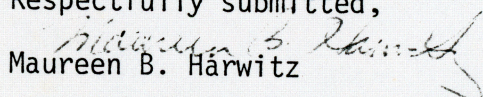
Several reports were given. Lee Ivey reported that the City Council of North Miami unanimously opposes the renaming of the Arch Creek site to the Carl Mertes park. They passed a motion that the Arch Creek name should be retained.

Janet Sall reported that conditions with regard to the Arch Creek have deteriorated. She stated that different conditions exist south side of the Creek, and that the stormwater run-off from the culverts entering the creek have a bad effect on the water. Lee Ivey recommended that Dade County be contacted, either Lemar Hall or Paul Hardy.

Maureen Harwitz reported on the County Commission meeting in which she and Adele VanSciver presented the Historic marker to the County as a gift from the Arch Creek Trust. Mayor Clark accepted the marker on behalf of the County. Unfortunately, when the Carl Mertes group saw that Arch Creek was to be discussed, they contacted Commissioner Schreiber and asked to be placed on the agenda as an emergency. So that following the Trust presentation, two police officers described how Mertes was killed at Arch Creek and that they wanted the site to be named in his honor and to be a memorial for all slain police officers. The Commission stated that it had rejected that suggestion, but agreed to set a hearing so that the widow could be present and it would be reconsidered. The date has not yet been set.

The program for the March 9th meeting will feature Jim King from the Parks Department. It is requested that he bring blueprints to the Center, and that he be asked about the Boy Scout clean-up which he pledged to start. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Maureen B. Harwitz

P.S. It was suggested that Wesley Wilson be Historian for the Trust

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