

**RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: March 26, 2020

LOCATION Telephone Conference call

TIME: 7:05 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

Present: Currie, Kirk, Koster, Messing, Rajter, Snead, Sterling, Stresau,

Chuck Tatelbaum- Counsel to the RVCA Board

Absent: Hough, Perez, Ward, Sturman (n-v)

Agenda: see Attachment #1

The following item was taken out of order at the President's request.

V. New Business:

**A. Commissioner Sorensen – City and District Summery updates -
See Commissioner / RVCA Board notes - Attachment #2**

1. COVID – 19 response Commissioner has provided a one page summery and response is found in Attachment # 2
What can the RVCA Board do to support the City in order to defeat the virus. A support motion was made by JJ Rajter to adopt the position issued this past week by the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association, Inc. outlined in Attachment #5. The motion was passed unanimously and was expressed in the Presidents correspondence of March 26, 2020 to the Mayor, Commissioners and the City Manager. **See II C. page 3.**

Secondly, that each neighbor must be constantly stay “in touch” with needy neighbors. Suggested “Wellness” checks for all.

2. David Mancini & Sons. Contractor for the sanitary system currently being installed on 9th. Ave. It is contemplated that this section of the 54” force main will be completed by the end of April and all temporary surface piping will be removed so that traffic can be restored to normal.

With regard to the rehabilitation of the two Rio Vista parks, there will be some coordination of rehabbing some stormwater problems, and replacement of existing

infrastructure before the actual reconstruction in Hector Park, can begin.

Commissioner Sorensen assured the RV BOD that no Pak Bond money will be utilized in this rehab effort. Public feedback in the way of comments will be requested through Ben's office.

3. Cordova Seawall. -To be completed by December of 2020.

4. EMS. – Downtown Substation. – Selected site is on US #1 and 6th street. Possible Contractual problems with property owner and City is moving forward to identify a second site should the purchase of the primary site not be secured.

5. City Response to Social unrest and Economic uptick.

Board expressed concern about possible civil unrest as a result of the COVID 19. Commissioner Sorensen commented on the need for adequate protection of the first responders and assured the Board that the City, County and Governor have had talks concerning that issue and that the National Guard assets will be available as needed.

Economically, Commissioner Sorensen has supported anything the City can do to develop as much economic stimuli as possible to keep citizens employed. The City has many shovel ready projects ready for construction from the Parks and Police Bond money and other infrastructure monies for such projects as the Stormwater construction already designed for the seven Districts within the city limits.

Return to the Agenda.

II. Officers Reports:

A. Treasurer – nothing new as books don't close till the end of the quarter

B. Secretary.

Offered the draft minutes of the RVCA BOD meeting of Feb. 27, 2020 for approval. **See attachment # 3**

Motion to approve by Mark Snead and Second by Nancy Messing. Motion passed unanimously.

Further BOD discussion regarding past 5 absences of Eladio Perez.
Motion to Excuse by Mark Snead/seconded by Nancy Messing.
Approved unanimously with JJ Rajter abstaining.

C. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association. Christina Currie

Reviewed presentation at the CFLCA March meeting by Mayor Trantallis and City Manager Lagerbloom regarding the COVID 19 situation and general discussion about the Sears Town proposed hi-rise and associated traffic problems.

The RVCA BOD authorized the President to send correspondence to the City Commission supporting the CFLCA COVID 19 resolution as follows:

The Rio Vista Civic Association, Inc. Board of Director's supports the City of Fort Lauderdale in implementing the following on a week-by-week basis.

1. Implement a "Safer at Home" directive in the City of Fort Lauderdale.
2. Implement a prohibition on non-family public gatherings on land and water in the City of Fort Lauderdale.
3. Implement a curfew from 11pm to 5am to facilitate a respite period for first responders.
4. The aforementioned should all have an essential business exception.

Motion to approve by JJ Rajter seconded by Lori Sterling
Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. **See attachment #4**

III. Committee Reports.

A. Disaster Preparedness. Eladio-Chair/ JJ Rajter to provide assistance. JJ voiced concern over hurricane preparedness considering the current preoccupation for the COVID – 19 virus epidemic. To be explored further.

B. Membership/Welcome Committee – Lori Sterling/ 4 new residents

C. Newsletter/Web. - George Mihaiu. Next copy deadline 4/15/20 for 5/1/2020. President Currie currently drafting the newsletter.

D. Parks – Fred Stresau.- see Ben Sorensen's comments

E. Security – Mark Snead. - Patrols continue. The City has terminated the Contractor that was to install poles for the License Plate Readers. Mark to provide correspondence to contributors on status.

F. Social – N. Messing.

**1. Southside Cultural Arts Center –Paint, Wine, & Music –
4/26/2020. Canceled**

IV. Old Business:

A. TAM – (Transportation and Mobility) monthly call – February

1. Corr. from Feb. sent/received RE CIP requests & sign 9th ST.
2. No answer on crosswalks.
3. Inquiry into 7/11th four way stop as permanent per residents Request to leave them as installed. Ben Rogers – Stop signs were installed as part of the Maintenance of Traffic Planning and are not approved by Broward County Engineering. Will be removed at the completion of the sewer project. President Currie to coordinate with Rogers to work with the County to approve permanent installation. Mark suggests that all corner intersections be signed consistently to eliminate confusion.

B. School District – District 3 and At Large Candidate Forum.

CMT/JH to provide coordination for 5/20/2020 meeting. As of 3/21/2020 8 of 9 candidates have confirmed. We need questions and or topics for discussion. Postponement or cancel must be considered or some alternate to the in-person meeting. Alternatively, President Currie and George Mihaiu have explored the use of an E-Magazine which would involve each candidate filling out a questionnaire form which RVCA could then pay George to distribute and the third option would be to utilize Ben Sorenson's Zoom Forum but that could only support a maximum of 100 people.

Motion to postpone by Nancy Messing – seconded by Sam Koster. President Currie requested Mark Snead to request July dates from the Church for availability review with the candidates. Barring approval, cancelation can be option.

D. Water Quality Testing on the Tarpon River –

Report by Bill Kirk/Aide to the President. Information from Commissioner Ryan's office, provided by his administrative assistant, Eugene Bolt, that additional testing was done and that results of the sampling showed bacterial levels had returned to levels

at the time of the sewer breach. Bill has requested additional information such as testing locations, times relative to tidal flow and bacteria levels benchmarks in order to answer the questions posed by the general membership. Questioned who will be responsible for monitoring, possible by state but as yet no definitive response.

E. Parks Rebuild - after Feb BOD meeting President Currie was advised that will not be handled by bond related folks and that City is working on design to start discussion. CMC has shared w/ Thornburg feedback emailed to date & he will advise when can have meetings.

F. Fire Bond Update – CMT advises that the Fire Station #8 is 90-110 days behind schedule.

V. New Business:

A. Ben Sorensen City/District Update – see summary on Page 1.

B. COVID-19. – see V. New Business under A. 1 - page 1.

C. AHF Lawsuit. – Filed against the City and shared with RV residents on Facebook

D. Upcoming meetings.

1. City Commission – first electronic meeting. 4/7/2020

2. RVCA Board Meeting 4/16/2020 @ phone at 7 PM
Call 866-906-9330 code 8184640#M-

3. RVCA General Meetings – Cancellation of the April 20 meeting.

Adjourned Phone call at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred E. Stresau

Rio Vista Civic Association Secretary

Attachments:

1. Agenda for Board of Directors meeting March 26, 2020.
2. Commissioner Sorensen dialogue (notes) from this meetings
3. RVCA Board of Directors Approved Minutes of BOD Feb 27, 2020.
4. RVCA Correspondence supporting the FLCCA COVID 19.
5. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association correspondence regarding COVID-19 Stay at Home Policy. March 19, 2020

