

**RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING **Draft minutes -6/24/2020****

**DATE: June 18, 2020**

**LOCATION Telephone Conference call**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: QUORUM PRESENT: Yes**  
**Present:** Currie, Hough, Kirk, , Messing, Rajter, Snead, Sterling, Stresau, Sturman (n-v), Chuck Tatelbaum- Counsel to the RVCA Board  
**Absent:** Koster, Perez,

**Agenda: See Attachment #1** - no comments or additions from BOD

**II. Officers Reports:**

**A. President Currie:** no comment

**B. Treasurer –**Nothing new - Membership at 430.

**C. Secretary.**

Offered the draft minutes of the RVCA BOD meeting of May 21, 2020, for approval.

**See attachment # 2**

**Motion for Approval:** By Nancy Messing -Second by Mark Snead – Motion passed unanimously.

**D. CFLCA.** President Currie reported the focus of the GM was on racial equities. CM conversation can be viewed on line. No meeting in July. Judicial candidate event in August via Zoom.

**III. Committee Reports.**

**A. Disaster Preparedness.** JJ Rajter/Warren Sturman.

COVID - 19 patients showing a major increase at BGMC. Major uptake in cases and future looks much worse. Message to RV residents: be prepared for Hurricane Season with emphasis on having more than 3-5 days supplies. CMC to provide additional information on masks and social distancing.

**B. Security –** Mark Snead. –Nothing new . w/ 10-15 new members

**C. Membership/Welcome Committee** – Lori Sterling continues to distribute welcome letter to all residents in RV... distributed several hundred welcome letters.

**D. Communications Committee.** Mark Snead

Still Requesting for head-shots from Lori, JJ, and Julie for Mark Snead would be helpful. Magazine deadline July 1 – Pub. on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Web site update: Lori /Mark activated Face Book and Next door, Instagram.

News Letter goes to all residents regardless of RVCA Membership.

**E. Parks** –Discussion on the Parks Rebuild – Plans have not received approval to move forward to the Commission for budget concerns by the Director of Public Works. .

#### **IV. Unfinished Business.**

##### **A. Monthly TAM call.**

Staff working on signage for “Trucks”. ADA ramps at parks are funded and will be constructed after parks rehab is complete.

##### **B. School Board Forum.**

Review session set for July 20<sup>th</sup>. RVCA BOD agreed that presentation will be via Commissioner Sorensen Zoom account. RVCA BOD needs volunteer to Host the Zoom call. Appears that Mark volunteered to host the call and Chuck will be the Moderator. President Currie raised the question of sharing the call with other neighborhoods. General agreement that Chuck will take all questions submitted and combine/edit to limit discussion. Chuck to send out protocol to all candidates so that all are on the same page as to what is to be provided.

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

#### **V. New Business:**

##### **A. Commissioner Sorensen – City and District Summery updates.**

General comments by the Commissioner:

- Supports peaceful protests.

- Has requested CM establish Blue Ribbon Task Force to evaluate Police Department. President Currie expressed concern that another Task Force without the support of the PD will not provide any new positive forward progress.
- Does not support de-Funding the Department but perhaps the re-distribution of funds for homeless – perhaps case workers in mental health.
- Supports engagement of protestors with the P. Department and CM. President Currie recommended that the Commission familiarize themselves on the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement so that there is public agreement on the renewal process.
- COVID–19 concern over the fact that cases are growing... mirrored with similar comments from WS and JJ.
- EMS substation to be located on 11<sup>th</sup> Court west side of Federal Highway. Under contract for purchase at approximately 1.3 million for the site. Concern by Board members raised over Commission action to abandon the budget allowance for design and construction and will need to be replaced in June budget hearings.
- Transition zones (buffers) should surrounding the Downtown RAC.. (Regional Activity Center). Commission review of the DMP agenzized on July 7<sup>th</sup>. President Currie to reach out to the Dept. of Sustainability to express our concerns about the Transition Zones. At the current time the Transition Zone(s) are not mandated but a recommendation which apparently the staff does not follow. See next comment.
- Concern rose over the use of a Level #2 DRC review that allows a project to proceed for construction without Planning and Zoning Board or Commission review. The 14 story project on NE 4<sup>th</sup> street east of Federal Highway, at the fringe of Victoria Park (public comment), had no public comment over this project and will apparently be permitted for construction by the city.

- Commissioner stated that at the present time none of the transition restrictions are contained in the DMP. There is an urgency to get the Commission to review so the all neighborhoods will be heard by the Commission in making and approving development plans of over scaled projects.
- Infrastructure report-Mancini will be done with the sewer replacement in approximately 1 ½ months.
- Federal Courthouse site (Hudson site) selection continues to be evaluated by the Commission but makes a lot of sense.
- Question raised on whether or not the Commission has done everything that can be done to control vacation rentals. The City has maxed out the provisions of the Rental Properties so any enforcement must come from existing provisions of the City's ordinances. Need for complaints to be made to Code Enforcement and or the Police Department. As violations mount up the City can limit licenses or impose fines. President Currie to outline options in any information provided the resident os Rio Vista.

### **Return to the Agenda.**

#### **IV. Unfinished Business:** Continues from Page 2

- C. Tim Ryan – Report by Bill Kirk on quality of Tarpon River.** No update this month. Bill to send out preliminary timeline for cleanup.
- D. Landscaping RR Ties** at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance. –no update
- E. Fire Station #8 –**  
CMT - No report from city on project.

#### **V. New Business:**

**B. HEART Program.** An acronym for Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team). For details ....**See Attachment #2.** If you are interested in becoming a part of this incredibly exciting, life-changing

event, please contact Janee Boyd via return email [janee.boyd@browardschools.com](mailto:janee.boyd@browardschools.com) or by calling (954) 629-8613, or (754) 321-1566 (main line).

DEADLINE TO DONATE IS 1 WEEK FROM TODAY.

**C. Census 2020 City Door to Door Volunteer Request.**

City looking for volunteers to place door hangers to support the Census. Lori suggests this effort to be connected with other volunteers placing Welcoming letters at new homes.

**D. Commission Jt. Workshop w/ Budget Advisory Board 8/18/2020.**

**E. General Meeting Sept. 21, 2020 @ 7:30 PM.** no decision @ this time

**F. RVCA – BOD meeting July 16, 2020.** Mark Snead suggests Zoom and Christina to coordinate and advise.

**Adjourned Phone call at 8:01 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Fred E. Stresau  
Rio Vista Civic Association Secretary**

**Attachments:**

- 1.** RVCA -BOD –June 18, 2020. #1 Att. Agenda.
- 2.** RVCA -BOD -May 21, 2020. #2 Att. Minutes.
- 3.** Heart Program. Broward County Schools

