

RIOVISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting April 20, 2022 7PM Via Zoom Minutes

- 1) Call to Order 7:01 pm
- 2) Attendance/Board Roll Call-
 - Present:
 - Christina Currie
 - Mark Snead
 - Julie Hough
 - Nancy Messing
 - Lori Sterling
 - William Kirk
 - Jean Jacques Rajter
 - Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)
 - Absent:
 - Fred Stresau
 - Sam Koster (in class on Wednesday evenings through April 20)
- 3) Reports of Officers
 - a) Treasurer – 402 members protect RV; 426 for RVCA – we will need 43 for a quorum at the general meeting based on these numbers. Additionally, the IRS Form 990 has been submitted for review.
 - b) Secretary Approval of Minutes from March 2022 (Amended minutes sent 4/20). Snead moved to approve, Currie seconded, no opposition. Motion to approval March minutes approved.
 - c) CFLCA Report - May begin meetings in person
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a) Membership/Welcome (Lori Sterling)- Request for funding 1,000 piece mailer to go out in next 4 months; cost between \$950-\$1200. RVCA sent three mailings last year, none this year. If we get 2-3 signups it makes it worth the mailing cost and we ordinarily get more than that from the mailings. Money comes from PRV. Hough moved to approve expenditure up to \$1200, Snead seconded, no opposition. Motion to approve expenditure for up to \$1200 approved.
 - b) Security (Mark Snead)
 - i) LPR relocation – payment being withheld until we have a signed permit; the contractor is now in the process of getting the permit.
 - ii) Some people upset about use of certain air beads and the city was able to get out apologies to upset neighbors.
 - iii) Continuing problems with golf cart usage by teenagers. Tatelbaum spoke to some neighbors and so did the patrol that the neighborhood is paying attention to underage golf cart drivers.
 - c) Communications Committee – next deadline April 25 for neighborhood magazine
 - d) Parks Swale/1way landscaping – The second cement obelisk has been installed and they need to remove the old one. Stresau had a conversation with Paul Brin at SunCoast about SunCoast about providing and or installing the landscape material for the 9th Ave. swale, but they have not reconnected prior to this Board Meeting.
 - e) Social
 - i) Movie night – Scheduled for May 6 playing Encanto
 - ii) Florida Panthers Watch Party @ VY Park –
 - a. Thursday April 28 starts at 4:30 pm with food truck, video game truck and other activities and games. Putting up a screen and playing hockey game at 7:30 pm. Street Hockey on 9th (street will be closed)
 - b. Mark: patrol & toilet, lights on playground (on until 930pm and no sprinklers before 10pm)
 - c. Volunteers: to walk notice to neighbors

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5) Unfinished Business

- a) Monthly Transportation & Mobility Report TAM report – Posted Online
 - i) ILA from County to City per Lamar F.
 - ii) pending still bollard/fencing/etc w TAM/PW
- b) Dredging- latest update on the Tarpon River project:
 - i) The "Staging" location for the project was confirmed and finalized, and the Contractor is using a site west of Federal highway behind the First Church of Christ Science along the southbank of the Tarpon river.
 - ii) During site prep last week, the Contractor initially had some challenges navigating the barge eastbound - the river narrows as you move under US 1; the City and Contractor are working with a couple of residents in the neighborhood to relocate their boats to assist in the mobilization process. Per Todd, these communications have gone smoothly with little to no challenges.
 - iii) The Contractor hung 46 door hangers on resident neighborhood doors communicating notice of the project and timing; the Contractor has received 3 calls, all of which were relatively benign.
 - iv) The project is slightly behind the "revised" plan, which had the work at the project site beginning April 11. However, work began April 20.
 - v) Kirk has asked Todd Hiteshew for weekly updates on progress and status the RVCA can report and publish. He will let us know early next week whether the City is willing to provide those updates.
- c) Orchid Project \$3000 (Lori/Celeste) – repopulating native orchids –
 - i) Currie asked whether the project team could seek money from neighbors, for instance \$5 for supporting the project. Snead asked whether the whole \$3k is necessary up front and Currie asked whether we can spend \$1k, then \$1k, and then another \$1k as a phased project. First planting will cost approximately \$1000 and will occur half in summer and half in fall. Second \$1,000 will be considered if there is continued volunteer participation and approximately 50% of the orchids survive. Snead moved for board to approve \$1k for pilot program for the Million Orchid Project, Messing seconded, no one opposed, motion approved to provide \$1,000 for Million Orchid Project.
 - ii) Another question is where the first plantings would be, but Sterling is working on that.

6) New Business

- a) Ben Sorensen Guest – update from Sorensen:
 - i) Discussion regarding the stop sign that the City put up and the County removed. Working with the County for the City to obtain authority for signage on City streets; City to follow the same rules as the County. This will take a while so in the meantime, Sorensen is pursuing some other options. Currie to be on email and to respond to questions from neighbors.
 - ii) Discussion re red light cameras which have LPRs embedded – now legally able to ticket at red light cameras. Does it make sense as a city to have them strategically placed? Currie thinks it would be helpful to avoid the time and cost of getting their own red light cameras. Hough agrees beneficial with rising population. Opposing views include issues regarding privacy and potential errors.
 - iii) Sorensen running for Congress. Candidates have to file by June 17 and must abide by Resign to Run Law – if you are running for another office you cannot continue to hold your current governmental role. Replacement election is unknown right now. It could be November if the Elections Dept is able to get the seat on the ballot.
 - iv) Sea Wall – no update, but Sorensen heard by the end of April corrections should be completed.
 - v) Completion of pavement around Ponce was supposed to happen by end of April, Sorensen also not sure.
 - vi) Messing brought up the problems with drains and inches of debris above the drain all around the neighborhood. Sorensen is looking into the issue of getting debris cleared.
- b) 4/30/22 GYR Recycling Flyer door to door will generate est. \$400 – teens needing service hours can help with the project.
- c) Undergrounding (Mark) – City representative will be coming to general meeting to discuss the process. Four neighborhoods have applied, and one has been approved (which 10 years from application to approval).

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- i) Two new Rio Vista Memorial Requests - City is looking for people to use brick memorial program and not local benches or tree plantings. Tatelbaum agrees it is better to have a consistent process for approval vs. disapproval and outside the business of RVCA. Snead moved to adopt a policy that we do not accept or honor any memorial requests per the City, Rajter seconded, no opposition, motion approved with the following language: “Resolved that Rio Vista Civic Association take a position consistent with the desires of the various agencies of the City of Fort Lauderdale that no private memorials to individuals be approved for parks and public areas within the Rio Vista community.” Currie will make a reference to the brick program it in the next newsletter and will also write to the letters to the neighbors who requested the memorials. Here is the link to the brick program: <https://www.goriverwalk.com/bricks-banners/order-a-brick>.
- d) GM’s 5/23, 10/3, 11/22 7:30PM all in person
- e) BOD meetings okay to keep zoom? All agree, maybe have an in person meeting in Fall
- f) Someone called about Mills Pond Self Storage – Client is proposing a self storage unit that would be built in CB district and would impact all CB districts throughout City. CB is the US1 boundary of RV and could directly impact RV going forward. Snead thinks the height requirements are likely to stop any self storage, but Currie wants to track the proposal and has asked for a meeting to explain. Currie may ask for the requesting party to speak at the next general meeting.

7) Adjourn 8:12 pm

AMENDED PROPOSED 2022 RVCA VIRTUAL MEETING DATES

Board Meeting 7PM	General Meeting 7:30PM	Notes
4/20/22	5/23/22	In person at Bethany
5/18/22		
6/15/22		
7/20/22		
8/17/22		
9/21/22	10/3/22	In person at Bethany
10/19/22	11/21/22	In person at Bethany
11/16/22		
12/14/21		