

**Rio Vista Civic Association, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**MARCH 17, 2021 7PM**  
**Via Zoom**

- 1) Call to Order 7:02 pm
  
- 2) Attendance-  
Christina Currie  
Mark Snead  
Julie Hough  
William Kirk  
Lori Sterling  
Jean-Jacques Rajter  
Nancy Messing  
Sam Koster  
  
Fred Stresau  
Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)
  
- 3) Reports of Officers
  - a) Treasurer- Snead has not yet closed the books, but this quarter we are up to over \$100k in prepaid and \$25k in the other fund. The association has about \$17k after LPR cameras.
  - b) Secretary- Approval of Minutes for 2/17/2021 (note added “gate” response) Rajter moved and Kirk seconded, no one opposed, motion passed..
  - c) CFLCA Report- Nancy Messing begin GM attending April 2021
  
- 4) Committee Reports
  - a) Disaster Preparedness- new neighbor interested in helping for disaster preparedness
  - b) Security-
    - i) Captain Scelfo- FOB campaign – Captain Scelfo could not make it, but asked Currie to remind us to take fobs out of cars.
    - ii) License Plate Readers Update (install & contributions) – in process of installing poles and working on an agreement with the City, Nurmi Isles and the Landings. Chris Lagerbloom has agreed on the right of way permit to build something in the right of way and waive the \$4500 fee per installation and make it \$4500 per neighborhood. The ongoing maintenance costs for the LPR, the City will consider picking up those fees after the first year, which will come up before the Commission. Donations completely paid for two installations and we are now a couple thousand into funding another one. Harbordale is looking to put one in Cordova, but not sure if they are going forward because of the cost.
    - iii) Also seeking a new car because of the costs and age of the vehicle. We may need to increase the fees for the association also cost per hour has increased from \$32 to \$48 and association has cost of physical maintenance of the LPR poles and equipment. Snead asked what the Board thinks about a reasonable rate to increase from \$365 and \$30 for the association. One potential is to increase the fees to \$415 and continue the \$30 for the association fees.
    - iv) LPR Correspondence Approval – motion to approve letter **attached**. Hough moves, Messing seconds. No one opposed, motion passed.
  - c) Membership/Welcome (Lori Sterling) – no updates
  - d) Communications Committee-next Newsletter is deadline 4/25/21- Snead sent out materials regarding contract for the newsletter. RVCA has not reviewed its contract for several years and the publisher came back with requests that he doesn't have to pay royalty on amounts under \$10k. Letter **attached**. Snead asked Board to renew contract Messing moved to renew the contract with the publisher, Koster seconded, no one opposed, motion passed.
  - e) Parks – **Attached** and timelines have not changed.
  
- 5) Unfinished Business
  - a) Monthly TAM ([FEB UPDATE HERE](#))
    - i) Are Davie signs where originally placed? Yes and City cleaned out garden area.
    - ii) 9<sup>th</sup>/1way- old RV sign & kids live here sign - Older RV sign, Currie will ask TAM to remove it because it is not salvageable. Sign that Children Live Here or something similar should be placed in another location.

THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE GUESTS.

- iii) Neighbor has asked for a 4 way stop at 8<sup>th</sup> St. and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, but TAM does not have documents of that sign being there, so they will submit a request to the county.
  - iv) At the end of the month we should have the radar sign. Speed bumps found to not be feasible.
  - b) Tarpon River Water- still no permit, George English project is moving forward.
  - c) Bridges (Irina Tokar- mid March) pressure cleaning should happen at the end of March going out to the Isles.
  - d) EMS Substation- timeline below
  - e) Zoning issues, no information at this time.
- 6) New Business
- a) Sea Wall Ordinance Modification ([see 18:05 here](#)) discussion re seawall ordinance modification. Snead reviewed and felt it was fine, the County stated that the City had allowed residents to have a minimum amount and the County is not increasing the minimum height. Snead moved that the Board will support the County ordinance because the minimum amount of 5' is what we currently have built in RV, Sterling seconded no one opposed and the motion passed.
  - b) Officer Term Limits (any standard/legal rec.) – no reason for term limits and no reason to add in language per Tatelbaum.
  - c) Cares Day April 24<sup>th</sup>- Donation Drive/Ideas/No participation – agreed to participate and have same drive as MLK Day
  - d) NSU Art Museum & Neighbor Events – Question for Board whether we should continue to support these events. Rajter feels very important, and every member of the Board voiced their agreement. Currie will convey the message to the people at the Museum or reach out to the City with a letter that we would appreciate support throughout the City. Rajter moved to send a letter in support of Neighbor Events, Messing seconded no one opposed and motion passed.
  - e) 3/30/21 @6pm P& Z- Tree Ord. [Special Meeting Notice](#) – meeting March 30 about revised tree ordinance, spearheaded by Commissioner Sorensen making sure right trees are protected and the fines are at a reasonable rate. Stresau sent a letter from a group of arborists, Currie turned that letter into five bullet points that RV has a significant interest in tree preservation. Snead moved to send letter in support, Kirk seconded no one opposed, motion passed and Christina will send letter **attached**.
- 7) Adjourn 7:36.

**2021 RVCA VIRTUAL MEETING DATES**

Board Meeting 7PM	General Meeting 7:30PM	
1/20/2021	1/25/2021	ANNUAL MEETING W/ ELECTIONS
2/17/2021		BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS
3/17/2021		
4/21/2021		
5/19/2021	5/24/2021	
6/16/2021		
7/21/2021		
8/18/2021		
9/22/2021	9/ 27/2021	
10/20/2021		
11/17/2021	11/22/2021	
12/8/2021		

## **5(d) 2/26/21 Lagerbloom EMS Substation Timeline Email**

Commissioner –

Good morning.

The next three steps are:

1. Design (this is funded – timeline: now)
2. Solicitation for construction – probably CMAR method (this will compete for funding in FY2022 – timeline: FY2022 or FY2023)
3. Construction – (if funded either in CIP or with cost savings – warrants a discussion – timeline: FY2023 or FY2024)

Please keep in mind the staffing for this substation relies upon the general fund and budgetary decisions that allow for this increase. I do not know yet when we are able to make the request for additional personnel. There are several things being thrown around for funding that aren't in the 5-year CIP. The Tarpon River that was discussed last night is another example that would compete with this EMS substation.

These projects that are capital in nature usually compete for funding in year 6, or in this case FY2027. If they move up, it is because we choose not to do something, or have excess funds from a different one-time project that can be re-appropriated.

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March 17, 2021

**To:** Fort Lauderdale Mayor and City Commissioners, City Manager Chris Lagerbloom.

Dear City Officials:

Leaders for the Rio Vista Civic Association have been working for the past several years to move forward on the installation of License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras at key entrances to our neighborhood. In the past months, we have contracted with Vetted Security Solutions to install LPR cameras at two of our entrances from Federal Highway.

As you may be aware, the Association is funding the capital installation costs and the first year of the associated licensing and maintenance fees of approximately \$50,000. We would like to request that the city include in its budget the funds to cover a portion of the security cameras' operational costs for subsequent years. The items requiring ongoing funding include annual software licensing renewal at \$2,100 for our first two installations (this allows the cameras to operate on the same platform as the FLPD) and approximately \$350.00 in annual power consumption. As you may also be aware, the communities of Nurmi Isles and The Landing are making a similar request for their installations. When you consider the cost implication for all three communities in total, the City would be looking at an annual expenditure which should not exceed \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. For these dollars, the City is gaining 12 to 16 Police Monitored Cameras (with no upfront / purchase cost), and the Police have obtained a valuable enforcement and crime-solving tool for three large communities. We (The Landing, Nurmi Isles and Rio Vista) have discussed our desire to secure City participation on these items with the City Manager. Hopefully, you and he can figure out a way to get these costs budgeted / allocated.

This is going to be discussed at the budget conference meeting on April 6. We would encourage you to support this item. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

**MARK SNEAD**  
*VP, RVCA*  
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**To:** Nancy J. Gassman, Ph.D.

**Email:** [ngassman@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ngassman@fortlauderdale.gov)

**CC:** Commissioner Ben Sorensen, [bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)

Dear Dr. Gassman:

The Rio Vista Civic Association Board of Directors held a virtual meeting on 3/17/2021 and quorum requirements were met. The proposed changes to ULDR Section 47-19.3 Boat slips, docks, boat davits, hoists, and similar mooring structures was on the agenda and discussed by the Board.

The Board found that the proposed changes are consistent with what is already occurring in our neighborhood and as such we unanimously support the proposed changes. The following members were in attendance and voted in support of this position: Christina Currie, Mark Snead, Nancy Messing, Bill Kirk, Sam Koster, Lori Sterling, Julie Hough, William Kirk, and Jean-Jacques Rajter. Thank you and questions or comments should be directed to the undersigned.

Regards,

*/s/ Christina M. Currie*

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To: Fort Lauderdale City Commission Members and Budget Advisory Board Members

CC: Laura Reece, Budget, Finance Department and NSU Art Museum Director Bonnie Clearwater

From: Christina Currie, Esq. President, Rio Vista Civic Association, Inc.

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Dear Officials, Budget Advisory Board Members, and Director Clearwater:

On September 29, 2019 the Rio Vista Civic Association was the first neighborhood to be a “Featured Neighborhood” during Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day at the NSU Art Museum. Despite our neighborhood being located just minutes from the NSU Art Museum this was the first time the members of RVCA had the opportunity to come together as a community and treat this venue as a social meeting place for residents.

Neighbor Day created an opportunity for dialogue and engagement with RVCA, residents and the NSU Art Museum which was not previously nurtured. Perhaps more powerful, for the first time in over a decade as a Board we considered the value of arts and culture to Fort Lauderdale and the positive impact the NSU Art Museum has on our local economy.

The Rio Vista Civic Association held a virtual Board meeting on March 17, 2021 and the matter of the ongoing City of Fort Lauderdale financial support of the NSU Art Museum was on the agenda. Upon close of discussion a vote was held and the Board, thru this correspondence, *unanimously* recommends the City of Fort Lauderdale continue to financially support the NSU Art Museum in a manner which further expands the access to art, culture, and diverse perspectives for residents of all ages who reside throughout Fort Lauderdale.

The following members of the Board were in attendance and participated in this vote: Christina Currie, Mark Snead, Julie Hough, Nancy Messing, Lori Sterling, William Kirk, Dr. Jean-Jacques Rajter, and Sam Koster. Thank you for considering our feedback. Please direct your questions and comments to the undersigned for the Board.

Regards,

*/s/ Christina M. Currie*

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**To:** Fort Lauderdale Planning & Zoning Board Members

**Email:** [PlanningAndZoningBoard@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:PlanningAndZoningBoard@fortlauderdale.gov)

**CC:** Ella Parker, [eparker@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:eparker@fortlauderdale.gov); Commissioner Ben Sorensen, [bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)

**Case:** UDP-T21002 (Landscape and Tree Preservation Requirements)

Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Board:

Rio Vista is a neighborhood known for the tree lined streets and is home to numerous trees of significant age. In an attempt to best represent our neighborhood's past, present, and future tree canopy the Rio Vista Board of Directors puts forth the following recommendations and asks that members of the Planning and Zoning Board strongly consider our public feedback.

Amendments to the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-21, Landscape and Tree Preservation Requirements should ensure the following:

- Tree canopy trust funds should be used for the purpose of replacing (planting & planting) vegetation to the maximum amount feasible.
- Proper tree spacing is vital for healthy tree development. When specifying tree spacing requirements consider the proximity of trees to each other to ensure maximum tree life and health.
- Minimize tree canopy loss by incentivizing saving or successfully relocating existing trees.
- Avoid proposing and/or encouraging any species of trees with aggressive root systems in areas where over time they can lead to pedestrian hazards and sidewalk, curb, roadway destruction.
- Ensure enforcement for violations of the code and multi-department coordination to so the intended purpose of the code is met.

This correspondence was unanimously approved on 3/17/2021 during the Rio Vista Civic Association Board of Directors meeting by the following members in attendance: Christina Currie, Mark Snead, Nancy Messing, Bill Kirk, Sam Koster, Lori Sterling, Julie Hough, William Kirk, and Jean-Jacques Rajter. Thank you and questions or comments should be directed to the undersigned.

Regards,

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