

# **RIOVISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting MAY 18, 2022 7PM Via Zoom AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order 7pm
- 2) Attendance/Board Roll Call-
- 3) Reports of Officers
  - a) Treasurer –
  - b) Secretary Approval of Minutes from April 2022
  - c) CFLCA Report- [DDA Reimagine Huizenga](#); YMCA open. Next GM 6/7 in person → (D1 Commissioner, Chief, Code on Vacation Rentals)
- 4) Committee Reports
  - a) Membership/Welcome (Lori Sterling)-
  - b) Security (Mark Snead) –
  - c) Communications Committee-
  - d) Parks
    - i) Swale/1way landscaping (Fred)
      - i. Fred recommend that Suncoast be hired to buy and deliver ASAP & City has agreed to install.
    - ii) “punch list items” update
  - e) Social
    - i) Movie- free drinks offer (Lori)
      - i. Make advertising limits clear if accept drink offer
- 5) Unfinished Business
  - a) Monthly Transportation & Mobility Report TAM report – Posted Online
    - i) ILA from County to City per Lamar F. 5.12 update attached
    - ii) pending still bollard/fencing/etc w TAM/PW
  - b) Dredging-
  - c) Orchid Project (Lori/Celeste)
  - d) GYR Flyer outcome
  - e) Mills Pond Self Storage/ city text amendment
- 6) New Business-
  - a) Sea Wall Surface
  - b) Ponce Pavement
  - c) Ally clean-up request along S. boundary of RV walk-thru
  - d) GM Agenda Items: past minutes, Victor G. Carosi (underground), Lori on orchid (in town?), Code, & Ben, Text amendment possible, Lamar Invited
- 7) Adjourn –

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## AMENDED PROPOSED 2022 RVCA MEETING DATES

Board Meeting 7PM zoom	General Meeting 7:30PM in person	
5/18/22	5/23/22	
6/15/22		
7/20/22		
8/17/22		
9/21/22	10/3/22	
10/19/22		
11/16/22	11/21/22	
12/14/21		

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**From:** Charles M. Tatelbaum <cmt@TrippScott.com>  
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**Cc:** 'Mark Snead'; 'Alan Dodd'; 'Lori Sterling'  
**Subject:** RE: Storm drainage at 908 S.E. 10th Street

I agree – no changes on the position of the RVCA Board on the topic.



## Charles M. Tatelbaum

### Director

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**Subject:** RE: Storm drainage at 908 S.E. 10th Street

As a reminder when we discussed this in the Board meeting. The Board did not take a position on this and is concerned about doing so on the advice of counsel and the way that would be perceived.

Where we left off was that if nancy wanted it back on the agenda after her FAU site visit she would request to be on the agenda. To date that has not occurred so there are no changes on my end. I have cc'd counsel.

Christina Currie, Esq.  
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**Subject:** Storm drainage at 908 S.E. 10th Street

Good evening Nancy,

In as much as I volunteered to “assist” in exploring some sort of a drainage solution, (from the minutes from the RVCA BOD Feb. 2022 meeting), I reviewed the Public Works Directors correspondence to Christina of Feb. 07, and would like to have you focus on Mr. Dodd’s comments:

**From Alan Dodd’s email of February 07, 2022. Copied below**

- ***One, that the speed hump does not change the amount of water falling into the street which is collecting in this location.***
- ***That water doesn’t flow up hill and thus removing the curbing around the park will not provide any solution.***  
You should note that the elevation of the pavement/grade at the base of the curb is much higher than the south side of the roadway.
- ***Lastly, that any further solution to resolve the drainage cannot be resolvable without considerable expense to the City.***  
You might note that after this last week’s heavy rain storm, the park itself was flooded, in Engineering terms, standing water throughout the park a day later and thus the solution of draining water into the grassy areas would not have helped drain water off the roadway under any circumstances.

In our February BOD meeting you commented that you had contacted FAU for assistance and agreed to address topic again in the future after additional objective data was gathered to support your request.

To date, we have not seen any comments or recommendations from that source and if there was any information from the FAU Team, it would be helpful to review any new information.

To digress slightly, during a City/Contractor status meeting in Hector Park, the former Public Works Director was encouraged to meet with Mark Snead, the homeowners to the east of your property and myself. I had forewarned the Director of the poor drainage that had existed for many tens of years on the south side of the roadway right of way which on many occasions, spilled into the front yards east of your property. The storm drainage was discussed in this very impromptu site meeting and one of the suggestions to start addressing the storm drainage was to narrow the roadway, (decrease the impervious area and thus excessive runoff), which would then increase the swale area on the south side of the roadway resulting in a better drainage retention. This additional work of rebuilding the swales east of your property was not part of the repair work required of the Sewer/Water pipe contractor and I would submit that any funds expended to narrow the road and build any swales were part of the overage that was done without Commission approval, but that is another matter. To my frustration, the increased width and construction of the swale cross section normally required by the Engineering Department for the 6-7 properties to the east of the newly installed catch basin did not happen to the extent that I had recommended: thus the narrow ditches you refer to in your correspondence and only a partial solution to the water retention capacity.

Along the way, the former PW's Director resigned and to the City's credit, the new Directors initiatives was to charge his engineering team to initiate a major effort to resolve the drainage which included the work recently finished on and around the existing catch basin to the property east of your property . During that re-build of the underground system, the City crew did find that the drainage pipe had partially collapsed and was filled with debris and thus its replacement. This small drainage system does have some downfall as it drains to the canal and if the tide is abnormally high then the stormwater cannot flow through the pipe to drain the swale. You should understand that in your neighbor's best efforts to beautification this swale, he has installed what the city refers to as a Rain Garden. The problem is that he placed LOTS of mulch in the plantings adjacent to the catch basin and after the rain storm it resulted in the mulch clogging the drain. That remedial work was the subject of my email to Mr. Dodd on Saturday and the removal of the mulch and re-sodding around the catch basin should be redone.

Nancy, you agreed to address this topic again in the future after additional objective data gathered supporting your request. I would be amenable to look at that information but do not believe that there are any options to create better solution other than to completely rebuild all of the swales from your property to at least as far as at least the east end of the park. That work would involve removing a couple of trees that can easily be replaced by the City Parks Department.

I had questioned the construction of the brick paving in the entire 10<sup>th</sup> Street swale to the west of your property and really NEVER got an answer other than that work was not submitted to a permit. That they created an exfiltration pit under the brick was not the point. In my opinion, there should have been a swale built into the paved surface that would act as a retention area. The fact is that when the gravel area (exfiltration pit) fills with water, any excess surface water will then flow east to flood your driveway.

It is certainly your prerogative to keep after the city but I do not believe that the RVAC Board should participate further as Mr. Dodd has pointed out, there simply doesn't seem to be any other viable solution.

You will note that I have copied Christina and only Mr. Dodd with this correspondence. If you want to pursue your request to again Board support for the removal of the speed hump , I would recommend to Christina that she copy the Board with this correspondence as I am not certain that I will be in town for the next meeting.

If you want to talk more or have the FAU report, I would be happy to review any and all new information. This problem is significant and it might be possible that you could request Mr. Dodd's personal attention with an onsite review.

Best regards,

Fred

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**To:** president@riovistaonline.com; Omar Castellon; Nancy  
**Cc:** Francisco Rios; Rares Petrica; 'Mark Snead'; Ben Sorensen; Tarlesha Smith  
**Subject:** RE: [-EXTERNAL-] 908 Ponce de Leon Drive- Service Request 872319

Christina,

We did meet with Ms. Messing last week, who I have included in this email. The roadway is designed and sloped so that water sheetflows south into the swale in front of 908 Ponce de Leon Drive. While the speedhump is higher than the adjacent roadway elevation, it does not change the amount of water falling onto the street that is collecting in this location. There may be some very minor improvements in removing it to allow flows to reach directly into the catchbasin just west of 908, however we will still see water ponding until we increase outflow capacity of the system (which will occur with the improvements scheduled in March to connect the infiltration system to the 15" outfall connection on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave). The curbing around the grassy area was installed at the request of the HOA to match the curbing at Hector Park for aesthetics. The park area confined by the curbing is higher than the adjacent roadway, and so removal of the curb will not provide any benefits as water will not flow uphill into the grassy area. Any effort to remove the curb would require significant work to create a swale on the north side of the road to capture rainwater, which creates safety concerns due to reduced roadway width and lack of curbing. Due to the estimated costs, this would require development of a new Capital Construction project which would have to be budgeted for.

The speedhump was provided to provide traffic calming measures in the neighborhood to reduce speeding at the request of the neighborhood. If the neighborhood does not want this feature, we can remove it, however that is a trade off that must be considered.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** president@riovistaonline.com  
**Cc:** Rares Petrica  
**Subject:** P12337 (Cordova Rd Seawall Replacement) Project - Seawall Painting

Good afternoon Christina,

Hope all is well. I wanted to inform you and the Rio Vista Civic Association that a contractor is planning to start painting the Cordova Rd Seawall mid to late next week and they're anticipating completion sometime in mid to late June.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions,

**Juan Carlos Samuel, E.I., ENV SP**   
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**To:** Chris Lagerbloom; Brett Rose (UNCS)  
**Cc:** Ben Rogers; Ryan Thomas; Greg Chavarria; Michael Moran; president@riovistaonline.com; vp@riovistaonline.com; Ben Sorensen  
**Subject:** RE: [-EXTERNAL-] Re: Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services

Team,

Chris and I just had a good talk with Broward County Vice Mayor Fisher. He is exploring options. I will keep you updated.

Ben

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Brett,

The thing that either we have to do, or someone has to do, is convince the county the signs are warranted. They do a study of objective criteria and make the determination the sign is warranted or not. In these locations they have determined they are not warranted.

That is the quick version of what we are up against.

Chris

**Chris Lagerbloom**  
**City Manager**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

On May 12, 2022, at 10:02 AM, Brett Rose (UNCS) <[brose@uncs.com](mailto:brose@uncs.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Chris and Ben,

I appreciate the politics surrounding this and the challenges (and costs) that the city will incur by “taking over” the roads. As residents of Rio Vista, we are trying to protect the streets and make them as safe as we can. Especially in a neighborhood with so many kids on the streets.

Knowing the challenges surround this – and the email below in which alludes to the fact the this will never be “resolved” between the city and county, what steps do you advise that we as residents take with the county to get the stop signs back (remember, they were already there). Any guidance would be appreciated. We are here to work together to get this done and would appreciate any suggestions you have.

My best,  
Brett

**Brett Rose**

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**Subject:** Re: [-EXTERNAL-] Re: Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services

Emails regarding issues relating to RVCA and our volunteer role should be directed to: [President@riovistaonline.com](mailto:President@riovistaonline.com) and [vp@riovistaonline.com](mailto:vp@riovistaonline.com).

Thanks for recognizing this is my work email address.

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Vice Mayor,

Good morning. I appreciate Mike's comments, but it isn't insane, it is how Broward County and Fort Lauderdale have shared in roadway governance for years, maybe decades.

Should the city decide to take over the roadway signage, as it stands today, we would also be forced to take over striping and other maintenance tasks. Risk transfer and cost to the general fund make up components of the decision. Ben R. is managing the evaluation of these things as he arrives at a good recommendation. After being updated earlier in the week, we are exploring all options - and even options I did not know we were exploring.

Based upon what I know today, I will also have a hard time recommending we take this over from the county on a city wide basis. We have asked about these 'just a couple signs' more than once, and there doesn't seem to be an appetite by the county to single out Rio Vista.

There is no legal pressure to assert.

I know this isn't what you want to hear, but I hope the explanation is helpful.

Thanks,

Chris

**Chris Lagerbloom**  
**City Manager**  
**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

On May 12, 2022, at 6:14 AM, Michael Moran <[michaelpetermoran@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpetermoran@gmail.com)> wrote:

So if I am reading this correctly, the COUNTY will tell us if/when/how we can get control of our streets back!?

That seems logical. Not. Ben - trying asserting some legal pressure. This is beyond insane.

Mike

On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 5:19 AM Ben Sorensen <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)> wrote:

| Ben,

Thank you.

Mike, Brett, Christina and Mark,

I continue to work on the stop sign in Rio Vista. Here is the latest update.

Chris,

Can we continue to explore all options to return the stop signs to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave and 8<sup>th</sup> Street? Thank you.

Ben

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**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services

Vice Mayor Sorensen:

Following up on our conversation about the Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Engineering Services, the County is taking the lead to update the current agreement. Once the City has a copy, we will review to determine the best course of action. As we await their initial draft, City staff is meeting to evaluate different scenarios and the potential impacts/needs. As noted previously, even the smallest of changes can have large operational and financial impacts.

I will continue to work with the County on this initiative, but I don't foresee any major updates in the near future. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Ben

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