

Rio Vista Civic Association, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Oct. 15, 2020 7pm Via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86249300149?pwd=MU9YMXgwRFNnKythMzJEC25JaEt0UT09> Meeting ID: 862
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1) Call to Order-

- a) Attendance- (Note Warren term ends this month)

Christina Currie

Mark Snead

Jean-Jacques Rajter

Julie Hough

Nancy Messing

William Kirk

Sam Koster

Warren Sturman (term as immediate past chair expired October 7)

- b) Absent:

Fred Stresau

Lori Sterling

Chuck Tatelbaum

2) Reports of Officers

- a) Treasurer- copy of quarter close sent today and balance up to approximately \$30k with \$73k in prepaid security and also prepaids for license plate readers.
- b) Secretary- Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2020 – motion to approve Mark Snead and seconded Bill Kirk. No one opposed.
- c) CFLCA Report – Council report nothing really new, JJ spoke about COVID and League of Women Voters

3) Committee Reports

- a) Nominating Committee- Volunteers? – every October there needs to be a nominating committee, Snead and Kirk on committee.
- b) Disaster Preparedness- nothing much new as we approach end of hurricane season. Helpful to have a team in advance of hurricane season for next year. So we have people who stay during a hurricane and are available to help. COVID numbers just increased by 19.7% in Florida.
- c) Security- Captain Scelfo & Halloween (see notes below), license plate readers about \$15k for each installation and does not include the pole. We could use some street light poles, but they belong to FP&L and we are trying to get with them or through a contractor. Currie to share contact for FP&L with Snead for poles. For the cost, we get the license plate information and connection with the police database.
- d) Membership/Welcome (Lori Sterling)- 430 RVCA membership
- e) Communications Committee- next deadline for content 10/26/2020 – George sent an email and deadline for next issue is 10.26 and if we want to have anything covered he has a writer if we want them to write an article. Perhaps any specific suggestions for the holidays.
- f) Parks- trees – see attached email. Stresau is concerned about trees at Hector Park and the tree protection is adequate. The City has agreed to take Stresau's arborists referrals and review.

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

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Monthly TAM/ MPO ILA – Kirk went to a transportation and mobility meeting. Discussion with the City regarding the list sent from RVCA, but very little has happened. Confusion about money earmarked for public works projects, not sure where funds are going to be used (originally \$7.5MM and \$6MM being used for “repair and maintenance” in budget, but not sure what that means exactly).
 - i) No Thru Sign Placement- est Currie received information from City on this one.. end October 2020
 - ii) 11th Ct. Traffic Study estimate 2 weeks into BCPS in person
 - iii) CIP- tunnel traffic calming & 9th Ave. Solar Speed Sign – TAM working with Public Works to see if they can install. They are going to do another site visit.
 - iv) “sinking pavement” reported Sorensen/Mancini – happening in RV because only the first layer of asphalt has been placed. It should stop once they finish paving.
 - v) No changes to N. Boundary of Cemetery
 - vi) 7th Street and 11th Ave traffic study @ 18 months from last one
 - vii) 1 Utility box wrap needs rebid due to non performance
 - viii) ADA ramps in at 7th and 9th completed – successful installation and finished resodding
- b) Tarpon River Water- See attached email from Kirk. Raj has a time slot for city commission meeting to discuss how City responded to the amended consent. Raj suggested his team will place flyers on doors for homeowners most impacted to attend the meeting. City Manager was at council meeting and they now have a signed copy of the amended consent. Now looking for when the plan is going to come together. Do we have questions about dredging in the area? Currie and Kirk have a list of questions and want to send the list of questions to Ben Sorenson so they can address our list of questions. Also consider having a website where FAQs can go.
- c) Fire Station Update from Chuck Tatelbaum- See attached email from Chuck
- d) ULDR letter on MP & minimum residential unit size- 400 min. in other areas
 - i) To City Commission with the Downtown Master Plan amendments on October 20th. As you may have seen, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the amendments subject to conditions including the unit size.
- e) Halloween/COVID – Captain Steve Scelfo on the phone and anticipating crowds by park. Plan is to maintain same traffic plan and patrol staffing as past few years (4 officers, 2 service aids) with a couple of service stations. VY will have two light towers, Hector Park will have one light tower. Officer Monica Ferrer is going to lead supervision of Halloween. RVCA to ask FLL public works to rope off Hector Park, but VY Park can stay open. Police are limited in enforcing mask mandates and social distancing, will encourage in the park but if it is too crowded and unsafe, they can close the park for public safety. Capt. Scelfo will send Currie the Fort Lauderdale PSA to share with the neighborhood.
- f) Discuss golf carts and children driving in neighborhood. Mostly police are giving a warning rather than a citation. Have also had some vehicle burglaries, but no police reports made, just discussion on NextDoor.
- g) Bridges (Mark) – no update, Snead sent another email but still no response.

5) New Business

- a) Secretary Election - Julie Hough – Fred has decided to step away as secretary and Hough is nominated as secretary. Snead moved, Kirk seconded.
- b) [AHF Petition](#) – proposed ordinance is on the website and City Attorney’s response is also on the website. Currie suggests RVCA takes a position on the proposed ordinance. Rajter moves to oppose the

proposed ordinance, Snead seconds and everyone opposes the proposed ordinance. Currie sending a letter and Downtown Civic Association is likely to join as well as New River Landing.

- c) Police Bond- website link/flyer in progress – Currie will share once we have the site.
 - d) Harbordale Adopt A Class [\\$250](#) – Currie suggests our association support Sam moved, Hough seconds.
 - e) Would you support **total** ban of leaf blowers? Discussion at City Hall because of noise pollution and waterway issues/clogging storm drains. RVCA not doing anything on this.
 - f) Next BOD Meeting Nov. 19, 2020, Dec. 17, 2020;
 - i) General Meeting Nov. 30, 2020 Agenda: ratification JJ, Julie, Lori; past minutes; Chief Oatmeyer
FLFR
- 6) Adjourn 7:49 pm



Julie Hough <jbethhough@gmail.com>

RE: RVCA BOD AGENDA 10/15/2020

Fred Stresau <stresau@bellsouth.net>

Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 9:43 AM

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All,

Chances that I will not be available for our BOD meeting on Thursday night..

I have a Zoom call on the City Code rewrite of the Landscape ordinance from 6 to 8 or later. Third one this week!

Will see if the later part occurs but we have been running about 2 ½ hours each night.

As far as Hector Park Tree Damage, Christina can fill all in –up to date.

I looked again Sunday at the equipment tracks around the trees and I am not convinced that the damage is as severe as the city staff has indicated and am insisting that somebody, either the city or the contractor hire the arborist that I have recommended to have a better look as a second opinion.

In the mean time I am rather insisting that the Tree Protection Barricades be installed at all trees/palms until such time as the city determines what to do... per the code or just let the contractor off the hook.

If the public finds out about the city and contractor proceeding without the required approvals I believe tht BS will suffer after what occurred in the western part of his District.

Fred

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From: president@riovistaonline.com [mailto:president@riovistaonline.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2020 2:33 PM

To: Christina Currie; Chuck Tatelbaum; Fred Stresau; George Mihaiu; Jean-Jacques "JJ" Rajter ; Julie Hough; Lori

10/16/2020

Gmail - RE: RVCA BOD AGENDA 10/15/2020

Sterling; Mark Snead; Nancy Messing; Sam Koster; Warren Sturman; William "Bill" Kirk

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William Kirk <williamedwardkirk@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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Christina, my update on the Tarpon River water restoration project -

It is my understanding from Raj Verma, Public Works Director, that there will be an item on the agenda for the City Commission meeting next week (10/20) directly associated with the Tarpon River and other water restoration projects. Raj mentioned to me that the City will be putting flyers on 175 house doors in Rio Vista and surrounding areas affected by the sewer main breach, encouraging them to listen and participate in the Tuesday, October 20 Virtual City Commission meeting. A report prepared by Public Works will be presented, which will provide a status and overview of the projects identified and planned - which the City will hopefully use mitigate the fines associated with the FDEP's amended consent.

The City has agreed to, and signed, the State's Amended Consent. The Amended Consent requires the City to address:

1. Establishing and investing in backup generators at the City's Wastewater Treatment plant
2. Water testing and studies for the Tarpon River breaches, George English breaches and Himmershee Canal breaches
3. \$2.1M fine

The City was unable to get the FDEP to approve of projects the City would agree to perform and complete in-kind to mitigate the \$2.1M - in order to mitigate the entire fine, the City would need to identify \$3.2M in projects associated with these issues of water quality and improvement. The City is hoping to perform some of these projects, and negotiate a reduction in the fine at a later time.

Now that the City has agreed to and signed the amended consent, it expects to finalize the scope of the Tarpon River and other water restoration projects by the end of October.

Bill

[Quoted text hidden]



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FIRE BOND COMMITTEE UPDATE FOR 10/15/20 RVCA BOD

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Attached is the Fire Bond Committee update for your review. Chuck may be late/absent from the meeting tonight due to his hearing schedule.

Julie, Can you please include this report in minutes for the agenda item?

thanks.

Christina Currie, Esq.

President

Rio Vista Civic Association

From: Charles M. Tatelbaum <cmt@TrippScott.com>
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 2:40 PM
To: 'president@riovistaonline.com' <president@riovistaonline.com>
Subject: RE: RVCA BOD AGENDA 10/15/2020

Christina:

Below is the report from the last Fire Bond Committee meeting. Our next meeting is October 22, and I will report any updates then.

Fire Station #8

The construction is 91% complete based on the current progress. The substantial completion date is projected to be on 10/14/2020 (Exhibit III). The work associated with the traffic signalization will be done in 2021 once we finalize the agreement with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC). The work progressions are on schedule. Currently, the contractor is working on cabinets installation, irrigation, gym flooring, security systems, and generator start-up. The contractor completed fencing and epoxy flooring. Please see Exhibit IV for progress pictures of the site.

We are working with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) on an agreement to connect our new crossing warning system to their controller to allow for signal synchronization. City Attorney Office is reviewing the Agreement with FEC. FEC fees are \$98,330. As part of the emergency vehicle signalization scope, we also need to install approximately 508 linear feet of new 2" conduit including under railroad tracks. The proposed cost from the contractor is \$34,711. FEC stated we would be able to perform the installation under our existing permit.

Chuck

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Okay thanks Chuck! Any fire station update I should pass on?

Christina Currie, Esq.

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From: Charles M. Tatelbaum <cmt@TrippScott.com>
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Christina:

Thursday afternoons in California bankruptcy court are set aside for calendar hearings. I will have to participate in one this week, and I may be late or absent from

the Board meeting. This should be the last hearing I will have to attend. Please call my cell if something comes up during the Board meeting if I have not joined yet.

Thanks

Chuck



Charles M. Tatelbaum

Director

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