

**Rio Vista Civic Association, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Sept. 10, 2020 7pm Via Zoom**

- 1) Call to Order- 7pm
  - a) Attendance-

Christina Currie  
Chuck Tatelbaum  
Jean-Jacques JJ Rajter  
Julie Hough  
Mark Snead  
Nancy Messing  
Fred Stresau  
Lori Sterling  
William Bill Kirk  
Sam Koster

Absent:

Warren Sturman

- 2) Reports of Officers
  - a) Treasurer- Nothing new this time of year, extremely slow
  - b) Secretary- Approval of Minutes for July 16, 2020 and August 20, 2020 – all board members received, no amendments to July 16, JJ approved and Mark seconded and passed. August 20 Mark moved, JJ second and passed
    - i) 9/10/2020 Julie Hough taking minutes
  - c) CFLCA Rep.- 9/8 Mayor & City Manager – meeting on Monday, state of the city and city manager spoke and videos are online.
- 3) Committee Reports
  - a) Disaster Preparedness- multiple tropical storms right now, but they are far away and nothing looks like it will hit land. As for COVID 19 the numbers are down across all of Florida and very encouraging.
  - b) Security- new contractor endorsed by City did a site walk looking at three locations for the installations for the license plate readers (quote is \$50k for three locations, a little over \$15k per piece) and still need to get name for installation of poles and electricians. City will not pay for the annual maintenance, the RVCA would have to pay \$2500 per piece per year. Mark will look into whether there could be a grant for RVCA to help offset the costs.
  - c) Membership/Welcome (Lori Sterling)- one or two new members in the last month. Lori is going to work on the welcome letter.
  - d) Communications Committee- publish date is Sept. 15 and then Nov. 15 deadline for the next issue.
  - e) Parks- see 9.1.20 Rios Update attached
- 4) Unfinished Business
  - a) Monthly TAM call
    - i) No Thru Trucks Sign map approved @ 9/1 commission meeting – should be seeing those soon
    - ii) 11<sup>th</sup> Court Speed Hump Eval. By County estimated Sept.

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

- iii) May be able to get ADA ramps/crosswalks in two locations including 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, but we are checking with Mancini on intersection on 7<sup>th</sup> to see if we could get some crosswalks
  - iv) In 2019, the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement, but if you look at the budget, the City eliminated the ILA and put money into TAM. Currie waiting to hear back from Sorenson now, but understands they are eliminating the ILA and rebuilding the TAM department. The ILA had recommended planners and engineers, but the City seems to be employing only planners and not engineers. Concerns around traffic, speeding, road conditions in neighborhoods. Currie will draft a letter and re-send the letter from 2019 that includes the items the association cares about. No one opposes sending the letter, but Fred suggested that the letter should include the details that it was originally ignored and when the staff is replaced whether they will be focused on our concerns in the attached letter.
  - b) Tarpon River Water- (Bill/Raj @ GM) Currie working on FDEP speaker - no update at this point, but call planned next week to prepare for the 9/21 board meeting. Does not seem to be a master plan for the city, but the Tarpon River does seem to have a plan.
  - c) EMS Substation- moving on 507 SE 11 Ct approved @ 9/1 commission meeting – see notes below under Mayor’s comments.
    - i) Requested study of emergency turn around – Commissioners looking into this.
  - d) Fire Station Update from Chuck Tatelbaum- see attached
  - e) ULDR letter on MP & minimum residential unit size- 400 min. in other areas - see notes below under Mayor’s comments. Sent correspondence and requested further exploration. RVCA was only neighborhood that requested this in downtown area. City official will include proposed language, Mayor and Sorensen both support the request. The downtown civic association may also support this if we come out and ask for the request. Currie’s suggestion is we send letter first and then ask for other associations to join us. Fred suggested it is 400 sf under air. Mark suggested that we follow up whether the 400 sf is under air or whether it has to be specified, but it sounds that it is an enclosed space not counting closets, Baths, or small kitchens. Motion to send the letter made by JJ, and seconded by Mark, no opposition, motion passed.
  - f) Halloween/COVID - see notes below under Mayor’s comments. Currie put an article in newsletter and we may send a letter later. Not stopping people from coming in, but we may be able to rope parks with caution tape and Mark will work with the detail on that. Remove places where people congregate. Hoping City can give us some guidance. Going to have extra patrol to help with orders.
  - g) Census Door to Door Continues Until 9/30
- 5) New Business
- a) Guest (7:30PM) Mayor Dean Trantalis –
    - i) Achieved great successes in creating soccer stadium, rebuilding aquatic center and bringing hockey to Fort Lauderdale. Between infrastructure issues and COVID, some of the items did not get the same focus we thought they would.
    - ii) Water, sewer, storm water vision was being implemented starting in 2019. December break in the sewer pipes, the City had a nimble response, repairing the pipe and replacing it with the 7.5-mile redundant line and acting aggressively to replace and repair the sewer lines.
    - iii) After the replacement in the Spring, have to revisit what damage was done including testing and cleanup of waterways. Part of the new imperative of the commission next year, will be priority to make waterways safe for people, marine life and the boating community.

- iv) In October or early November, we are going to rebuild Five Ash Water Treatment Plant and move it west to get clear drinking water and a plant that will be able to withstand a category 5 hurricane.
- v) Raising the seawall on Cordova Rd also a big accomplishment.
- vi) Police Department – passed referendum to allow for new police station in 2019. City realized they needed to focus on the operation and culture in police department. Mayor thanked Currie for her work on Community Police Review Board.
- vii) Alexan project has come back with a reduced size project after losses in court. Mayor does not know if this will be a smart growth opportunity as he wants to change environment of downtown to make it more pedestrian and user-friendly. AHF project – Mayor is not in favor of the project because the location was not suitable and the size of the units were not suitable. Right now the project is dead, but there is a process that AHF has collected 1000 signatures to request the City to change the zoning law to allow the project to be built on the original site. It is on the agenda for the October 20 meeting. Mayor does not support the AHF project in Fort Lauderdale because the sf per unit is too small. Suggestion that the commission support a minimum sf for unit size and proposal would be efficiency at 400 sf minimum. Mayor seems willing to discuss this change of minimum sf.
- viii) Discussion re Interlocal Agreement and rebuilding of Transportation and Mobility Department and creation of four new positions – Metro Planning Organization and City made an agreement to create certain efficiencies and hire out MPO staff and not have our own planners. The County said there is a conflict related to the 1 cent sales tax and that if the City did not change its methodology, it would lose the County money. Now may have to undo relationship with MPO (not been decided yet) and replace those positions within the TAM.
- ix) City/County guidance on Halloween – RVCA wants to cancel Halloween in our neighborhood.
- x) Plans for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show – Mayor says it is really up to the County and not up to the City. The County instructed the County Admin to move ahead and Mayor supported the initiative because it is an open air event, which is much safer than an enclosed location. Boat show community given the County a 40 page memo outlining safety measures they are agreeing to abide by. Note that even though Tortuga closed and the Boat parade shut down, the promoters shut that down and this is the first group to ask the County and City to allow the Show to be put on in a limited capacity.
- xi) City has identified the property for the east side EMS substation. Mayor does not know the address, but it is near RV. There are a lot of gaps in the City and we should do an impact report.
- xii) Large development proposal for the Searstown area. Mayor says we need to think about slowing down our development.
- b) Bridges (Mark) – no update
- c) Lori Update from 8/25 Cordova Rd. Project Meeting – concern expressed in meeting because the layout that is being proposed is that it may create a problem because patrons would have to make a u-turn to be able to turn into Brownie's/Southport area. Group is looking into it before approving project plan.
- d) Mancini Update – see attached.
- e) Stormwater Hybrid Model- The City Commission will hold a virtual hearing Sept. 14 at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the proposed Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem Assessment.
- f) 17<sup>th</sup> Street Working Group Rep.
  - i) Corridor along North boundary of Cemetery – an initial plan had that set up as a full fledged street and the residents were opposed to that plan. Nancy's recollection is the residents wanted to leave it as-is. Christina to add to general meeting agenda.

- g) Next BOD Meeting October 15, 2020
- h) General Meeting September 21, 2020 7:30PM ZOOM (Mark Host?) – ask for questions in advance.
  - i) Meeting access to members only distribution list & Signage – only for paying members of RVCA? Yes, board agrees for general and special meetings for paying members of RVCA only. Everyone would get the email about the meetings, but only Members would get an email with the access information.
  - ii) Agenda: 11<sup>th</sup> Court, ratification JJ, Julie, Lori; DDA 10 min; Ben; Raj
  - iii) Structure of Q&A/Comments – perhaps it should be a webinar format and participants cannot unmute. Chat could be used to gather questions, and someone presents to the moderators to answer. Currie attempting to get someone from Florida Dept Environmental Protection to speak as well, still working on that.
  - iv) Mark mentioned the sewer or water line repair and then repaving – repair is sinking a few inches. When TAM resurfaces Cordova, perhaps they need to take time to rebuild the bedding underneath so it does not sink.
- 6) Adjourn. 8:36 pm

## 9/1/2020 UPDATE ON RV PARKS REBUILD

The contractor has delayed their mobilization efforts until September 14<sup>th</sup>. This was done in order to ensure that both the watermain and stormwater improvements are built concurrently, which would trim the construction time and minimize any traffic and noise impacts in the area.

Once these improvements are completed, the parks restoration would follow. We expect the project to be completed by early to mid-December.

Regards,

**Francisco Ríos, P.E.**

Acting Senior Project Manager  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
Public Works Engineering

**From:** Charles M. Tatelbaum <cmt@TrippScott.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** 'president@riovistaonline.com'  
**Subject:** RE: 9/10 fire update

Here is the latest report from the Committee meeting held last week.

### **Fire Station #8**

The construction is 87% complete based on the current billing. The substantial completion date is currently projected to be on 10/14/2020 (Exhibit II). The work progresses on schedule. Currently the contractor is working on epoxy flooring and interior doors installation, fencing, irrigation, and generator. The site has temporary power; heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system (HVAC) is operational. Please see Exhibit III for progress picture of the site.

We are working with Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) on agreement to connect our new crossing warning system to their controller to allow for signal synchronization. FEC reduced their initial fees from \$104,330 to \$98,330. As part of the emergency vehicle signalization scope, we need to install approximately 508 linear feet of new 2" conduit including under railroad tracks. The proposed cost from the contractor is \$34,711. This work will require FEC approval. FEC stated that we might be able to perform the installation under our existing permit.



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

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:07 AM

**To:** Charles M. Tatelbaum

**Subject:** 9/10 fire update

Hi Chuck:

Do you have any update from your committee that you would like to provide on 9/10 at the BOD meeting?

Thanks.

Christina Currie, Esq.

President

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Julie Hough &lt;jbethhough@gmail.com&gt;

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**FW: Rio Vista**

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**president@riovistaonline.com** <president@riovistaonline.com> Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 4:30 PM  
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Here is the update from Mancini for the BOD meeting on 9/10. Thx.

Christina Currie, Esq.

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**From:** David Mancini, Jr. <dmancinjr@dmsi.co>  
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**Subject:** RE: Rio Vista

Please see below for updates by zone or intersection; To answer your question, the final cleanup is definitely my scope. It will get done as shown below. Reason being, we still have big trucks going in and out of the 10<sup>th</sup> st work-zone and to final restore swales at this point would be counterproductive as I am sure my trucks and garbage trucks will damage newly placed sod or irrigation or concrete sidewalks when accessing the 10<sup>th</sup> St work-zone via 12<sup>th</sup>.

1. 7<sup>th</sup> St Intersection –
  - a. Crews are working to install first lift of asphalt pavement now. We expect roadway to paved and opened by 9/18/2020.
  - b. After pavement is complete. Small restoration crew will move in to repair irrigation, swales, and plants/trees damaged. Approx. 3 weeks of small restoration work.
  - c. Followed by Final ASPHALT MILL&OVERLAY. Where we will remove the top 1” of asphalt and install new asphalt. This has to be 1 month after the first lift of asphalt is installed. – This is a 1 or 2 day max operation. Non-Invasive Work whatsoever.
2. 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> –
  - a. 54-Inch Forcemain Mainline Installation is ongoing along SE 10<sup>th</sup> ST. for the next month. (1 month left)
  - b. Once we connect to the pipe previously installed on 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be able clean up swales along 12<sup>th</sup>, any concrete damaged, any irrigation or swale restoration, and final pave 12<sup>th</sup> st between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Immediately thereafter. (2 to 3 months out)

Any additional information you need please don't hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

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Hi David,

Do you have an update for me that I can have by 9/10? I am looking to know when your company will be done in Rio Vista or atleast the next big progress mark. Also, is the clean up of the area of 9th Street and 12th where it dead ends within your scope to clean up or is that someone else? It's pretty gnarly over there in the swale.

Thanks!

Christina Currie, Esq.  
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ABSOLUTELY. Please give me until tomorrow. I will have all 3 Flyers complete.

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Hi David,

I have an RVCA Board meeting on 9/10. Can you provide me an update on your work before then? Thanks!

Christina Currie, Esq.

President

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