

**RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: Jan. 16, 2020
LOCATION Tea Salon@ La Vie En Blanc
TIME: 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

Present: Currie, Snead, Stresau, Messing, Ward, Kirk, Sturman,
Koster arrived at 7:40

Absent: Perez,
Chuck Tatelbaum- Council to the RVCA Board

Guests:

George Mihaiu - GM Strategic
Richard Rodriguez, FPL. *
Ozzie Alvarodiaz, FPL.
Richard Acosta (Mastec)
David Navaro, (MasTec)-contractor to FPL. *
Mutaz Yakidin (Mastec)
Commissioner Sorensen

The following items were taken out of order at the resident's request.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FP & L Storm Secure Underground Program

The presentation on undergrounding was outlined in the FP & L handout (a portion of the handout has been included in the minutes backup) and the question and answers between the Board and the representatives lasted approximately 30 minutes.

The Florida Legislature decreed in 2019 that FP & L begin undergrounding secondary service to all residential customers. The company has begun to develop examples of that undergrounding service conversion from the overhead to underground throughout the State. The representative explained that the cost for this conversion has been incorporated in the current rate structure.

Service apparently must be developed from the street with ground transformers located on private property level 2-4 properties and the existing overhead service will be removed from the poles, leaving the lower half of the poles to support the ATT/Comcast service.

The initial example of undergrounding in Rio Vista has been suggested for the properties on the south side of 11th Court, but the success of this is dictated by FP & L success in getting the neighbors to agree to the front yard location of the required transformer.

Contrary to information presented to the city in years past, there is to be no cost incurred by individual homeowners including the retrofit of one's meter enclosure with a junction box. This does not include any upgrade to ones in-house service. This discussion will need to be continued as any success is achieved!

B. Commissioner Sorensen

1. Sewer Line Breaks in Rio Vista.

Ben reviewed the status of the City repair and debris removal. See detailed explanation in my Infrastructure Report attached. The bottom line is that the 36" on the ground line currently in place will remain until the City completes the installation of the new 48" main that will run from Coral Ridge to the 17th street treatment plant. Project completion scheduled for mid April at which time the surface main will be removed.

2. Federal Courthouse.

Ben informed the Board of the desire of GSA to locate the new courthouse somewhere just west of the US #1 corridor- south of SE 5th street. Requires 1 ½ - 2 acres and the Board indicated that this location should be pursued.

3. EMS Substation.

The "downtown substation", discussed for several years by the commission, may have found a home at last. The city has negotiated with and signed a purchase contract for a property just west of US #1 on SE 6th Street, across from Cinema Paridiso. More later!

At the conclusion of Commissioners discussion the meeting returned to the agenda.

II. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

A. Treasurer:

Summary of Activity – YTD

Paid Membership is 409 (Quorum = 41)
Protect Rio Vista Fund has 370 members
Overage (shortage) is: \$980.

Balances:

Protect Rio Vista Fund: \$61,604.
Current RVCA balance \$27,308.

Issues/Concerns.

None Noted

B. Secretary: Approval of the 11/18/2019 Board of Directors minutes.

Motion to approve by Mark Snead –unanimously approved

C. Council Representative:

1. Appointment of RVCA representatives.

President as representative and Nancy Messing as the Alternate.

2. President outlined presentations on the CFLCA agenda.

City Manager's presentation at the January meeting relating to sewer repairs, Cliff Barry Contractor concerning the sewer spill Environmental clean-up, Stantec consultants on the Stormwater rate structure, and staff presentation on the Central Beach code updates. See more. See video @ www.CFLCA.org. see Representative Currie report attached

3. Next CFLCAS meeting.

February 11, 2020 – Vice Mayor McKinzie.

III. Committee Reports.

President requested confirmation of Board members to serve on each committee.

A. Disaster Preparedness. – Warren agreed to continue - assume Eladio Perez will help.

B. Membership/Welcome Committee – Lori Sterling will chair pending confirmation to the BOD.

C. Newsletter/Web. - George Mihaiu. Next copy deadline 2/11/20

D. Parks – Fred Stresau.

E. Security – Mark Snead. License Plate readers – update on maintenance and service contract. Cost has been increased to \$7,500. RVCA Cash on hand to finance is about \$ 8,700. President suggested that the LYC contribute dollars.

F. Social –

1. December Holiday Party – N. Messing will continue to chair.

It was agreed that because the attendance for this year was down from previous years that thought should be given to scaling back the size of the event. That on the example of other neighborhood events within the city focus the event on children's participation.

2. Campout - Sam Koster. Due to the sewer reconstruction and the condition of the VSY Park the Annual Campout will be impossible.

G. Nominating Committee. – Mark Snead, Bill Kirk, Rob Ward

The affairs and business of this association shall be managed by an odd numbered membership Board anticipated to be, but not required to be at least seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) Directors.

The RVCA Board at our Oct/Nov. 2019 meeting established a three member Nominating Committee to develop a list of RVCA members that have expressed interest in serving on the RVCA Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee has presented 3 candidates this year and or additional candidates next year to maintain an odd numbered total between 7 and 15. Selection list of candidates was unanimously approved.

Nominations for the Board shall be presented to the general membership at the January 27, 2020 and if approved by a majority vote of the membership at that meeting, these individuals will serve for a period of three years.

The committee has met and interviewed candidate names for recommendation to the Board of Directors as outlined in the RVCA By-laws. The committee reported the following:

This year's slate - Lori Sterling, Julie Hough, Gregory Hoffman. By unanimous vote of the BOD these names will be presented to the General Membership.

IV. Old Business:

A. EMS/Fire Station #8.

1. EMS - See Sorensen B.3 for summery status.

2. Fire Station #8

Construction is approximately 75% complete. Interior framing is complete along with electrical, plumbing, and mechanical roughs. Final inspections are scheduled for December 16th.

Exterior stucco work is also complete, allowing exterior painting to commence. Site improvements consisting of underground drainage, paving, and sidewalk work, is also complete. The Contractor is competing interior drywall work, with cabinetry and tile work to follow.

Change order #4 is being prepared by the contractor for the City's review and approval. This change order includes replacement of the chain link fence with an iron spearhead fence and installation of epoxy flooring throughout the station to allow easier cleaning and maintenance as requested by Fire Rescue.

B. TAM – (Transportation and Mobility) monthly call on 1/16/2020

1. Summery - see attached from President Currie.

2. Rio Vista Street Light/Canopy concerns – see attached email from Stresau to Ben Rogers. To be discussed at later phone call.

C. Tunnel Top Plaza Meeting w/RV Representative.

V. New Business:

A. FPL Storm Secure Underground Program - see summery page 1.

B. Meeting Updates.

1. AHF @ Board of Adjustment

Aids Healthcare Foundation submitted an application to the city Board challenging the Zoning Administrator's interpretation restricting the use of this property in the RAC because it was determined to be a Social Service Facility. At the January BOA meeting the application was denied and the applicant may well challenge this position in Circuit Court. President Currie attended and presented the RVCA 3 objection statements opposing the relief requested. More to follow.

2. Mayors Infrastructure Meeting update.

On January 9, 2020 the Mayor held a special update public meeting regarding Fort Lauderdale's infrastructure. For more than a ½ hour the Mayor assured the packed commission room audience that the Commission had given their full attention to the Sanitary and Water Systems and Storm Drainage.

The City Commission raised the water and sewer impact fees assessed on new development in September. The new rate structure went into effect at the end of December.

The most critical aspect of this system that needs attention is the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant and the water source availability. This old plant has a real risk of failure, and renovation is no longer viable. This commission has also been forward-looking in safeguarding adequate water supply for future generations. We have joined a consortium of other local governments in a major initiative called the C-51 Reservoir. We have purchased the rights to 3 million gallons of water a day with an option for another 3 million gallons.

We soon will begin similar stormwater work in seven neighborhoods determined to be most prone to flooding.

The totality of the program discussed represents an undertaking without precedent in the history of Fort Lauderdale in both size and scope: more than \$600 million will be spent in less than five years.

3. Infrastructure Task Force Meeting – 1/6/2020

See attached meeting summary from Stresau, ITF Member, covering the Consent Order, Sewer Line breaks, consultant's

review of the viability of the Water Plant, Well Fields and overall costs projections for the plants replacement.

C. RVCA Goals and Board Member Participation/Roles in 2020.

General Board discussion on the need for Board members to contribute to the betterment of the Association. President Currie encouraged all to select some effort and volunteer for such as supporting our neighborhood school.

D. United States Post Office.

Communication to some RVCA neighbors regarding the possible placement of mailboxes at curb side. Correspondence not purported to be official but long term objective is to move boxes to the curbside.

E. Upcoming meetings.

1. RVCA First Annual Meeting- January 27, 2020. Guests to be Broward County Commissioner Tim Ryan and City Commissioner Ben Sorensen. The Board is requested to submit questions for Tim Ryan.

2. RVCA Board Meeting 2/27/2020

Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Attachments:

1. Agenda for Board of Directors meeting January 16, 2020
2. FPL Handouts for Storm Secure
3. RVCA Board of Directors meeting November 18, 2019. Minutes
4. TAM notes by President Currie
5. Infrastructure Task Force Report for January 6, 2020
6. Stresau notes from BOD meeting January 16, 2020

**Respectfully Submitted,
Fred E. Stresau
Rio Vista Civic Association Secretary**

