

RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 2021 7:30PM
ZOOM MEETING ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO RVCA MEMBERS

1. Call to Order 7:30 pm

- a. Board Roll Call

Present:

Christina Currie

Mark Snead

Julie Hough

Nancy Messing

Lori Sterling

Jean Jacques Rajter

Fred Stresau

Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)

Dr. Dan Meeroff, Professor at FAU (guest)

Alan Dodd, City of Fort Lauderdale public works (guest)

Commissioner Ben Sorensen (guest)

Absent:

William Kirk

Sam Koster

- b. Verify General Membership Quorum of 10% which is 44 people (total # from Mark Snead 436). Never met quorum, rechecked throughout evening.

- c. Announcements:

i. Will be taking agenda out of order to accommodate guests.

ii. Please utilize use the Q&A Function will E-mail follow-up for unanswered.

2. Officers' Reports

- a. Treasurer: RVCA balance is 30k, Protect Rio Vista is 50k and LPR fund is at 6k.

- b. Secretary: Need approval of minutes 1/25, 5/24, 9/27 [HERE](#)

3. Committee Reports

- a. Nominating Committee: Call for Interested BOD Candidates

- b. Security: 2 camera installations have been installed and confirmed with FLPD and a third is in the works and the association is still taking donations toward additional installations.

- c. Membership/Welcome: Lori Sterling, Chair

- d. Social: Nancy Messing

i. Holiday Party 12/4/21 6-9pm VY Park

ii. Boat Parade

iii. Camp Out 2/19/2022 Sam Koster

4. Old Business

- a. [Traffic & Mobility Monthly Update](#) (posted online monthly) – residents want stop signs in certain places. We then have to ask the City for a traffic study and the County may have to get involved and the County looks at the threshold requirements for stop signs. Subsequent to the sewage break, the City placed temporary stop signs in various parts of neighborhood and the County removed them because they did not meet the requirements. The residents want the stop signs in those locations; without a quorum we cannot take a vote on a motion to approve. Email tryan@broward.org for any concerns on stop signs see email from Currie for more details.

i. Currie asked for attendees to tell us if they don't want the Northbound and southbound STOP signs at the intersection of SE 8 Street at SE 11 Avenue. No attendees responded so the RVCA Board will send a letter to the County Commissioner Tim Ryan.

ii. Currie asked for attendees to tell us if they don't want the Eastbound and westbound STOP signs at the intersection of SE 7 Street at SE 11 Avenue. No attendees responded so the RVCA Board will send a letter to the County Commissioner Tim Ryan.

- b. Tarpon River Dredging Anticipate 12/7/21 @ Commission

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5. New Business

- a. Participation Grant Program: Flooding, Energy Savings, Water Quality Testing - "[Broward Climate Resilience Stewardship: Empowering Communities to Overcome Flood Risks and Energy Challenges](#)" by Dr. Dan Meeroff, FAU –
 - i. Introduced FAU's Coastal Resilience module to attendees, which is first of three modules. Explained the goal of the project is to reduce Fort Lauderdale's Community Rating System ultimately helping residents reduce their flood insurance premiums and improve energy conservation and water quality. Grant is funding the program only needs a few minutes. Check out <http://labees.civil.fau.edu>, 954-592-4796 to become an ambassador.
 - ii. Go to msc.fema.gov to see your home's flood risk.
 - iii. If you experience a flooding issue call city 954-828-8000.
 - iv. Introduced tactics for homeowners to reduce flood risks such as installing water resistant materials when remodeling, introducing flood vents, and other ideas to assist homeowners.
 - v. Call Dept Sustainable Development 954-828-6500 if you are doing any regrading or major renovations.
 - vi. To start a **flood loss avoidance claim**, contact your flood insurance agent or insurance company and have your policy number, receipts with dates, and a record of the time spent working (if claiming labor charges). You should be able to get reimbursed for up to \$1000 in expenses for things like sandbags, tarps, plastic sheeting, etc.
 - vii. If you attended the meeting, you can email dmeeroff@fau.edu one mitigation strategy you learned and he will provide a certificate of completion of module one of the course.
 - viii. Currie asked about Cordova as many residents inquire about the continued flooding on that road. Technologies to really stop flooding are extremely expensive. The sea level rise may require pumps to remove the water.
- b. Parks & Stormwater Update from Alan Dodd, City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works –FEMA updates stormwater maps about every 10 years and there is information on FEMA's website on how to update maps. Fort Lauderdale has a Flood Plain Manager.
 - i. Valves get flooded out and continue to have flooding problems until we can get mechanical stations or pumps to fix the problem. Resident requested summary of what has been done in the past year and Dodd explained the resources have all gone towards replacing the sea wall. Eventually there will be a final solution within the stormwater master plan for Cordova Road and pump stations will go into those areas, but not currently part of a project. Right now we have 4 pump stations and our master plan has 76-80 pumps throughout the City. Each pump station costs around \$2MM.
 - ii. Currie asked Dodd whether we could get delineators on Cordova and no wake signs as well. Dodd explained it is a matter of staffing levels and to deploy delineators and no wake signs ahead of time is impossible for the City.
 - iii. If you see a valve that is not working on Cordova or routine other issues, call the Parks department at 954-828-8000 Customer Service to create a Q Alert. If there is something more urgent, reach out to Commissioner Sorensen.
 - iv. Stresau asked Dodd to check out swale to see if the City can make any improvements. Either way, that would not be an immediately fix because there would be a capital requirement for repairing the swales.
 - v. Parks:
 1. VY Park – 2 speed humps being installed around 12/3 or 12/4. Bike rack not installed because the concrete pad has to be replaced on 11/30 and then the bike rack will be replaced. The five picnic tables are coming in about next month or so and the swings will be fixed in next 1-2 months and the contractor will deal with other items on the punch list at the same time.
 2. Hector Park – missing bike rack, picnic tables and more at Hector Park, but no update from the City on that park tonight.
- c. Commissioner Ben Sorensen Neighborhood & City Updates – no additional updates
- d. 12/7/21 R19052 on Commission Agenda (See [Materials from 10/20/21 Here](#)) – bring any objection to any proposed building
- e. Upcoming RVCA Meetings:

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- i. Virtual Board Meetings Monthly
- ii. January 24, 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections
 1. Expect Code speaker with updates on common issues
- iii. Holiday Party VY Park 12/4/21 6-9pm

6. Adjourn

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