

# RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**Draft- 10/14/2019**

## General Membership Meeting

**DATE:** October 7, 2019

**LOCATION** RV Church

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome to membership by President Currie
- A. Roll Call of Board**
- Present:** Currie, Koster, Perez, Snead, Stresau, Ward and Council  
Chuck Tatelbaum
- Absent:** Kirk, Messing
- B. Verify Quorum for General Membership** - 40 members required.  
Mark Snead, Vice President RVCA – at the commencement of the meeting there were only 30 members present.
- Guests: Juan Samuel FLL Public Works –Cordova Project  
Dr. Nancy Gassman FLL Deputy Director of Public Works  
Captain Steve Scelfo - District II Commander- Protect Rio Vista

**The following Item was taken out of order on the Agenda at the President's request.**

### IV. Old Business

- A. Cordova Seawall Project:** Guest Juan Samuel from Fort Lauderdale Stormwater Engineering Division
- Mr. Samuel** is the project manager for the City on this project and he outlined the following.
- a. The project had been awarded to the contractor and work has begun. The length of construction is expected to be one year or 365 days in length.
  - b. The initial phase of seawall construction will begin on the South end –SE. 12<sup>th</sup>. St and continue block by block to SE. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - c. The underground utilities have been located, and all have been disconnected.
  - d. The staging area is located on a vacant lot south of 9<sup>th</sup> St. and dock removal will begin the week of 10/14/2019..
  - e. All trees and landscaping will be removed as the project progresses
  - f. The contractor will require access to Cordova and thus traffic stops, one way traffic or possibly detours will be the norm for the length of the construction.

- g. At the conclusion of the project the roadway will be re-surfaced and restriped. Request for local traffic only signage around area far in advance and near main entrances.
- h. City will provide construction updates to RVCA for dissemination.

**Request from the public:** Request for local traffic only signage around area far in advance and near main entrances

**Dr. Gassman** continued the conversation regarding an update on the new Dock Ordinance. This new ordinance has been approved by the City Commission and any permit will run with the owner of the current permit application. Signage will be placed on the swale to protect the area and most importantly, the moored boat/yacht must be registered with the city and be in the name of the property owner. Permitting will be done through the Department of Sustainability.

**A brief discussion on the height of the recent King Tide** at 2.65' will be well below the top of seawall at 5.0' and all Tidal valves will receive maintenance 4 time pr year to ensure as best possible the prevention of flooding of any hi-tides. Request for local traffic only signage around area far in advance and near main entrances

**At the conclusion of this seawall discussion the meeting returned to the original agenda.**

## **II. Officers' Reports**

### **A. Treasurer-** Mark Snead

Highlighted that the Association is maintaining a balance of \$125,000 in bank deposits and of that approximately \$100,000 is designated for the Protect Rio Vista.

**Inquiry of Holiday Party cost?** Estimate \$5,000

### **B. Secretary-** Fred Stresau

GM minutes needing approval 1/28/19 and 4/29/19 – Since there is not a quorum at this time no motion can be in order.

**C. CFLCA Representative:** Next GM 10/10/19 @ City Hall 630PM Topic Education in the City of Fort Lauderdale

## **III. Committee Reports**

**A. Disaster Preparedness:** End of hurricane season 11/30/19

**B. Membership/Welcome** – no news

**C. Newsletter:** Looking for professional firms/businesses to feature- will rewrite **Contact:** George at publisher@ftlauderdalemedia.com

**D. Parks: The Urban Land Institute** has offered to provide guidance to the City on the development of a program for Downtown Parks/Open Space. Final Presentation to public on 10/18/19 at the Broward Center.

**E. Security:** Captain Steve Scelfo spoke at length regarding the Protect Rio Vista operations.

Stop sign violations to date – 70+

See logs for security on line for recent activities

New Protect Rio Vista residential signs will be replacing the old signs

Speed checks – must be clocked at 30 MPH to issue a ticket per

County

Halloween – 4 officers and Service aids will be on duty

**F. Social: 12/7/19 Holiday Party** – Possible Fundraiser for the License Plate Installation.

#### **IV. Old Business**

**A. Cordova Seawall** – see page 1 – VI. **Old Business A.** for details.

**B. Fire Station/EMS Substation**

The Fire Station long awaited to serve south side of District 2 is now approximately 54% complete and should be open by mid to end of January. Opening to be announced. All residents invited to attend.

Review of current Fire Response Map - There is a recommendation that the new EMS Station be located at Holiday Park. This location will not satisfy or the lower response time for the Rio Vista area and our residents need to contact each Commissioner and object.

**C. Parks and Police Bonds** – The city has advertized for consultants to direct these programs. Study in progress to expand **Tunnel Top Park** from 60 to 120' north of Las Olas.

**D. By-laws Amendments.** Previously tabled at General Meeting for lack of a quorum.

After three quorum counts by the board at 8:25 PM it was certified that tonight's meeting had a quorum and the president requested Chuck Tatelbaum, Council to the RVCA Board of Directors review the amendments. After general discussion a vote was taken and each of the two amendments were passed.

**Question from the attendees:** How would the Board select future Board of Director members and it was explained that the **RVCA bylaws state president to make a nominating committee in Oct. or November and then committee works on candidates and present @ GM for vote.**

**Request from individuals who expressed interest in January in being nominated to the RVCA Board of Directors of their status:**

President Currie went over the record of individuals who had previously spoken of Board interest at the General Meetings and advises all have been invited to attend Board and General Meeting(s) and were offered volunteer opportunities: For the record.

- Individual 1: 2/8/19 inquiry- attended 0 of 8 board meetings; 0 of 2 General Meetings; and 0 of 2 Vol.
- Ops.Male Individual 2: 2/8/19 inquiry- attended 1 of 8 board meetings; 0 of 2 General Meetings; and 0 of 2Vol.Ops.
- Female Individual 3: 2/12/19 inquiry- attended 1 of 8 board meetings; 1 of 2 General Meetings; and 1 of 2 Vol. Ops.
- Female Individual 4: 1/28/19 inquiry- attended 0 of 8 board meetings; 0 of 2 General Meetings; and 0 of 2 Vol. Ops. Join disaster committee
- Female Individual 5: 2/14/19 inquiry- attended 4 of 8 board meetings; 0 of 2 General Meetings; and 1 of 2 vol. ops. Emails monthly lists for M.S. membership correspondence.

**Membership Vote to approve bylaws amendment**

**ARTICLE II, SECTION 1- 23 YES AND 17 NO - RATIFIED**

**ARTICLE III, SECTION 1- RATIFIED WITH CLEAR MAJORITY**

**VI. New Business**

**A. Tom Maus Appreciation** for Board/Committee Service.

**B. License Plate Readers** –Explanation by Mark Snead.

The license plate reader program will be developed with the cooperation of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. The infrastructure required would be a single pole per camera, located in the swale area of the city right of way. Each pole would photograph incoming and outgoing traffic and that information would be forwarded to FLPD for evaluation .Protect Rio Vista, Captain Scelfo, recommends a minimum of two locations: one camera at the RV entrance on Seventh street and the Second on 9<sup>th</sup> Street..At this time it is anticipated that Lauderdale Harbors will sponsor a camera location on the south end of Cordova Road.

Each camera location and the required electrical feed would cost approximately \$7,500 and would require a \$ 2,000 maintenance fee for the annual monitoring.

**Contributions from the public: 2 in attendance commit to donation: \$2,5 00. 00 by Chris Gilbert and \$5,0 00 by A. Forman. Suggestions for fundraisers- President Currie invited someone to chair- WENDY UMLA Volunteered.**

- C. **Traffic Studies in RV- SE 9 Ave** study completed should be about 1- 2 weeks for results as of Currie meeting w/ TAM today
- D. **6<sup>th</sup> Court Improvement Requests-** President Currie walked block w/ the Traffic and Mobility /Public Works and met with some neighbors today to review the status of the street - potholes, sidewalks, striping(all over neighborhood )

E. **AHF/HHF** –President Currie reviewed the following history:

- Nov 2018 & Jan 2019 RVCA opposition communications to commission
- 9/20/2019 CAO letter to Zoning Administrator opining that the project is Level V SSRF and not a permitted use in the RAC-CC
- As of 9/24/19 Zoning Administrator made determination that the use is not permitted, so the application is not moving forward.
- AHF can appeal the ruling to the city’s Board of Adjustment. If board rules in their favor and the city does not appeal, the project would go back to the Fort Lauderdale Development Review Committee for approval, city spokesman Chaz Adams said
- .Some residents may feel no need to communicate another position, some may want to. Up to voters

**Motion from the floor** by A. Forman for communication to commission on behalf of RVCA GM expressing opposition to the Health Housing Foundation Project by AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc.- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Benkowski and passes unanimously.

F. **Post Halloween Neighborhood Clean-Up Service Hour** offered.

G. **Possible Event:** TRB 10/27/19 in house trick or treating event w/ each neighborhood hosting a themed table- Jodi Stav of Ponce expressed interest in working with Currie to do this project.

**H. Federal Courthouse Location.**

Commissioner Sorensen requested straw poll on suggested location of this facility being located on US #1 and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Response was 50% in favor of this location.

**VI. Upcoming meetings.**

**A. Fourth General Meeting:**

November 18, 2019 – Tentative guest: RV - Broward Commissioner Tim Ryan to recap his 2019 work in our District.

**B. 2020 Annual RVCA General Meeting on 1/27/2019.**

**Adjourn at 8:55 PM.**

**Attachments:**

- 1. RVCA Board Attendance record - 1/10/2019-9/30/2019**
- 2. General Membership Meeting Agenda for October 7, 2019**
- 3. Communication to the City Commission on AHF  
November 29, 2018 Board of Directors correspondence  
January 29, 2019 RVCA General Meeting correspondence**
- 4. By-laws Amendments – Oct. 7, 2019 Membership Meeting**

