

# RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Oct 3, 2022 7:30PM (*general meeting*)

Only current members of the RVCA are eligible to vote during our General Meeting. To check on the status of your membership email treasurer@riovistaonline.com.

## 1. Call to Order 7:32 pm

a. Board Roll Call by Julie Hough, Secretary

Present:

Mark Snead

Julie Hough

Fred Stresau

Jean Jacques Rajter

William Kirk

Sam Koster

Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)

Absent:

Christina Currie (non-voting)

Nancy Messing

Lori Sterling

Guests:

Gus from Code Enforcement

Marty Klar, Property Appraiser

Developers from The Benjamin Project

City staff for the PDD project

b. Verify General Membership Quorum of 10% - quorum not reached needed 43 residents

c. announcements:

i. Agenda will be taken out of order to accommodate guests. See new business

ii. Board elected new officers at the last board meeting

## 2. Officers' Reports

a. Treasurer: P&L and Balance Sheet available for review, contact Mark Snead

b. Secretary: Need approval of past minutes GMs [HERE](#) - no quorum, no vote

## 3. Committee Reports

a. Disaster Committee: (JJ Rajter) - asked for volunteers both for RV and for the City for help with Hurricane Ian

b. Security: (Mark Snead) - another LPR camera installed

c. Parks: volunteers needed

d. Social: (Nancy Messing) - holiday party 12/3

e. Communications: volunteer needed

## 4. Old Business

a. the following projects that were discussed at the last general meeting in May have been completed: seawall painting, Tarpon Dredging, Ponce paver repairs, landscape at the 9th ave, 12th St one way - all or most completed, Tarpon dredging was a success led for RVCA by Kirk, seawall continues to improve with painting, landscaping, docks being put in.

b. GYR projects, with Celeste Koster's leadership, generated \$888

## 5. New Business

a. representative from the city to review the proposed PDD revision - City representatives explained the

proposition from a private developer (developer of Pier 66) who wants to build to 500 feet. The downtown corridor zoning allows buildings up to 500'. The current PDD ordinance allows for 300' if they meet the PDD requirements. The proposed change would allow 500' for a PDD qualified project. PDD is a separate zoning and any developer who wants to build that high needs to apply for the special zoning. There were many questions and ultimately a show of hands from the residents indicated a majority of the RVCA General Meeting attendees were not in favor of the PDD amendment. A decision was made that the RVCA would send a letter objecting to the PDD.

b. representative from proposed development, The Benjamin, to review traffic study - the property development has been submitted to the City Commission and the parties are going through the DRC to determine whether the project will be approved. An initial traffic study indicates little to no impact as the property is an entire city block and they can use the property itself to stage for the building needs. It will be 30 stories and house 500 units with 800 parking spaces.

c. volunteers are needed for everything from social events to growing our membership/patrol

d. Green Your Routine: we need a few volunteers to take charge, Possible GYR projects could address street litter and storm drain clean out - Hough gave recap of the program and asked for volunteers to be involved to help our neighborhood.

e. Marty Klar, the Broward County Property Appraiser came to speak to the group. He reminded us:

i. Assessment mistakes can occur - If you believe you have a variance (your property is in disrepair, something else that lowers the value of your home), call his office and they will review and reduce the amount of tax you need to pay if there is in fact a lower value. The City will always review your request.

ii. Exemptions - there are so many exemptions for residents including Homestead, low income senior exemption, permanently disabled veteran or first responder, for example. Be sure to look for exemptions and take advantage of them.

iii. Portability - homeowners can almost always port their exemptions from one home to another.

iv. Title Fraud - this is a major problem in Broward County so the BCPA has created an "owner alert" process so that homeowners can be alerted anytime anything happens that is recorded against your property. Be sure to go to [bcpa.net](http://bcpa.net) and register your email address or cell phone number for alerts.

Upcoming RVCA Meetings:

i. Virtual Board Meetings Monthly

ii. 2022 Final General Meeting of the year: 12/5

**6. Adjourn 8:26 pm**