**Sky Lake – Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**

To serve as the collective voice for the Sky Lake – Highland Lakes area neighborhoods and to promote

an exceptional quality of life for our community through advocacy and involvement

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**Board Meeting Agenda**

March 7, 2016 7 PM

Highland Oaks Park

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

Introductions

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Committee Orphans (Reyna, Eli, Max, Jason, Sid, Andy, Ron, Rhoda)
3. Reports
   1. Finance/Treasury (Lynn)
   2. Membership & Outreach (Freddi)
      1. Welcome Committee (Madeline/Brenda)
   3. Education/Schools (Stephanie)
      1. Krop Annex (Howard)
   4. Infrastructure & Traffic (David)
      1. FDOT Study (Lenny)
      2. Lighting (Bill)
      3. Reckless Driving Update (Mort)
      4. Traffic – HLB/Ives Dairy, Traffic Study Report (Bill), 207 and HLB Study?
      5. Dog Park (Jose)
   5. Security (AJ)
      1. Security Update (AJ)
      2. Highland Gardens (AJ/Jacky)
      3. SkyLake (AJ/David)
      4. Oak Forrest (AJ/David/Isaac)
      5. Highland lakes Back Wall/Bushes (Bill)
      6. Expo (AJ/?)
   6. Incorporation Update (Bob)
   7. Code Enforcement (Bill/David/Mort/Jacci/Don)
   8. Development (Don)
   9. Beautification (Trudy)
   10. Website (Marc)
   11. Next Door (Mark)
4. Upcoming Meetings/Events
   1. Welcome Committee Meeting
   2. Skylake Security Mtg
   3. Dog Park Mtg
   4. Krop Annex Mtg
   5. Next Board Mtg

Adjournment

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**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 21, 2016**

**Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building**

President Lenny Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Hurwitz, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Don Shannon, Brenda Auerbach, Jose Klahr, Madeline Langbaum, Jacky Needelman, Sid Rabin, Jacci Seskin, Ron Silver, and Bob Weisblum. In addition Howard Weiner, Reyna Behar, Eli Gorin, Sharon Gayoso, Jacob Singer, Michael Katz, Nicholas Chmielewski, Alam Imar, Gerard Rather, Mindy Rather, Kelique Smith and Mayan Darehe attended as guests.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bob to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting, seconded by Madeline. The motion was passed.

Finance: We currently have approximately $22,939. Everyone was encouraged to pay their 2016 dues, especially the Board members.

Membership/Outreach: Stephanie provided an update on the newsletter. Some nice articles and many advertisers are included. The artwork has gone to the printer. Hopefully it will be in the mail by next Friday. We had $2700 in ad sales.

Nominating Committee: Bob reported that the committee has interviewed and vetted all new Board nominees. They are AJ Yolofsky, Reyna Behar, Howard Weiner and Eli Gorin. David Miller is being proposed for the Executive Committee. Marc Hurwitz has been nominated for President. Lenny thanked the committee for their work.

Security: Marc is looking into how the license plate recognition function can be utilized regarding the County administered cameras at the guard gate in Highland Gardens.

Infrastructure & Traffic: New lights for NE 26 Ave. are in place. Lighting on NE 18 Ave is waiting for approval. The effort for a new lighting taxing district at Riverwood is ongoing. It needs to go up for a vote. A feasibility study on the Ives wall says it would cost millions of dollars. There is no movement by the County to give Ives Dairy Road back to the state. If it was a state road, then the wall might be included in the FDOT budget. There is additional parking on NE 207 St to improve the school traffic flow. A boulder has been removed to expand the drop off area and a study will be done to see if it has improved the traffic. The County will do another walk through to upgrade the park to include benches and to add restrooms at the tot lot.

Code Enforcement: Bill reported that Code Enforcement is going well. The resistance to the zoning variance for the synagogue is ongoing. There is no word yet whether the applicant plans to file an appeal. We should know more by early Feb.

Education & Advocacy: The next MAC meeting is set for Jan. 18 at 6:30.

School Feeder Pattern: At the community meeting, the plan to build an I-Prep school on the field at HOM, using portables, was presented. The plan includes putting a 500 seat building on the middle school property. The traffic study is pending and is the biggest problem. There will be no parking for the high school students who will attend. Some Aventura residents are eager for this because they don't want to send their kids to Krop. They also want to be closer to Aventura. Lenny had asked if there was a model at another school where this has been done, but apparently there is none. There is an I-Prep downtown but it has 350 students. There was a lengthy discussion with many of the guests sharing their thoughts. Some believe the action is politically motivated to appease the Aventura parents so they won't build a charter school and take the better performing students from Krop. Why is it not being built on Krop property? Why not in Sunny Isles? The student guests shared their opinions. Most like the concept but felt it should be on Krop property. They don't like being separated from the main student body or a whole school for what amounts to an online program. If it was on Krop property it would be easier to return to the main program if a student didn't like the concept. This idea does not address the other problems at Krop. The money should be used to improve Krop as a school. Many of the students don't like taking online classes. Not all subjects will be available. Continuing with internships and extracurricular activities will be difficult without onsite parking. The sales job being done is enhanced by the school board to get kids to attend. Will students be forced to go there just to fill it up? Bob asked the students if they would help in a fight against the idea and they all agreed. Perhaps we need to get some of the other HOAs involved. Jose encouraged the students to write letters and to meet with school board officials. Marc felt we should focus on the fact that the building is going to be built at HOM and what will happen in our area. Bob moved that the HOA take a position that the annex be built on Krop property. It was seconded by everyone. Mort suggested an amendment that no school facility be built on any of the schools in our immediate area, but there was no second. The original motion carried 14 in favor, 1 abstention. Bob suggested a committee be formed to address this issue.

FDOT Study of Biscayne & Ives Dairy: Talks with officials have been of no use in changing the proposal. What could the redesign be as opposed to decimating 20 businesses? Ron suggested a letter writing campaign from individuals and businesses to the heads of this District. It's not a done deal yet but we need to throw a number of issues into the mix to get it delayed.

New Business: The VABHOE Carnival will be Feb. 7. We will have a table to encourage membership and need volunteers. Marc suggested changing the dues to voluntary donations as opposed to annual dues. The idea was not well received. He also discussed website enhancements and how to increase membership using emails and Next Door. GMM is Feb. 10 and the I-Prep issues will be discussed. The Dog Walk for HOPE will be Feb. 21. The Krop Extravaganza and silent auction will be at Frankey's on March 10. Ron thanked Lenny for all that he has done for the HOA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Submitted by Jacci Seskin and Freyda Hyman