

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019
Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

President Steven Parkins called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Board members in attendance were: Isaac Bendrao, Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, Brenda Auerbach, Pablo Barreiro, Erica Chao, Sharon Curtis, Howard Fine, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Rick Schermer, Ahuva Stadtlander, Bob Weisblum, and Roz Weisblum. Steve thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Madeline, to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Volunteer Recognition: Steven announced that while everyone has worked hard this past month, he would like to recognize Bill Clayton for his tireless work on getting the speed bumps and approval for the widening of NE 26 Ave.

Membership/Outreach: Freyda shared that as of today we have 101 paid for 2019 with 137 of the 2018 paid members yet to renew. The committee is working on a promotional piece that still needs a bit of editing and final design. When it is ready, the whole board will be given brochures and membership lists sorted by street. Each person will be tasked with visiting the non-members on their street, or at least delivering the material.

Communications: Steve reported for Erica Chao that the Board members will soon be getting individual HOA email addresses linked to our website. News is being added and updated regularly to keep our site current.

Security & CERT: Rick spoke about the 2 security meetings that were held for residents north and south of Ives Dairy Road. Kent Security let everyone know that they have been working off 1975 post orders that need to be updated. There have been some ongoing problems at the north gate. Kent plans to send a "mystery traveler" to get more details. MDPD has been spending as much time as they can in our area for traffic and safety enforcement. The committee will try to get extra police patrols on NE 26 Ave. when the construction to widen the street begins. Rick is waiting to hear when the next CERT training will be held.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Code: Rick gave an update on improvements to the IDR wall. There will be many Super Bowl events in Aventura. Commissioner Sally Heyman has asked the host committee to work on cleaning/painting the wall since IDR will be the gateway to the events. They are getting bids and Rick is optimistic. With the Super Bowl logo on the necessary waiver, he doesn't see a problem getting the 40 or so homeowners to sign, especially since it would cost them nothing. Bill has been looking into the numerous AirBnBs in our area. The County has no control over them. Residents can look online to see if they have a Certificate of Use. If they are violating any local codes, call the police. Steve will try to get Sally to address this problem at the next General Membership Meeting. New street lights are being installed in phases through the area. Speed bumps are about to be installed at numerous locations north of IDR. A map of the locations is available on NextDoor.

Parks & Beautification: Steve walked both parks with Marc Frankel. They created a list of things that need to be improved. The County is getting bids on restocking the lake with fish to eat the seaweed.

Government Affairs & Grants: Bob has been receiving lists of available grants, but so far none of them are appropriate for us. He would like to attend grant writing training and thinks there will be some available soon.

Community Events & Schools: Sharon discussed the awards and scholarship that have been given in the past: 2 plaques to middle school students and 1 plaque plus \$250 (Bed Bath and Beyond gift card) scholarship to a Krop student. There was some discussion on the criteria. Exemplary performance and need have been the criteria in the past. This year priority will be given to members of the HOA in order to encourage more families to join.

Old/New Business: Steve reported that there is no news on the overpass. There is still a question as to whether or not businesses can lease back their property after the State has bought it. This could prevent empty and boarded buildings since no one is sure of a start date for actual construction or even if the State will have the funding. The status of the synagogue on NE 24 Ave. is still unknown. Bill will check with Code Enforcement. There was some discussion on traffic issues and suggestions for improvement. Steve spoke to Fish and Wildlife about a crocodile in the lake and they seemed not to care.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = May 15, June 12; GMM = June 19

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.