

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019
Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Board members in attendance were: Isaac Bendrao, Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Sharon Curtis, Howard Fine, Marc Frankel, David Gorson, Leigh Needelman, Jeevan Tillit, and Bob Weisblum. Rick thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Marc F, to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that we have \$22,765.73. Money needs to be transferred from Pay Pal for web site dues and other payments.

Volunteer Recognition: Rick announced that while everyone has continued to work hard over the summer, he would like to recognize Marc H for setting the Hurricane Dorian preparations in motion.

Board Business: Rick would like to form a committee, made up of Board committee chairs, to cover logistics in the event of another hurricane. Sandbags can be arranged but only with advance notice. (None of the surrounding municipalities would include our residents this time.) There is also a plastic version that needs to be tested. We would need to sell them to residents. Even though the storm missed us, the County closed the guard gates and we paid for a roving security guard for 3 nights. There was some discussion to explain the events and County actions. Rick reviewed the AirBnB presentation from the last GMM: to register a short term rental the owner needs to notify the local HOA. Mort reminded everyone that this rule probably only applies to mandatory HOAs. Therefore, we can't impose or enforce this regulation, we can only bring any problems to County officials. Discussion followed. Rick reported that the State has approved the FDOT funding to buy businesses, but not to build, the overpass. Bill suggested we bring the matter to the attention of the Governor as a waste of money. Bob noted that the intersection currently has an "F" rating but would only be a "D" if the overpass is built. This is officially acceptable in an urban setting. He recommended a community wide effort to fight this and possibly hiring an engineer to double check the rating. Rick has been working on the GMM agenda. Several officials or their aides will be there. A representative from the Special Assessment District will also be there. Aventura Hospital has requested to present one of their programs but the group felt this would be better at a Board meeting. Rick will meet with them to see what exactly they want to present and what they will give us in exchange.

Membership/Outreach: Freyda reported that we now have 123 paid for 2019 with 125 of the 2018 paid members yet to renew. The personal contacts by Board members and the offer of security patrols after the storm have both helped.

Communication: Erica requested a better exchange of information so that she can pass it on to the membership.

Security & CERT: Rick reported on the County notice that the guard gates would be closed prior to the storm. There was a great response to the offer to provide roving guards. Isaac noted that we should not have to vote each time to hire roving guards in an emergency. Marc H noted that the By Laws require the full Board to vote if the cost is over \$500. The details of the area covered and the cost were discussed. We have a new Neighborhood Resource Officer in the MDPD. We need more people trained for CERT. We may be able to arrange for the 3 day training to be held at the park building. We currently have 6-8 people certified and a cache of supplies.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Code: Bill noted that the speed humps are all installed. The new traffic pattern at HOM is good in the morning but not in the afternoon. Other ideas and possible patterns were discussed. Cost estimates to replace the topping of the back wall are around \$56,000, which includes removing the bushes and maintenance. The re-configuring on NE 26 Ave. should be complete in Nov. The changing of the street lights is on hold as the bulbs are being re-evaluated.

Parks & Beautification: Marc F mentioned that the spill on the Oleta River, north of us, came from Hallandale.

Government Affairs & Grants: Bob stated that a survey done in Skylake for possible speed humps was sent to the County, but the response was that none would be done. He attended a budget meeting and heard that 90 new MDPD officers would be hired. He hopes we will get a few of them assigned in our area.

Community Events: Rick presented Cathy Pieters' report on the food truck event. 7 sponsors have been secured and 8 more are pending. We still need more sponsors. Two people have requested to sell books/cakes if they sponsor. The group felt the books would be fine but that the cakes would not. Cathy will try to hold a school supply drive for the second semester.

Old/New Business: Martin Karp is retiring from the School Board and Mark Robson is considering running for the position. Marc F would like to revisit the discussion on the renaming of the HOA at a future meeting. Jeevan asked members to attend a County hearing next week concerning Aroma Cafe and a variance for their wall - leave it at 6 feet or reduce it to 3.5 feet. Discussion followed.

Upcoming Meetings: GMM = September 18; Board = October 16. A reminder will be sent the week before the GMM for everyone to put out their signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.