

**Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**September 18, 2019**  
**Highland Oaks Park Recreational Building**

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 26, 2019 General Membership Meeting were approved after a motion by Mort Braverman, seconded by Madeline Langbaum.

Legislative & School Update: Chris Taylor attended in place of Commissioner Sally Heyman. Their office welcomes questions and suggestions from residents. Linda Kraft attended from State Senator Jason Pizzo's office. She said that he is very passionate about State matters and is very receptive to resident input. School Board Member Dr. Martin Karp told us that the district is now rated "A" for the 2nd consecutive year and this is the 3rd year without an "F" school. There is now a uniformed officer at each school and more counseling available. They are looking at a later start time for the high schools and more use of technology. The iPrep at Krop is going to become available to grades 6-9. This will reduce the number of students attending Aventura Waterways K-8. There are also 450 of their students attending classes at the CA Club Mall campus. The issue of traffic patterns at the schools was discussed.

Security: Pablo Barreiro explained that when the guard gates were closed due to the approach of Hurricane Dorian, the HOA hired roving guards to patrol our neighborhoods. He thanked the CERT leaders, Bill Clayton, Rick Schermer and Marc Hurwitz, for being so prepared and ready if needed. MDPD Officer Andres Galvez is the temporary Neighborhood Resource Officer. There has been a slight increase in vehicle burglary. He says not to leave anything in your car and to be sure to lock it. Residents are the eyes and ears of the police. Call if you notice anything suspicious. Cameras, lighting with motion sensors, and trimming hedges will all help to deter crime. Individual problems were discussed. Jerry Tollefsen from Kent Security said they would like to hear when the guards do good work, not just problems. The roving FHP officers now have a cell number to reach them directly - 305-301-3490.

Parks: Marc Frankel announced that there will be a professionally guided Bird Walk in the park on Sunday at 8AM. Devin Davis, Park Manager, spoke of the "Meet Me At The Park" events to be held on the 4th Sunday of each month from 10AM-11AM in the park building. He would like feedback from residents on what they would like to see at these events. It is possible there will be another movie night.

Code Enforcement: The Census will begin in March and it is very important that everyone participate, regardless of citizenship or immigration status. The more numbers we have, the more services we can receive. Individual issues were discussed.

Special Assessment Districts: Sue Torano addressed a series of questions that had been submitted. The A/C units at the guard houses have been repaired. It could cost up to \$3,000 to replace them and there is no money in the budget for this. Overall costs have increased (and thus our assessments) due to an increase in administrative costs. Maintenance using County employees is cheaper than using private sources. Outside companies are only used when necessary. Overall maintenance costs have gone down over time. The County must do any major cleaning - the contract does not allow the guards to do it. Removing and replacing the topping and plants along the 2100 ft back wall would cost \$60,000. The SAD cannot pay for the roving security hired during the storm - they can only pay for what is in the contract: the gate houses. She suggested that we invest in impact windows for the gate houses so they will not have to be shut down during a storm. It was suggested that the post orders need to be re-written. There was a discussion on the new lighting. Residents complained that the cone of light from the LED bulbs is too small. Sue will have someone check - maybe they are too spaced out, need to be adjusted, need to have the angle changed or more poles added. She will check with the sub-contractors involved to see if anything can be done to diffuse the lights.

Future Events: Food Truck Night = Sunday, October 27

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm after Rick thanked everyone again for coming.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.