

**Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16, 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, Freyda Hyman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Sharon Curtis, Howard Fine, Marc Frankel, Jacci Seskin, Ahuva Stadlander, Bob Weisblum and Roz Weisblum. Rick thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Roz, to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that we have \$22,829.90. Money needs to be transferred from Pay Pal for web site dues and other payments. Rick will check to see how this is done.

Volunteer Recognition: Rick recognized Erica Chao, although not present, for her work on transmitting email and informational posts to the whole area.

Board Business: a) Rick gave background on the Virgin/Brightline train station that will be built in the Ojus corridor. It will cover a total of 2.5 acres, including the platform, 248 parking spaces and a walkway over W. Dixie Highway to connect the two. The County and Aventura will pay \$76 million for the real estate and construction. It is supposed to be complete in 1 year. In addition, Aventura is planning to build an overpass, that will take 3 years to complete, over US1 to enable people to park in the mall garage and walk to the station. Until that overpass is complete, plans are to bus people from the mall parking to the station. All of this will create traffic problems. There was extensive discussion on these plans, the meetings held, and what we can do at this point. Our wish list going forward is to eliminate egress and ingress to the parking area from NE 26 Ave., to build the US1 overpass at the same time as the other construction, to reconsider annexation possibilities so we have a voice in projects such as these, and to remove "Aventura" from the names of entities not in that city's borders. b) Rick also reported that the FDOT now has the funding to build the overpass from US1 to Ives Dairy Road. They have \$77 million for the land and the construction. They expect to start construction in 2021 and that it will take 1200 days. They have been invited to present the current plan at our next Board meeting. Bob would still like to hire a traffic engineer to assess the current plan that reportedly will take the intersection from an "F" to a "D" rating. We may be able to kill the funding if we have a professional recommendation and an alternative. He has been trying, but has not found an engineer as yet.

Membership/Outreach: Freyda reported that we now have 127 paid for 2019 with 125 of the 2018 paid members yet to renew.

Communication: Stephanie noted that the time to send out advertising requests for the newsletter is coming up. She needs to train someone to take over this project as her personal work load has changed. We probably will need to increase the cost of ads to cover our expenses. She suggested giving advertisers a table at a Food Truck night or space on our website. She also suggested that we purchase a new address list (\$300) that would be more accurate.

Security & CERT: Rick is still trying to get additional CERT training for potential volunteers.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Code: Rick informed everyone that the new lanes on NE 26 Ave. are complete, but useless in alleviating the school traffic backups. Marc F noted that the ADA problem on NE 209 St. (sidewalk blockage) has been corrected.

Parks & Beautification: Devon, the Park Manager, spoke about the plans for a movie night to show "Aladdin 2019" in the park. He was hoping for November 2, but the group suggested that this was too close and that November 10 would be better. He has secured the screen and speakers. He also has a popcorn machine and would like the HOA to supply the kernels and containers, and water, that we could sell. Marc F made a motion, seconded by Ahuva, that we allot up to \$200 to buy the necessary supplies. The motion passed. He will coordinate with HOM for additional parking space. He will also look into getting the park lights turned on earlier for people who walk in the evening.

Community Events and Schools: The Food Truck Event will be advertised on the HOM digital board. Cathy Pieters will need help putting out the sandwich board signs. An email will be sent to remind everyone that has a yard sign to correct the date and put it out. Flyers to give to neighbors were distributed. Additional flyers will be put on the wall or window of the guard houses. Sharon reported that the new IPrep on the grounds of Krop is now completely empty of students but the air conditioning must be kept on to prevent mold. The students that would have used the school are now going to the charter school in Aventura.

Old/New Business: Rick is looking for someone to be the chair of the Nominating Committee for the next Board. According to our By Laws it cannot be anyone from the Executive Committee. Sharon has reported the newest synagogue in a residence (2380 NE 199 St.) to code enforcement. Other similar situations, and how little we can do about them, were discussed. Mort mentioned that a house on NE 26 Ave. near NE 214 St. has partially collapsed. Mark F suggested that people living in houses where drivers are using the swale to avoid the speed humps should use the small pyramids to try to stop them.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = November 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.