

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020
Held Via ZOOM Video Conference

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Marc Frankel, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jackie Needelman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Howard Fine, Doron Friedlander, Philip Holman, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Cyd Sinai, Ahuva Stadlander, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mort, seconded by Brenda, to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting. The motion was passed.

Guest speaker, Gilbert Bonce from the Miami-Dade School Board, explained that some students have resumed in-class sessions and others are continuing online. The calendar is on schedule for the year despite the challenges. Safety measures against Covid-19 are in place and screenings are done daily.

Membership: Freyda reported that we have 157 paid memberships for 2020 and 35 of the 2019 members have yet to renew. The committee has not been able to meet due to Covid-19. Leigh expressed the need for a community-wide meeting, via Zoom, with a good speaker to remind residents that we are still here and working for them. Ahuva suggested we have a "Membership Parade" to increase visibility and hopefully bring memberships. Discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that we have \$26,108.30

Govt. Relations: Bob was thanked for leading the Mayoral Candidate Zoom sessions. He attended a meeting on the new train station and summarized some of the information: there is no answer on why the bridge over US1 won't be built faster than 4 years; the design will take 3 years; there is no answer on who is funding the bridge; there is no guarantee that the bridge will be built. He recommends that this info be forwarded to both Mayoral candidates, Sally Heyman, and Senator Pizzo.

Events: Cathy has been in touch with MDPD and they would very much appreciate our help with the holiday toy drive. People can donate toys, gift cards or cash and if needed she will shop for the toys. Last year this effort started in November. She will work on flyers and signs for Next Door, Facebook and the guard gates. The deadline is mid December.

Infrastructure: Rick has received complaints about the speed humps. There has been a lot of negativity on Next Door. After discussion, many agreed it probably was the speeders who were complaining and they need to slow down to avoid damage to their cars.

Parks: Marc F reported that the parks and playgrounds are open and operational with security in place to remind users to wear masks.

Communication: Erica noted that the website is currently off line due to a malware issue. She is working on getting it fixed and has been getting quotes. David made a motion, seconded by Marc F, that we spend the needed \$200-300 to fix this issue. The motion passed. She emailed Deb, the tech that has worked on the site in the past, and he will do the fix for \$60 within 7 days and then charge \$40 month to do additional necessary updates.

Security: Rick spoke about the cameras at the east gate that were out of order. They have been replaced by Kent. Officer Galvez from MDPD was not able to join us, but sent info that since July there have been very few incidents in our area. Most of the car break-ins were because people left their cars unlocked. Cyd noted that there was a home break-in this evening in Coventry.

Newsletter: Stephanie led a discussion on moving the newsletter toward a digital version. She showed the group an example of what it could look like. Purchasing a new list with emails for 33179 and 33180 will result in about 2800 potential recipients. Details and issues were discussed. We need to increase the number of emails in our database. We currently have something over 700. The process to solicit ads will begin in November. She suggested that the entire newsletter be shorter than in the past.

New Business: Cathy will begin the process for the 2021 nominating committee. Some of the steps involved were explained. Rick spoke about the zoning request for the office/retail/hotel/parking complex proposed at NE 26 Ave. and Ives Dairy Road. Everyone agreed that traffic in the area will be adversely affected. Bob said there is a problem with grass cutting on the swale on NE 18 Ave.

Upcoming Meeting: Board = November 11

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.