

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020
Held Via ZOOM Video Conference

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Alexandra Alazrachi, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Howard Fine, Doron Friedlander, Philip Holcman, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Aaron Rubin, Cyd Sinai, Ahuva Stadtlander, and Bob Weisblum. Attending as guests were Iraida Mendez-Cartaya and Mark Schanerman. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Doron, seconded by Madeline to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that as of April 30 we had \$26,499.62. A few additional requests for sponsor refunds from the Food Truck Night have been paid, so our balance is approximately \$25,485. The other sponsorships will be held and credited to the next event which is tentatively scheduled for Oct.

Membership: Freyda reported that we have 122 paid memberships for 2020 and 48 of the 2019 members have yet to renew. She asked the group for input on sending another reminder email to people who have not renewed, It was agreed to compose an email reminding people that we are still here and working for them through the pandemic and to include specific things we are doing. Rick will also put it on Next Door.

Guest Speaker: Iraida Mendez-Cartaya is a Miami-Dade School Board Assoc Superintendent. She spoke about how the schools are handling the pandemic. State revenues are down 20-23% and there is still lots of uncertainty going forward. Teachers were provided with training to be able to teach remotely. Student attendance is at 91% and parents are called if a student does not log in. Virtual graduations will be held June 8-18. They have been able to accelerate construction projects. They hope to start the fall session 2 weeks early to minimize loss of learning. Questions were taken from the group. Mark Schanerman is continuing his food distribution. He has found farms where he is able to purchase produce and has delivered approximately 500 boxes to people in our area. He sells the boxes for \$10 or \$20 to cover his gas costs.

Parks: Marc F expects the order to be released tomorrow to re-open the parks next week. Regulations on masks are expected to change. Guards are at the entrances to remind visitors of the regulations. There was a discussion on how effective the guards have been. Rick will talk to Devon, Park Manager, after the new regulations are out.

Security: Rick met with MDPD Major Buchanan who would like to see more neighborhood policing. Crime is down in the whole district and more police are on the street.

Infrastructure: Bill asked if during the resurfacing of NE 26 Ave. various other past errors will be corrected.

Train Station: Rick attended a video conference meeting on the Aventura/Ojus station. The plans are under County review and when they are released, the committee will discuss the traffic in the area. He brought up the additional traffic from the construction of the US1/Ives Dairy Road overpass. There will be a walk through of the area. They are still looking at an October opening. It will be 4 years until the bridge over US1 will be complete. They are looking at golf carts to move people from the neighborhoods to the station and a dedicated drop off lane at the station. There will be 249 parking places.

New Business: Rick received info on the new rates for the Special Assessment (Taxing) Districts. Most will stay flat, 1 will go up and 1 will be reduced. Thanks need to go to Mark Robson for his hard work on this. The timing of the traffic lights at Highland Lakes Blvd./Ives Dairy Road are off. Bill noted that this happens from time to time and he will follow up. Since more people are out walking, it has been noticed that many of our sidewalks need attending. If anyone encounters a problem location, please alert Sally Heyman's office. There will be a food giveaway on Friday in Greynolds Park.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = June 10

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.