

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021
Held Via ZOOM Video Conference

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Alexandra Alazrachi, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Howard Fine, Doron Friedlander, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Aaron Rubin, Cyd Sinai, Ahuva Stadtlander, and Bob Weisblum. Proposed new Board members Dailyn Mills, Enrique Muller and Marilyn Santiago attended as guests. After self introductions by the guests, Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: After a correction was noted by Bob, a motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Erica, to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2020 meeting. The motion was passed.

Membership: Freyda reported that we have 40 paid memberships for 2021 and 119 of the 2020 members have yet to renew. This is a bit behind last year, but memberships are coming in daily. (We also have 2 people paid for 2022.) All returning (except for 2) and proposed new Board members have renewed for 2021. Ahuva asked about new residents receiving their first year free. This is still in place. We are no longer doing baskets. She mentioned that there is a section in Next Door for new residents. She thinks we should send them a welcome note and other info.

Treasurer's Report: David said that as of Jan. 12 we have \$27,497.58.

Govt. Relations: Bob is awaiting site plans for locations along West Dixie Highway and for the 115 units the builder wants to add in Presidential. Residents of Presidential and Coventry are fighting the addition of these units. The builder also wants to add another entrance to the community. Bob has submitted questions to FDOT in regards to the US 1 overpass (flyover) but has not received answers. He discussed questions that he submitted to Commissioner Sally Heyman and her answers. One of the possible contractors has been communicating with Rick and promised to include him in focus groups to get the community input. The design is final and construction is supposed to start in fall 2021.

Infrastructure: Bill reported that 4 or 5 code complaints received have all been resolved. The tent on NE 26 Ave. is now classified an unsafe structure and they are operating without permits. FPL has been made aware of junkyard trucks and trash at their substation. They promised to address the issue. The synagogue in the house on NE 24 Ave. and NE 199 St. is operating without proper zoning and now has a Chabbad sign on the door. According to FDOT the construction of the concrete section at Miami Gardens Drive at US1 is temporary. They did not address how many lanes will remain. Traffic remains bad on NE 26 Ave. when school lets out. It was suggested that cones be used to redirect traffic.

Security: Rick reminded everyone that Norman has agreed to chair this committee for 2021. Rick will arrange meetings with the MDPD and Kent leadership and for a drive through of the whole neighborhood. The short term rentals have been quieter over the past 2 months until this past Sat. Enrique described the events that disturbed neighbors of 20251 NE 25 Ave.

Communication: Stephanie noted that the newsletter is done, will probably go to the post office on Mon. and delivery is expected at the end of next week. She is looking for a place to store the overage - possibly in the park building. She is still waiting for the electronic version. She thanked everyone who helped with special thanks to Erica for her proof reading. We should make \$900-\$1,000. She is still looking for someone to take over for next year. Erica sent an email to the 2020 members reminding them to renew. Additional avenues for payment were discussed.

Parks: Marc F reminded everyone that the playground is open and being used. Marilyn spends a great deal of time in the park and asked about the croc. Marc reminded her that crocs are federally protected unless they become a threat. He invited her to join the park committee.

Schools: Dailyn is involved with the middle school PTA. She will try to get them to help and to join the HOA.

New Business: Ahuva suggested that a resident who recently added solar panels be invited to be a speaker at a GMM about the benefits.

Old Business: Rick suggested a retired judge be invited to the Feb. 10 meeting to handle the installation of officers. The need for an installation was discussed. The elections and how to handle them were discussed. Should we send an email with the slate inviting (paid) members to vote and attend a Zoom version of a GMM? Lengthy discussion and various suggestions followed. The decision was to have Mort draft an email asking paid members to reply with their yes or no vote to accept the slate. The wording would also invite those who had not yet paid 2021 dues to do so. The replies would be directed to our Gmail.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = Feb. 10, March 10, April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.