

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021
Held Via ZOOM Video Conference

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Howard Fine, Doron Friedlander, Madeline Langbaum, Dailyn Mills, Enrique Muller, Leigh Needelman, Marilyn Santiago, Cyd Sinai, and Bob Weisblum. After self-introductions by the newest Board members, Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mort, seconded by Jacky to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed.

Membership: Freyda reported that we currently have 94 members for 2021 with 97 of the 2020 members yet to renew. The newsletter and the election e-mail brought in several renewals and new memberships. She invited everyone to talk to their neighbors to encourage membership and reminded the group that the first year for a new resident is free, but we still need their information for the database.

Treasurer's Report: David sent a message that as of Feb. 4 we have \$28,536.63. Freyda noted that she has several membership checks to be turned in and that one person made a \$70 donation to thank the HOA for all their hard work.

Election: Rick thanked the nominating committee for their work. Freyda gave the election results - 21 paid members voted to accept the slate. No one voted against. One 2020 Board member has not paid dues after repeated reminders. He will be removed from the Board roster.

Committee Organizational Chart: Committee chairs gave a short explanation of what the committee does and plans for 2021.

Communication: Stephanie thanked Erica for her help with getting the newsletter edited and mailed. Compliments were extended to Stephanie on the finished product. Bill has the remaining extra issues. New Board pictures are needed for the website.

Traffic/Infrastructure/Code Enf/: Bill noted that our traffic issues continue with no solution in sight. The Chabbad on NE 24 Ave. continues to operate even after being fined for operating illegally. Bill requested video that he can send to Code Enforcement.

Parks: Rick reported for Marc F that the new equipment and rehab of the swing seats and chains was taken care of as "routine maintenance." Every inquiry about improvements to Ojus Park has been turned down by the County citing budget issues. Marc F explained that the shelter we wanted near the playground in the Highland Oaks Park will be put near the park building to replace the old modular one. He has suggested that the old modular one be put near the playground so that the children will have some shade. Questions have come up again about a dog park. Apparently some approval needs to come from the nearby residents. A suggestion was made to inquire if a Purina grant might pay for it.

Schools: Rick let everyone know that new School Board member, Lucia Baez-Geller, has been attending local meetings and communicating with people in the community.

Govt. Relations: Bob said that the developer of Presidential who wanted to build an additional 115 units and add an entrance, has been bought out by Lennar. The new developer wants to build 223 homes. Residents of Presidential and surrounding communities have hired an attorney to fight this. Bob has continued to request information from FDOT in regard to the flyover. Construction is expected to begin in October 2021 and will take 3 years.

Old Business: Rick noted that although the problems with the short term rentals have been minimal in recent months, they seem to have arisen again. There is a house at NE 201 St. and NE 24 Ave. that is being used as a recording studio. New bills are coming up in Tallahassee that are pro short term rentals. If you have a problem, call MDPD non-emergency. Bob brought up the ongoing issue with the IDR wall. Marc F noted that member Joy Pargman has been pushing Commissioner Sally Heyman's office on this. We still need the approval of the homeowners living along the wall. Code Enforcement needs to do a better job. Many sections of the wall are deteriorating. It was suggested to involve the new County Mayor.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = March 10, April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.