

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021
Held Via ZOOM Video Conference

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Doron Friedlander, Madeline Langbaum, Dailyn Mills, Leigh Needelman, Cyd Sinai, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed guest attendees Joy Pargman, MDPD Officer Kwaku and Cassandra Arnold (observer from Mayor Levine Cava's office) and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Mort to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed.

Membership: Freyda reported that we currently have 107 paid members for 2021 with 90 of the 2020 members yet to renew. The newsletter and word of mouth continue to generate new memberships. She encouraged everyone to speak with their neighbors. A committee meeting, in person or via Zoom, will be held soon.

Treasurer's Report: David said that as of March 31 we have \$26,195.89. He will be sending invoices for the \$3,475 that is outstanding from newsletter ads.

Guest Speakers: Officer Kwaku noted that there were no violent crimes in our area during the last month. He gave stats for minor issues including noise complaints. The Short Term Rentals (STR) continue to generate reports. After 3 of these reports, their permit may be revoked. Traffic issues surrounding the schools were discussed.

Security: Rick reported for Norman Pieters that the committee held a small meeting. (He suggested that the other committees hold meetings and come up with ideas, not complaints.) The committee is working on a How-To guide covering what happens when a citizen files a complaint. It is important to mention that the complaint is about a STR. They are planning to create a Task Force to work on STR issues. They also would like to see the creation of a Technology Committee. Bob mentioned that lack of lighting in some areas adds to security issues.

Traffic/Infrastructure/Code Enf/: Bill said that the Ives Dairy Road wall continues to be a major aesthetic issue that the County can help with. The school drop off and pick up areas are still a problem. Code Enforcement has been a very effective partner over the years. Joy has done some work to beautify/clean up the guard gates in Enchanted Lake. If the County landscapes, it would cost \$4500. The committee/HOA might be able to handle this for substantially less. There have been requests to remove the traffic circle at NE 199 St. & 24 Ave. and replace it with stop signs. There is mildew on the wall at NE 199 St. & 21 Ave.

Communication: Erica is looking for quotes to redesign the web site. She needs to know what we want on there.

Govt. Relations: Bob is concerned that Skylake has been forgotten and asked Commissioner Sally Heyman's office to add locations for sidewalk repair. He sent a list and 12 sites have been added but will take 4-5 months to complete. The contractor for the flyover has not been finalized. He will attend planning sessions when the contractor is named.

Parks: Marc F shared that the air boat problem on the lake has been resolved - the person is using a smaller boat. There is no news on the proposed movie night.

Events: Rick reported for Cathy Pieters that the survey showed 85% of respondents said they were in favor of holding another food truck event. October 17 is the current target date.

Old Business: Bob gave an update on the wall at NE 18 Ave. & 193 St. The owner paid for the repair to be completed. He made a motion, seconded by Madeline, that beginning in 2022 half of the dues collected should be earmarked for maintenance and beautification items at the discretion of the sitting Board. Discussion followed. The motion was defeated by a 6/10 roll call vote.

New Business: Rick would like the Board to come up with a plan to better the community, to reach more neighbors, and to "sell" the HOA. He also wants to have conversations with small groups of Board members to plan for the Mayoral meeting on April 28 at 6pm via Zoom. Attendance will be limited with a few people being able to ask questions and others just observing. The main issues are growth, traffic, STRs, and incorporation. Rick has begun planning to add a Technology Committee to help update our current use of technology. Dailyn has agreed to chair. A call will be put out to the community asking for their involvement. We are hoping that by June we can meet in person, even if we have to socially distance in the park building.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = May 12, June 9

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.