

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

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Sharon Curtis, Doron Friedlander, Madeline Langbaum, Dailyn Mills, Enrique Muller, Leigh Needelman, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Aaron Rubin, Marilyn Santiago, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed guest attendees Mario Vega, Joy Pargman and Avi Werde and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Doron, seconded by Enrique to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed.

Guest Speakers: Heather Leslie and Sergio Gonzalez from FDOT gave an update on the flyover project. Construction is now scheduled to start the week of Nov. 17. A letter went out to local residents with the old dates. An email will be sent with the new dates. The utility companies are currently moving lines out of the way. Survey work has already begun. The staging area on NE 206 St. has been set up. Brightline work is now scheduled for Oct. 29 - Nov. 1 when the NE 203 St intersection will be closed. Strategies are in place to keep traffic flowing and the number of lanes will not be reduced. Some work will be done at night.

Membership: Freyda reported that we currently have 166 paid members for 2021 with 61 of the 2020 members yet to renew.

Treasurer's Report: David stated that as of today we have \$29,755.59. He will look into getting a credit or debit card for the account.

Security: Norman reported that there were no police reports for our area.

Parks: Marc F noted that the beehive was taken care of. Manatee gates have been installed to hopefully keep alligators/crocodiles out of the lake. Work is being done on a water control device to minimize flooding. The building and equipment in Ojus Park have been painted. Aaron spoke of the bird walk that took place last week. 25-30 people attended and they saw 45-50 different species of birds.

Govt. Relations: Bob shared that there will be a County Commission meeting on Oct. 19 when a resolution to approve funding for a pedestrian bridge over US 1 will be discussed. He is still fighting the building of additional homes at Presidential.

Schools: Sharon let us know that she met with the principal at Waterways to discuss traffic patterns. She has made contact and is now involved at Ojus Elementary.

Traffic/Infrastructure/Code Enf/: Rick announced that this will be Bill's last Board meeting because he is moving to northern Florida. Mort spoke about Bill's many years of service and dedication. David presented a clock with our thanks. Bill is still working on the traffic circle. There are barriers on NE 207 St. because of the ongoing paving project. He has sent many of his files to other Board members.

Newsletter: Stephanie Ruiz sent info to Rick about the 2022 newsletter options. Rick will send them to everyone so we can discuss this in Nov. and decide how to proceed.

Nominating Committee: Doron is expecting each current Board member to suggest 2 possible nominees for 2022. The committee will begin holding interviews tomorrow.

Old Business: A storage unit has been rented and some of our items are already there. The unit is west of I-95 for maximum hurricane protection. It is an interior unit, 7'x10', fully air-conditioned, open 6am-10pm, and rented on a month-to-month basis. There was discussion on the best way to handle payment.

New Business: Rick received an email from Commissioner Sally Heyman's office about funding the remodeling of the Ives Dairy Road wall. A walk through was done. The County attorneys will have to decide if this project is possible given the condition of the wall and the cost. If not, Code Enforcement will need to remind each home owner that is involved of their need to maintain the wall. Enrique spoke about a meeting that was held to discuss dealing with the short term rentals (STR) that hold disruptive parties. The group was looking for new ways to deal with the escalation of these events. Avi suggested canvassing our neighbors to get signatures on a petition. This would be presented to all appropriate local and state government officials. Would people open their doors given Covid concerns? Should this be done online? Discussion followed on how to best handle this. Enrique made a motion that was discussed and withdrawn. Bob made a motion, seconded by Doron that the HOA Board take the lead in advocating for better legislation and enforcement regarding the STRs that are problematic. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meeting: Board = November 10

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.