

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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, Marc Frankel, Freyda Hyman, David Promoff, Erica Chao, Doron Friedlander, Madeline Langbaum, Dailyn Mills, Enrique Muller, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed and introduced guest attendees Joy Pargman, Celia Ruiz and Robert Sutnick. They are being nominated for the 2022 Board. He thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: After a correction noted by Marc F (remove the word alligators from his report) a motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Madeline to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed.

Guest Speakers: MDPD Officer Glenna Battle, our Neighborhood Resource Officer, has been dealing with some complaints of homeless people at Ives Dairy Road (IDR) and Dixie Highway. They have only had minor Airbnb (STR) complaints recently. The recent traffic on NE 199 St. was discussed. Marc F brought up a problem along the back wall where the bougainvillea was cut and a house attacked. Officer Battle suggested that the homeowner call for a watch order and a ride-by to show a presence and deter criminals. Other traffic hot spots were discussed. Rick suggested that Norman compile a list to forward to her.

Membership: Freyda reported that we currently have 169 paid members for 2021 with 61 of the 2020 members yet to renew. We also have 9 people paid for 2022. She reminded everyone that 2022 dues must be paid prior to the election.

Treasurer's Report: David stated that we have approximately \$29,400.

Security: Norman reported that nothing major has happened in our area.

Special Events: Cathy brought up the toy drive but needs the start and end dates. New, unwrapped toys can be brought to her house. She will try to arrange for the guard houses to be additional drop spots.

Govt. Relations: Bob shared that at the Oct. 19 County Commission meeting, the resolution to fund the pedestrian bridge over US1 was adopted.

Schools: Dailyn noted that as of Friday, masks will be optional at all school levels. The middle school has agreed to allow us to use the building to hold a meeting. The issue of insurance has not been finalized.

Traffic: Erica spoke of the school traffic backing up onto IDR. She is working with the principals on re-routing.

Nominating Committee: Doron named the 4 new people being proposed for the 2022 Board, the 3 previously introduced plus Helena Bendjouia. There will be a total of 23. Those who are not returning were named.

Parks: Marc F noted that ground will be broken in mid-December for the new shelter near the playground.

Beautification: Joy took on the project of improving the guard houses in Enchanted Lake. She bought plants and asked neighbors to chip in. The County will pressure clean around each of the guard houses. She also has gotten the County to clean along the sidewalks on NE 199 St. that were looking like a garbage dump. Rick added that the County is in the process of cleaning the north guard house. He is still waiting to hear the County attorney's decision on any action to be taken on the IDR wall.

Newsletter: Rick asked the committee to start working on the newsletter. Decisions need to be made and they need to reach out to past advertisers.

New Business: Marc F sent an email to everyone about the actions that Hollywood is taking to deal with Short Term Rentals (STR). The email included his motion. It was seconded by Madeline and then amended to read: The Skylake Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association shall actively support and advocate significantly more stringent regulation of, and heightened enforcement of regulations on, the use of STR Properties. The HOA shall seek for the County to enact such regulations throughout the unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County, using those promulgated by the *City of Hollywood, Florida's Short Term Rental Regulations* as a template for effective control of the party house problem endemic to not only our area but a number of areas throughout the county. A formal STR Regulation Task Force shall be formed to spearhead this effort and organize support and advocacy efforts to be conducted through a grass roots lobbying campaign (including but not limited to area wide direct mailings, canvassing for petition signatures, and email blasts) seeking to raise community awareness of the problem and support for more stringent regulation, as well as direct lobbying of the County Commission, including all Districts and the Mayors office. A budget of up to \$2500 of Association funds, to be used as the committee sees fit, with the oversight and approval of a majority the Exec Comm, shall be earmarked for these efforts. Lengthy discussion followed. There are 25 STR houses in our area. The motion passed. Rick would like to use \$200 from his discretionary fund for the MDPD Officers lunch, as was done last year.

Upcoming Meetings: Executive Committee = December 10, Board = January 12, GMM = Late January

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.