

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2020
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, Freyda Hyman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Alexandra Alazrachi, Erica Chao, Sharon Curtis, Doron Friedlander, Madeline Langbaum, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Ahuva Stadtlander, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: After a correction was noted by Freyda, a motion was made by Doron, seconded by Cathy, to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting. The motion was passed.

Guest speaker Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member-Elect, stated that she plans to be a representative for all. She will be sworn in Nov. 17 and the full Board meets the next day. Her first issue will be safety. She will look at what Covid 19 threshold will result in school closures. Her "door is always open" and she can be reached at 305-733-3822 or connect@luciabaezgeller.com.

Membership: Freyda reported that we have 157 paid memberships for 2020 and 35 of the 2019 members have yet to renew. She and Ahuva will work on the article for the newsletter. All returning and new Board members need to renew for 2021 in order to be elected.

Treasurer's Report: David said that as of Oct. 31 we have \$26,134.79. Dues for 1 person for 2021 came through Pay Pal. Rick will check if there have been any others.

Govt. Relations: Bob explained that there are 5 apartment buildings going up in Ojus with a total of 172 units. They will all be near the train station. There is a zoning change proposed for NE 211/NE 212 St. There will be an additional 40-60 units going into Presidential. He suggested we send a congratulatory email to Daniela Levine-Cava and remind her of recent commitments to our group. Rick added that Commissioner Sally Heyman will attend a meeting on Nov. 13 concerning funding for the overpass to the train station and that it may not pass.

Infrastructure: Bill had a conversation with State Senator Jason Pizzo about the US1/Ives Dairy Road overpass and the wall. There is no news at this point. He suggested gift cards as a thank you to neighborhood resident frontline workers, but this could get very expensive. There was a discussion on doing something for the guards. Most residents thank the guards individually during the holidays. It was decided to put something in the newsletter to thank both groups.

Security: Rick has found that all communication with Sally's office now goes through Chris. A list of items was sent in and he is waiting for a reply. There has been a flurry of car "break ins" but it was found that the cars were not locked. Sharon spoke about an issue with a pit bull. Rick thanked Norman for agreeing to Chair the Security Committee for 2021.

New Business: Bob has had several e-mail exchanges with someone constantly complaining about the HOA. Cathy has posted the Toy Drive on Next Door. Flyers for the guard gates and general distribution are ready.

Newsletter: Stephanie reported that we have sold enough ads to cover the expenses of a 12 page printed newsletter. She will also do an electronic version that will only go to the 700+ e-mail addresses we already have in the database. We need to build our e-mail list for the future. Committee Chairs need to submit their articles by Nov. 3.

Nominations: Cathy noted who on the 2020 Board will be staying and who will not. She has received nominations for 2 new people, but more are needed. Please send the names of anyone interested to her.

Upcoming Meetings: Rick decided not to have a Board meeting in Dec. unless some issue arises. There was a discussion on how to have the election. The logistics of a General Membership Meeting via Zoom would be too complicated. Bob suggested we send an e-mail to the 2020 and 2021 paid members, with the slate, and invite them to attend the Feb. 10 Board meeting so they can vote. The start time for future meetings will stay at 7:30. The next Board meeting will be January 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.