

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019
Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Board members in attendance were: Isaac Bendrao, Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Brenda Auerbach, Pablo Barreiro, Marc Frankel, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Ahuva Stadtlander, Bob Weisblum, and Roz Weisblum. Rick thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Marc H, seconded by Bob, to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that we have \$22,443.54. The P.O. Box has been renewed for the next year.

Volunteer Recognition: Rick announced that while everyone has worked hard, he would like to recognize Mort for his assistance with the transition of the Presidency from Steve Parkins.

Board Business: Rick spoke about the restructuring of the committees with his move to President. Pablo will become the Security Chair. Eitan Sasson will move from Parks to Co-Chair of Security. Leigh will become Parks Co-Chair. Other openings on the Parks Committee will be filled with non-Board members. He has been working on the agenda and guest speakers for the GMM. Officials from the County, State, and Code Enforcement will be there. An attorney involved with Air BnB will attend and take questions. There was a discussion on how to handle the logistics of the questions. There was a discussion of possible issues that could be brought to a vote to give added value to being a paid member.

Membership/Outreach: Freyda, with the help of Ahuva and Brenda, distributed the new membership brochures and membership lists for 2019, 2018 and 2017 sorted by street and address. Each Board member is being asked to speak with the people on their block who have not paid for 2019. If they wish to speak to more neighbors, the help will be welcome. If someone prefers to pay by credit card they can use the website or call Freyda and she can take it right then via Square. Board members who did not attend will be contacted for distribution of the materials. Marc H and Rick will look into email blasts to remind prior members to renew.

Security & CERT: Pablo reported on some recent crimes. He noted a guard who went "over-and-above" to repair a gate arm by herself after it broke. (This took 15 minutes rather than several days for it to be fixed.) The Kent supervisor will be notified and she'll be mentioned at the GMM.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Code: Bill was happy to report that some of the speed humps have been installed. Residents seem pleased, in spite of a few negative comments on NextDoor. Traffic seems to have shifted to avoid the humps and now residents on other streets want them. Bob has requested that humps be installed in some areas south of IDR. A traffic study will be done. The new LED lighting is being installed area-by-area.

Parks & Beautification: Marc F toured the park and lake with a marine biologist - the lake is healthy. Fish have been stocked to help fight the weeds. More will be added in the fall. Some of the work orders for park improvements have been open since 2017. He will talk with Commissioner Sally Heyman about this. He asked for additional suggestions for improvements.

Government Affairs & Grants: Bob has been checking the County agendas and nothing has come up pertaining to our area. He mentioned a problem with a wall next to Ojus Elementary School. The developer has been asked to change it and wanted our support to fight the request. We don't take positions on such issues. The grant writing training has not been scheduled.

Old/New Business: There is no news on the proposed new road near the schools on NE 26 Ave. David spoke about a lot of late night activity at a house (19734 NE 24 Ct.) but thinks the police are aware of it. The traffic circle at NE 199 St and NE 24 Ave. is too tight for trucks to turn and the bushes are dead. Bill will check on it. The Quiet Zones for the trains in Miami-Dade will go into effect in July.

Upcoming Meetings: GMM = June 26 A reminder will be sent the week before for everyone to put out their signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.