

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 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, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Erica Chao, Sharon Curtis, Doron Friedlander, Philip Holcman, Madeline Langbaum, Dailyn Mills, Enrique Muller, Leigh Needelman, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Aaron Rubin, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed guest attendees John Garzia, Mario Vega and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Mort to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed.

Guest Speakers: Heather Leslie and Sergio Gonzalez from FDOT gave an updated presentation on the flyover. Condotte America has been selected as the contractor. Brightline will be closing the intersection at NE 203 St. & Biscayne Blvd. from Oct 14-18. Survey work for the flyover with possible lane closures is set to begin Oct. 18 and run through summer 2024. It will be usable in late 2023. A PowerPoint covered many of the details. The project includes drainage, signage, and a pedestrian walkway. The current overpass will be widened to add a lane to turn south from Ives Dairy Road onto US1. Staging will be at Dixie Highway and NE 206 St. There will be a project page on the www.fdotmiamidade.com site. Info will be mailed to all local residents prior to the start date. There was extensive discussion and many questions answered. State Senator Jason Pizzo noted that the next session will be dealing with many condo and AirBnB issues.

Membership: Freyda reported that we currently have 162 paid members for 2021 with 62 of the 2020 members yet to renew. Rick spoke about a meeting with Norman, Doron, Enrique and Dailyn about how to attract younger residents to our membership and to the Board. We need to hold activities to attract this group - possibly a happy hour or networking event. What does a 25 year old want to do? New Board members should be mentored so they don't feel lost. A suggestion was made to offer 1st year membership free, regardless of how long someone lives in the area. Our website needs serious updating. Deb has been fired and we need a new designer. Enrique mentioned that Square offers free websites with all payments going thru them. They use a generic template, but we need to know what we want on the site. There was a lengthy discussion. Marc F suggested this needs to be discussed in committee and brought back to the full group with more details.

Treasurer's Report: Rick reported for David that as of May 31 we have \$29,524.46.

Food Trucks: Cathy noted that our event is scheduled for Oct. 17. The park had wanted to start doing weekly food truck events but found this was not practical. Marc F made a motion that in the interest of public health, and since it is so late to try to get sponsors, we should postpone our event indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Jacky and passed after some discussion.

Security: Rick reported for Norman that there is not much going on. There is ongoing discussion in Oak Forest on covering the missing shifts for the roving patrol.

Traffic/Infrastructure/Code Enf/: Bill said that there is a study in progress on traffic around the school crossings. Rick will be attending a meeting with MDPD on this subject. Rick spoke of the new Code Enforcement law that requires an ID with a complaint - it can no longer be anonymous. They, and MDPD, will not respond if there is no ID. The moldy section of wall on NE 199 St. has been painted by the resident. Rick received word from Commissioner Sally Heyman's office that they have offered to paint and "plant" the wall on IDR. He has no expectations that it will happen.

Govt. Relations: Bob shared info on a mixed use project planned for Miami Gardens Drive & NE 24 Place. It would have 2 buildings with 700 apartments plus commercial & retail space and 1377 parking spots. There is a public hearing on Sept. 22 on this project. Lennar is still planning to build 223 single family and town homes on the Presidential Golf Course. He will continue to fight this based on old covenants that forbid building there. Marc F made a motion to support Bob in this effort with a letter to RER. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed. Rick has been invited to an advisory meeting to discuss the revamping of I-95 from Golden Glades to the county line. Norman will attend in his place. There has been a rumor that North Miami Beach is trying to annex the Skylake Mall.

Parks: Marc F reviewed the events preceding our purchase of sandbags and supplies needed in case of a major rain event. We might have to replace some sod at the proposed fill site on NE 207 St. near the elementary school, but it is still worth it. There was a lengthy discussion on the storage of these supplies, CERT supplies and other items that are currently in Marc's home and the park building. Marc F made a motion that we look into

a storage unit, up to \$200 per month, with 24 hour access and combination lock so several people can access our supplies. The motion was seconded by Norman and discussion followed. We need a full inventory and several people will check for the best price. The motion passed. The bridges in the park have been inspected, repairs done and painting is complete. Lights have been repaired. Aaron let everyone know that the Audubon Society will be holding a Bird Walk on Sept. 26. On July 4th someone set off a huge amount of fireworks on NE 207 St. It was ignored by MDPD and the Parks Dept. They left toxic waste that could be harmful to the park habitat. Ray Leonart has been named the new park manager.

Communications: Rick reported for Erica that changes are coming to our Facebook presence.

Schools: Dailyn let us know that the middle school needs volunteers.

Newsletter: Stephanie re-stated that she will no longer be in charge of producing the newsletter. She asked for a team to take this on - Dailyn, Cathy and Doron volunteered. She will guide them as needed. They will meet before our next Board meeting to discuss staying with the print version or switching to digital or a combination of both. Hopefully this can be decided in October.

Nominating Committee: Rick asked everyone on the Board to recruit new people to be able to expand the reach and representation on the Board. We need to know who of the current Board members are interested in returning. Doron, Dailyn, Norman and Leigh volunteered to be on the committee. An email will be sent to see if anyone else is interested in being on this committee.

New Business: Marc F asked that we get a debit/credit card for the HOA. This should be easily attained from the bank housing our account. Rick will speak to David Promoff.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = October 13, November 10

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.