

**Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**January 30, 2019**  
**Highland Oaks Park Recreational Building**

President Marc Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Marc welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 3, 2018 General Membership Meeting were approved after a motion by Trudy Lechner, seconded by David Promoff.

Legislative Update: Commissioner Sally Heyman thanked everyone for their efforts to get the NE MAC vote. The battle was facts vs misinformation. She will not sponsor this effort again. Brite Line expansion plans are moving forward. Aventura is providing funding toward a stop to be added. Trolleys are planned to get passengers to the stations. West Dixie construction is moving forward with oversight from Code Enforcement. Grants are available for small businesses in the area. 22 sites have been approved for speed bumps and they will be installed in increments. State Rep. Barbara Watson spoke about the Ives Dairy overpass. Although money is available to relocate businesses, they may be able to stay until the construction money becomes available. No one wants boarded up buildings. State Senator Jason Pizzo spoke of several bills he is working on. He is very concerned with the infrastructure of the district and is also working on a hands-free phone-while-driving bill.

FDOT: Staff from FDOT showed maps and explained the route of the Ives Dairy/US1 overpass. The path has been shifted further away from homes. A pedestrian bridge with elevators has been added to the plan. Right-of-way parcels are in negotiation. 1 has been acquired and 2 are in negotiation. It is possible that the businesses will be allowed to rent their current locations for a low fee until the construction starts. The actual ramp will go out for construction bids in Jan 2021 but there is currently no construction money allocated. The ramp will rise 24.5 ft over the tracks. There will be a wall to minimize noise, but there will be no access to West Dixie. Construction would take 3+ years.

Security: Rick Schermer introduced MDPD representatives. Statistics for our area were given. In general crime is down in our area. Jerry Tollefsen from Kent Security wants residents to let him know if there are any problems with the guards or the service at the gates. Rick invited members to become members of the Security Committee.

Code Enforcement: The Neighborhood Compliance Officer, Joanne De La Rosa, is working on the Ives Dairy Road wall. They have been giving warnings and citations to residents to get them to clean and paint since the wall is on private property. They have had issues with home schools popping up illegally. Commercial trucks parked in residential areas have been ticketed.

School Board: Dr. Martin Karp is trying to get balance among the schools in the area. All are performing well. 89% of Miami-Dade students graduate high school. The new Charter School in Aventura will have a maximum of 800 students chosen by lottery. They will have less sports and other activities.

Elections: Trudy Lechner thanked the nominating committee. She introduced and thanked the members of the 2018 Board. She introduced the proposed slate of Directors and Officers for 2019. A motion was made by Lenny Feldman, seconded by Joel Wolf, to accept the slate and elect by acclamation. The motion passed. Commissioner Heyman swore in the 2019 Directors and Officers. A gift was presented to Marc for his service and he passed the gavel to incoming President Steve Parkins. Steve spoke about the issues in 2018 that brought us together. City or no city, we are neighbors and a community.

Toy Drive: Trudy thanked everyone for their generosity in making the Toy Drive such a success. A letter of appreciation was received from the MDPD.

Newsletter: Stephanie Ruiz thanked the team who worked on putting the newsletter together. She encouraged everyone to patronize the advertisers.

Future Events: Food Truck Night = Sunday, March 10, 5-8pm; General Membership Meeting = Wednesday, June 19, 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm after Steve thanked everyone again for coming.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.