

Minutes of the General Meeting of Members of
Coral Ridge Isles Homeowners Association, Inc.

The General Meeting of Members was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Rita Meagher in the Auditorium at Imperial Point Hospital on January 15, 2019.

Officer Levin reported on various crimes in and around the neighborhood. He asked for questions from the floor. Over November and December, he reported that we have one of the lowest crime rates in the City. There was one robbery in early November involving a woman riding a bicycle in front of Flanigan's. The robber took a bag she had, and she fought the robber. He recommended that you not fight and take a chance on getting injured. In the same three-month period, there were four vehicle burglaries – two of the vehicles were unlocked. In two of them the cars were parked at businesses rather than in our neighborhood itself. He suggested that you set your alarm to remind you to check your car for valuables and to be sure it is locked before you go to bed. There was one residential burglary of a home under renovation. One motorcycle and one car were stolen. The motorcycle was in the driveway and was pushed out of the driveway. Normally there is a spike in crime during winter break from school but that did not happen in our neighborhood this year.

Rufus James, Manager of the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, has been with the City since 1999. In 2015 he was made Airport Manager. As of 2016, the number of noise complaints they have received have dropped considerably, from 6,190 calls in 2005 to 262 noise complaints in 2018. They are working with the pilots to make them aware of the fact that there are residences east of the airport. They are also working with kids to familiarize them with the jobs that are related to the airport. They are holding a 5K run on the airport runway on April 13th. Check out their website www.flyfxe.com. The hotline to report noise complaints is 954-828-6666.

Mary Cotton moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 General Meeting. Chet Ludwick seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

President Rita Meagher gave a report on the accomplishments in 2018 and the goals for 2019. We hope to increase membership and increase the number of volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Ericson reported that we have \$6,154.62 in our treasury at this time.

Committee Reports:

Airport & Noise Abatement: John Dool handed out cards on the Uptown 5K on the Runway.

Crime Watch/Traffic & Safety: Robert Edick reported on the school crosswalk on 53 Street and 15th Avenue. Working through Commissioner Heather Moraitis's office,

the asphalt was repaired. One member mentioned there are no speed limit signs in the neighborhood. Peter Partington mentioned that the City will now make sidewalk repairs.

Environmental Sustainability: John Dool had no report.

Green Your Routine: Barbara Hume thanked Vira Rosenkranz for helping with the Butterfly Garden clean up on December 1st. Rita reminded everyone that they should not put their yard clippings in plastic bags. Also, recycling should not be placed in plastic bags.

Membership/Communications/Social Media: Tracy Antol reported that our membership is about 11% of total residents. A postcard was recently mailed soliciting dues for 2019. There are 73 members on our Facebook page. The 12 Days of Christmas was a great success. The community dinner at Caruso's is sold out.

Nominating: In Tony Cosenza's absence, Barbara Hume reported that we have three officers/Directors who will be termed out in April: the Vice President, Secretary and NW Quadrant Leader. She gave a brief description of the duties of a quadrant leader and asked that anyone interested in holding one of these positions contact any member of the committee.

School Board Liaison Chet Ludwick reported that the Marjory Stoneman Douglas incident has resulted in many changes to security at schools. The updates that were to have been made at Northeast High School from the \$800,000,000 bond money have still not occurred. Heather Brinkworth, our School Board representative advises that our graduation rates have increased. The science teacher at Floranada has received a prestigious award by the State of Florida.

Volunteer Coordinator: Rita Goldfine – Happy Hour is this Friday at Smokey Bones from 5 to 7. As always, there will be a drawing for a gift certificate.

Under Old Business, Airbnb Update - After a complaint at the November meeting, we contacted Leonard Champagne, Supervisor at Code Compliance. The property in question was registered as a short-term rental (License #1701890). The police and Code Compliance now have a "night team" just to deal with vacation rentals. The number to call in complaints at any time of day or night is 954-828-8000. It is recommended that you call when the problem is happening so it can be addressed immediately. Other calls to Code Compliance can be made to 954-828-5207. In both cases, you can remain anonymous.

We are still in need of an editor for our monthly newsletter and a representative to the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations. Rita attended the meeting where the homeless encampment was discussed. A community court program for minor infractions has been established for the homeless. Scooters are being left anywhere there will be more regulations on the scooters. The City is banning plastic straws.

On March 12th, a vote on upgrading our parks and another vote on the City police station will be on the ballot.

Under New Business, George Moraitis has volunteered to chair a waterway cleanup on March 2, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

State of the Neighborhood: Mary Cotton reported that in October, November and December, there were only six houses sold, with prices of \$500,000 and under. Right now there are four houses under contract. A lot of people are relocating from other states and experiencing sticker shock when they see home prices in South Florida. There are 21 houses presently on the market, priced from \$340,000 to \$915,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hume, Secretary