

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

The Annual Meeting of Members of Coral Ridge Isles Homeowners Association Inc. was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Rita Meagher in the Auditorium at Imperial Point Medical Center on April 16, 2019. Twenty-one voting members were present in person and three were represented by proxy.

The first speaker was County Commissioner Lamar Fisher. He advised that his district stretches from Deerfield Beach to Ft. Lauderdale and includes eight cities. The County oversees Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Port Everglades, transportation and libraries. The County has a budget of \$4.8 billion per year. The one penny sales tax that was just approved in November will generate \$15.6 billion over a 30-year period to deal with traffic. The hope is to get people out of their cars. Millennials in particular are looking for mass transit to avoid driving their cars. The Metropolitan Planning Organization has already presented projects. They will prioritize those projects over the 30 years. Synchronization of traffic lights is one of the projects. Our county buses transport several million people a year. The County is now working on completing a new 911 Communications System. The residents of the City of Hollywood had initially rejected the idea of a tower being placed in West Lake Park; City, and wanted it on top of a condo building. It has been determined that reception will suffer and the cost will increase substantially if it is on the condo, so it will be placed in West Lake Park. They anticipate it will be finished in early 2020. Commissioner Fisher advised that texting to 911 is now available, but it is preferred that you call if possible.

Officer Levin reported on various crimes in and around the neighborhood. There were 10 vehicle burglaries in the last two months. Every one could have been avoided – 8 vehicles were unlocked, and two had valuables sitting on the seat in plain view, and the thieves broke the window to get them. Officer Levin recommends setting the alarm on your phone to go off 15 minutes before bedtime to go out to lock your car. Five vehicles were stolen. Two were unlocked with the key inside. The thieves will come back now that they've found these easy pickings in the neighborhood. A car decal from a license plate was stolen. He recommends that you get a plastic cover with locks to go on your license plate. In another incident an older woman allowed two men to come into her house after they said they needed to check for a water leak. She took one through the house and the other man stole over \$100,000 in jewelry. Don't hesitate to ask for identification if someone comes to your door and wants to come into your home. He recommends downloading the Saferwatch App and Ring App. With the Ring, the company are partnering with police departments. Detectives can email those people in the neighborhood who have the Ring doorbell and ask if they will check their video during the time period involved. The police cannot do this without the homeowner's permission. Another problem is theft of Honda airbags. The airbag can be removed in five minutes. One suggestion is to use a Club on your steering wheel.

Samantha Verner, Chip LaMarca legislative aide, spoke on several bills that he has introduced. One involves accidents involving trains; one is a beach renourishment and the last will allow condos and HOAs to opt out of having to comply with installing fire sprinklers. Representative LaMarca is also co-sponsoring an anti hazing bill which creates an incentive for people to call 911 in they are aware of hazing. The first person who calls 911 would be immune from any charges for hazing.

Melissa Coningsby from Commission Moraitis's office was the next speaker. One big issue in District 1 is water bills. Melissa distributed two handouts, which are attached to these minutes. The City is looking at the water and sewer rate schedule. Another item being discussed in the renovation of the Lockhart Stadium property. Feel free to email their office with any ideas for a community center being considered for that property. Tracy Antol asked how many people have been impacted by erratic water bills. About five people raised their hands. Our homeowners association is planning a meeting to discuss the water bill issue further.

Tracy Antol moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 General Meeting. Salim Hatem seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Erickson reported that we have \$7,146.32 in our treasury at this time.

Rita Meagher on behalf of Tony Cozensa, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers:

Vice President – Tracy Antol
Secretary – Ric Buchanan
Treasurer – Robert Erickson
NW Quadrant - Barbara Boruch
SW Quadrant Leader – Peter Partington

Philippe Kuperman moved that we accept the slate by acclamation. Marie Benedetto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, **Barbara Hume reported on the Waterway Cleanup**. We had 23 volunteers in one boat, one kayak and two paddleboards. Most of the volunteers walked the shoreline along NE 14th Avenue and picked up an amazing amount of trash.

Tracy Antol reported that one of our goals last year was to have more socials. The **Caruso's dinner** sold out in two days. We were limited to 30 people. They are looking at Burger & Suds and Tequila Sunrise for the next community dinner.

Rita Goldfine reported on the Social Hour. Due to Passover and Easter, this week's social hour is canceled. We will reconvene in May. We have 30 to 40 people each month. Philippe Kuperman said that he feels that many new owners don't know about the social hour. Tracy Antol advised that the Quadrant Leaders will be sending out a letter to new owners to let them know about activities, including offering them free membership in the HOA for the first year.

We are still in **need of four members for the Membership** Committee and a representative to the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations.

Committee Reports:

Airport & Noise Abatement: John Dool offered handouts, which are attached to these minutes.

Crime Watch/Traffic & Safety: In Robert Edick's absence, there was no report beyond Officer Levin's report earlier in the meeting.

Environmental Sustainability: John Dool distributed handouts, which are attached to these minutes.

Green Your Routine: Barbara Hume reported that we have a Butterfly Garden cleanup scheduled for this Saturday, April 4th, and volunteers are also needed for the Jazz Brunch in early August. She distributed a sign-up sheet.

Hospitality –The next social is May 17th. Tracy Antol advised that Mary Cotton is volunteering to chair a Tacky Tourist Party on the Jungle Queen. Ten to 12 people indicated an interest.

Membership/Communications/Social Media: Tracy Antol reported that she is still looking for three more members for her committee. In 2017, we had 111 members; in 2018 we had 120 members. We have 110 now; she would like to get to 144.

School Board Liaison – In Chet Ludwick's absence, there was no report.

State of the Neighborhood: There are presently 22 active listings, four of which are waterfront. There were seven closings in March: two of those were waterfront and they sold for \$530,000 and \$639,000. The non-waterfront homes sold for \$341,000 to \$557,500. There are three sales pending.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

The President opened the floor for questions and comments. Rick Asper suggested that we print a list of current members – with no addresses or phone numbers. Members can then encourage neighbors who aren't members to join the

Association. Another suggestion was that we copy the handouts and give them to our neighbors which might encourage them to come to the meetings.

Philippe Kuperman asked what can be done with people who don't take care of their lawns. Can the association do something? It was suggested that we have someone from **Code Compliance** come to the meeting to speak. **Tracy and Rita M. encouraged people to reach out to neighbors first before calling Code Compliance.**

Rita Meagher read through the handout that accompanies the agenda. **Salim volunteered to be Waterway Chair and two people volunteered to be on the Membership Committee.**

Salim Hatem reported that if the McNab Bridge is raised, the seawalls in that area will have to be raised. He will attend the meeting at Pompano Beach City Hall on April 17th and report back.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hume, Secretary