

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF
CORAL RIDGE ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

April 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Cotton at 7:06 in the Auditorium of Imperial Point Medical Center. There were 29 members present in person and six members represented by proxy.

Motion by Glen Cotton and Seconded by Marie Benedetto to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting.

Crime Watch report was given by Officer Levin. Mary Cotton expressed concern about house break-ins during the day. Officer Levin gave a report for March; there were only three crimes in CRI. In the first, packages were taken from the front door step. Let your neighbor know that you are expecting a package if you will not be home. The other two crimes involved boats; in one a motor taken from a boat on a trailer next to the house and the other a GPS was taken from a boat. Officer Levin suggested installed motion detector lights on your dock. Lock your cars and do not leave items in sight. There are no current trends in the city. Ours is one of the two safest neighborhoods in the city. Rick Asper suggested that we compile a list of those who have cameras to make it easier for the police to locate film if a crime occurs. Officer Levin then mentioned the prostitution problem on Dixie Highway north of Cypress Creek Road. They have been patrolling the area but haven't seen anything. They will keep checking the area. Contact him at tlevin@fortlauderdale.gov if you have any concerns.

Dwight Thornduke is the engineer from FPL that covers the area from Commercial Blvd. to the north county line. FPL is one of the best utility providers at handling outages. They do a quick assessment when there is a power outage. They are hardening the grid now by replacing poles and lines, in some cases with cement poles. After Hurricane Irma they were able to restore power in half the time it took for Hurricane Wilma. The biggest problem they have is wires down from trees. They trim and cut trees throughout the city, generally every seven years. Rick Asper asked if there was a trimming protocol before hurricane season. Dwight responded that half the neighborhood was trimmed in 2016 and the other half in 2012. The trimming of that half will take place again in 2019. It is important that homeowners help with the trimming. Some homeowners associations also arrange and pay for trimming. Some cities have started fining individual homeowners who have trees that are in the way of the power lines. The question of underground power lines was raised. There are advantages but also disadvantages: if there is a problem with flooding, they cannot restore power until the water recedes. The average cost for underground lines is \$1 million per mile. If there is a fault in an overhead line, they can easily see where the problem is. If the lines are underground they can't as easily see where the problem is. Often the problem is roots from trees.

Kassie Satterly, legislative aide for Representative George Moraitis gave a brief legislative update. Over 3,000 bills were filed this year; 200 passed. Those included the bills that fully funded Bright Futures Scholarships, funded \$50 million for beach renourishment, \$11.2 for hurricane projects and pay raises

for firefighters and police officers. After the tragedy in Parkland, legislature approved \$400 million for mental health and school safety, including money for additional school resource officers. They raised the age to purchase firearms to 21, banned bump stocks and implemented a 3-day waiting period for gun purchases. Several bills were proposed in response to the opioid crisis ; about 75% of opioid addiction starts with a prescription. The bill provides that instead of getting a month's supply after surgery, a patient will get enough for 3 to 7 days. The bill requires doctors to report prescriptions issued so someone can't go to several doctors and pharmacies to get opioids. The state allocated \$500,000 to Henderson Behavioral Facility. They hope to eventually double the number of people they can accommodate. For additional information, contact Kassie at kassie.satterly@myfloridahouse.gov .

Robert Erickson reported that we have \$5,024.58 in our treasury. We are still receiving dues for 2018. Robert advised that \$1,271.25 was received from the City of Fort Lauderdale for our volunteer efforts through the Green Your Routine. He also explained what some of our monthly expenses are.

Salim reported that sometimes when the wind is coming from the west, the planes have to fly over our neighborhood. Call the number - date, your phone number and your address – to complain about the noise. The number is 954-828-6666. There is also a website.

Cameron will be attending the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations.

Tracy Antol, Membership Chair, is looking for volunteers to do a waterway cleanup on April 28th from 9 to 11. She reported that we had 111 members in 2017; we are at 71 now. There are 1,100 households; 760 of those are single families. There were suggestions made for events via the membership renewals, and the Board will review and consider them. Tracy reported there are 691 people on NextDoor from CRI. We are planning a Facebook page. Tracy is updating our website at www.coralridgeisles.org

Rita Goldfine, Volunteer Chair, reported that on October 29th a Halloween Party was held at Floranada Park. Happy Hours continue on the third Friday of each month. There is a suggestion box at the Happy Hour; feel free to make suggestions that would enhance our neighborhood.

Tracy Antol said she will continue to update the website.

Barbara moved that we accept the slate as presented. The slate was accepted by acclamation as follows:

President – Rita Meagher

SW Quadrant Leader – Ed Iglesias

NE Quadrant Leader Tony Cosenza

SE Quadrant Leader – Chet Ludwick

Tony Cosenza, NE Quadrant Leader, reported that he had worked with an individual who had a break-in. He also worked with Commissioner Bruce Roberts in having the City come back to clean up debris from the hurricane after they had made their first sweep through the neighborhood.

Mary Cotton advised that she had invited a representative from Brightline to attend the meeting, but they were unavailable. She advised that they hadn't yet applied for quiet zones but will apply in the next six months.

Barbara Hume, Green Your Routine Representative, thanked Greg Borush, Tony Cosenza, Robert Erickson, Rita Goldfine and Rita Meagher for volunteering at activities last year that resulted in an award of \$1,271.25 from the City. We held two Adopt-a-Street clean-ups for our assigned area of Cypress Creek Road from Dixie Highway to NE 18th Avenue. She circulated a sign-up sheet for additional events that are coming up over the summer. Flyers were handed out listing items that can be recycled through the Terracycle program. All items are donated to Broward College and used for their scholarship program. She thanked everyone who had made use of the Little Free Library at the corner of NE 60th Street and 15th Avenue and gave special recognition to Sandi Fein, our resident artist, who has been painting it to match the season.

Barbara Hume then addressed the issue of the left turn light at Dixie and 56th Street. Several people had mentioned on NextDoor that they got tickets for running the red light there. She contacted the County Traffic Engineering Department and they came out the next day and made an adjustment to the lights at this intersection. The second set of lights on the west side of Dixie, now cycles to a steady green (rather than a red arrow).

Mary Cotton asked if there was any other new business. Rick Asper asked to address the NextDoor issue. When NextDoor started many years ago, he was designated as the "Lead." There are now 47 NextDoor neighborhoods in Broward County. As the Lead, he has two responsibilities: approving any one who applies and dispute resolution. If someone objects to something that is posted, he gets a message. If anyone else wants to assume the responsibility as a lead, contact Rick at ricka@aviation-professionals.com.

Peter Partington advised that our new City Commissioner, Heather Moraitis, has pre-agenda meetings. Commission meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month. The pre-agenda meetings are on the Monday night before.

Greg Kennedy has a website for the Coral Ridge Isles newsletter which is www.coralridgeislesnewsletter.com.

Diane Hedges gave the State of the Neighborhood report. There are presently nine dry-lot homes for sale in the neighborhood listed between \$469,000 and \$639,900. In the past 180 days, 13 have sold priced from \$230,000 to \$547,000. There are 10 active waterfront properties for sale priced from \$535,000 to \$669,000. In the past 180 days, five have sold priced from \$513,000 and \$620,000. Coral Ridge Isles remains a very desirable neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

submitted,

Respectfully

Secretary

Barbara Hume,

N.B. In response to a question by Peter Partington about the filing of tax returns by the HOA, we submitted an application on March 27, 2018 to be recognized as a “civic league” rather than a homeowner’s association. With this designation, we are eligible to file a Form 990-N rather than a Form 1120-H. We are awaiting final approval from the IRS, and will file the Form 990-N before the due date of May 15, 2018.