

Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes—Thursday, October 10, 2019
Imperial Point Medical Center
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Rita Meagher, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. It was determined that there were 19 voting members and 1 proxy so a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2019 meeting: A Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Membership Meeting of July 11, 2019 by Carol McKee, seconded by Tracy Antol . There was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Crime Update—Fort Lauderdale Police Department: Officer Levin report on various crimes in and around the neighborhood. There was not much activity for the month of September. There were, however, 19 burglaries in the adjoining neighborhoods. One common problem continues to be leaving valuables in plain sight inside the cars. Several of the thefts included breaking the glass to access the material. Officer Levin encouraged members to spread the information with our neighbors. A computer was taken from a porch in our neighborhood. There are now locks for the scooters and motorcycles which could cut down on the thefts of those vehicles.

The Speaker was Hector Suarez from the Fort Lauderdale Department of Community Enhancement and Compliance. Hector introduced himself, gave a brief history of his employment with the City of Fort Lauderdale including his current position in the above agency. He then reviewed the statistics for properties within the Civic Association. In June, there were 19 cases instituted, 4 are still open; July, 16 cases with 7 still open; August, 12 cases, and 6 are still open; September, 6 cases, with 3 still open. The common issues resulting in complaints included overgrowth and trash of the property, landscape maintenance, parking on unapproved surfaces, bulk trash being put out too far in advance, and illegal land use were top categories of violations. General questions to understand the data were asked. He explained a variety of reasons why cases might still be open.

Questions from audience followed with responses: He then opened the floor for additional questions. One member asked whether there any Air Bnb's in our area not in compliance. Hector explained the process to track an Air Bnb and make sure they are in compliance. Permits run between \$ 750.-1000.00 per year. Two Air Bnb's 1456 NE 53rd Court and the one on 53rd Street are currently before the Special Magistrate. He discussed that playing loud music after a certain time is a reason to shut a licensed property down. Other members asked about additional properties in their neighborhoods. Hector said that you can make an anonymous complaint. 828-8000 customer service for code violations and Hector's number 954-828-6148. Another member asked a question about parking compliance. Hector brought a handout to address property compliance. If members witness dumping into the canal, he suggested that we call Eugene McCoy. He didn't have the number but recommended that we call Melissa in Commissioner Moraitis' office for Eugene's number. Dumping complaints cannot be made anonymously. He gave information to explain what constitutes an abandoned vehicle, i. e. no tag or expired tag, or weeds growing up to the car. If someone has parked on the swale, he

suggested that the member wait 24 hours before calling. Bulk trash is always the 4th Wednesday. You can put your items out 24 to 48 hours prior to bulk trash pickup date. Code violations can be fixed often by discussing with the neighbor individually. A member asked about dock and storage maintenance on property. Docks and storage containers may be a judgment call. This might require a waterway inspection to see whether dock has outdoor storage. There can be a violation if a dock is in disrepair. Inspectors can make a determination. There are storm drains on the swale and also some in the street. Some commercial grass cutters are blowing grass into the street. Hector was thanked for his time and report. See Attachment A, multiple pages.

Update from Commissioner Heather Moraitis' office—Melissa Coningsby: Melissa left several handouts. She reminded the membership of the upcoming water meeting on October 14th at Beach Community Center. Flyers for Fort Lauderdale Aviation Academy information and Light Up the Galt were also distributed. Joseph Cruz will be handling our concerns in the future. See Attachment B, multiple pages.

Treasurer's Report: Robert reported that we have \$ 5909.01 in our treasury at this time. There are three checks unpaid and those amounts are deducted from the above amount. Robert has begun preparing an annual budget for the calendar year 2020. Income is based on membership dues received, projected to be \$ 3250.00; a grant from volunteers efforts in conjunction with volunteer efforts the previous cycle with a requirement that twenty-five per cent of the funds be put back into the community, projected to be \$ 1,293. 75, however the actual amount will be allocated at the October 14, 2019 meeting; and fundraising including the community dinners and the 50/50 raffles at the Happy Hour as examples, projected to be \$ 1050.00. Robert also acknowledged the efforts of the Hospitality Co-Chairs, Rita Goldfine and Marie Benedetto, who also solicit \$ 25.00 gift certificates from local business and hold a separate raffle for that certificate during the Happy Hour each month. So he projects \$ 5,593.75 is the estimated income for next year. He then reviewed expenses which include entrances landscaping, CRI storage unit, CRI Web site, Monthly Happy Hour refreshments, annual CRI mailers, the P. O. Box, and the Annual Report filing with the State. This is projected to be \$ 4540.00. The Board will discuss further revenue and expenditures at its November meeting. Currently \$ 1053.75 is projected as a surplus. A member asked what is currently being stored in the storage unit. Robert responded that miscellaneous material for other events is currently stored there. Robert was thanked for his report.

Lock-It-Up Presentation—Barbara Markley: As Tracy introduced the speaker she acknowledged that part of the rationale for inviting her was that 4 firearms were stolen from cars in our Civic Association since 2018. Barbara Markley is associated with the League of Women Voters who worked with Miami Suicide Prevention to investigate and institute the program. The program goal was to distribute free gun locks not take guns from responsible owners. Currently a gun is stolen every 26 minutes in Florida. We are experiencing nationally the most gun deaths in 50 years, 40,000, 2/3 of which are suicides. She left documentation that locking up guns will prevent suicide. She distributed gun locks to those who were interested. Barbara was thanked for her presentation. See Attachment C, multiple pages for additional statistics.

Broward Health Imperial Point: Cardiac Care Update—Phyllis Ahern, RN, Manager: Phyllis announced that Broward Health Imperial Point is now Level 1 Adult Cardiovascular Unit and Stroke Center. Her presentation reviewed the information related to symptoms of heart attack and recognition of stroke symptoms as well as prevention. With strokes, the goal is to open the blocked vessel within 90 minutes. She reminded the membership that the sooner, the better in addressing both issues. She also left a number of documents, see Attachment D, multiple pages.

Old Business:

Update on Traffic Study NE 60th Street and Turn arrows, etc.—Peter Partington: Following suggestions from a number of members at the previous Membership Meeting, Peter contacted Broward County Traffic Engineering Division who agreed to collect speed and volume data on the portion of NE 60th Street between NE 17th Road and NE 15th Terrace. The data will be sent to the City in December 2019. He also made contact with the appropriate bodies to have a warrant study for the left turn arrow on Westbound NE 62nd Street onto NE 15th Avenue as well as dealing with a timing inquiry for the northbound left at NE 18th Avenue from Eastbound NE 62nd Street. Follow through on both projects will be dependent on Broward County Traffic Engineering. Members were pleased with his update.

Clarification regarding Member Request at April Annual Meeting –Tracy Antol: A member requested that the Board provide a list of Members to the Membership for the purposes of recruiting new members. After numerous discussions regarding the best way to do so as well as potential privacy issues, the Board decided to poll the Membership at this meeting, as to what was the intent of distribution, etc. Tracy provided additional background regarding options including publishing in the Quarterly Newsletter and or on the Web site. The Board is suggesting and has implemented on the Membership form for the 2020 Membership year a procedure to opt out of having the members names published on any public list. After questions, a Motion was made by Tracy Antol and seconded by Carol McKee to publish a list of all paid members who have not opted out of the process. Peter made a Motion to Amend the Motion, seconded by Mary Ann, to clarify further by adding the wording, to publish a public list of all paid members who have not opted out of the process. The amended Motion now reads to publish a public list of all paid members who have not opted out of the process. Motion passed.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Committees and Liaisons:

Airport & Noise Abatement: John Dool distributed a handout on current statistics at the back table. See Attachment E, 2 pages.

Crime Watch: Robert Edick had no additional information to report.

Environmental Sustainability: John Dool had no additional information to report.

Green Your Routine: Barbara Hume reminded the Membership that the 25% required by the Green Your Routine grant for community support included both the cost of Web site maintenance and a check for \$250.00 to Broward College towards an Environmental Sciences scholarship for a qualifying. Tracy Antol added that Imperial Point is part of a pilot program to clean up canals. CRI can gain points by assisting them during the designated work periods. October 26th is the next designated work day. Tracy encouraged volunteers to join her so that we can earn the additional points which increase our ultimate grant. See Attachment F, 2 pages.

Hospitality: Other than the Happy Hour announcement, Rita has no additional report.

Membership/ Communication/ Social Media: Tracy Antol reported that efforts to grow membership are continuing to succeed. We currently have 134 members which is up from 120 last year. The Association's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter Accounts are growing in audience as well. A member email update is sent out monthly to those who request it. The CERT program will be explained more fully to the membership at a future meeting. Tracy distributed the trial run of the door hangers to use during storm or other emergencies. This project was recommended by Rita Goldfine and the Board approved the printing at the September meeting. See Attachment G, multiple pages.

School Board Liaison: Chet had no additional information to report.

State of Neighborhood: In response to members' requests that figures be presented as handouts so that the membership can review at their convenience, a handout was distributed. It contains status of single family homes for sale, pending, or sold within the last 90 days. The ranges of listings and sales with a range are contained in the notes. The handout also added condominium listings, and multifamily etc. See Attachment H, 2 pages.

Comments from Membership: After the formal business was completed, the President opened the floor for comments, questions, or concerns of the Membership. Some members commented on the door hangers and asked the Board to consider whether to distribute them again next Spring at the beginning of the hurricane season. No decision was reached. A question was asked whether we should share the content from the meeting in the newsletter. A consensus thought that this would be a good idea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Buchanan, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

October 14, 2019 Special Water Meeting Beach Community Center 5-7 PM

October 18, 2019 Happy Hour Smokey Bones 5-7 PM

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October 26, 2019 Imperial Point Volunteer Activity, contact Tracy for details

November 3, 2019 District 1 Meeting Beach Community Center 5-6 PM
November 15, 2019 Happy Hour Smokey Bones 5-7 PM
November 21, 2019 Light Up the Galt A1A and Oakland Park Boulevard 6-10 PM Tree
lighting at 7 PM
January 9, 2020 Membership Meeting Broward Health Imperial Point 6:30 PM Networking;
7-8:30 PM
January ??, 2020 Community Dinner Watch for upcoming details as finalized.