

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Board of Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association

March 11, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Coral Ridge Civic Association, Inc. was called to order at 6:47 PM by the President, Rita Meagher. Board was meeting by Conference Call in lieu of a face-to-face meeting, due to the COVID-19 virus. The following persons were present:

Rita Meagher—President

Ric Buchanan—Secretary

Barbara Boruch—NW Quadrant

Peter Partington—SE Quadrant

Rosie Shade—SW Quadrant

Barbara Hume—Chair, Green Your Routine Committee NV

Marie Benedetto—Co-Chair, Hospitality Committee NV

Rita Goldfine—Chair, Hospitality Committee NV

Leslie Sheffield—Membership Committee NV

Tony Cosenza—Member NV

**Approval of the Minutes:** Peter moved that the minutes of February 11, 2021 be approved as presented. Rosie seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Motion to Accept Tracy Anton's Resignation as Vice-President and Chair of Membership**

**Committee effective as of this meeting—Rita M.:** Rosie moved and Ric seconded that Tracy

Anton's resignation was accepted with regret. Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report—Vacant position:** Ric reported that he estimates the Bank of

America account has \$ 3795.57 after deducting two months of storage locker totaling

\$153.36. There is \$ 1422.16 in the current PayPal account to be downloaded into the Bank

of America account. The Chase account has \$ 4936.00 with checks to be deposited of

\$ 210.00. Rita M. is working on setting up a new PayPal account for CRICA that will pay into the Chase account as she has been unable to get the information necessary to transfer the account and we need a CRICA account regardless. After the storage locker is transferred at the end of the month, the plan is to close the Bank of America account finally. Rosie volunteered to help Rita M. to open the CRICA PayPal account.

### **Quadrant Leader Reports:**

**NE—Jack:** Jack sent welcome letters to the following addresses: 1436 NE 57th Street; 1424 NE 57th Street; 5719 NE 17th Avenue; 5310 NE 17th Avenue; 5410 NE 17th Terrace; and 5280 NE 17th Avenue.

**NW—Barbara B:** Barbara sent out the welcome letter to Flora Dominic and Dominic Paulraj, 5901 NE 15 Avenue.

**SE—Peter:** The following is the latest email Peter received from Sandra Kenner with Broward County School Board following her inspection of the current school dispersal procedure:

Good morning Mr. Partington,

We spoke a couple of weeks ago regarding the concern in your email below. On February 23rd, Environmental Health & Safety Department and Broward County Traffic Engineering conducted an on-site review of the student pick process at Floranada Elementary. Vehicles currently loop through the school parking area to reduce the number of vehicles stacking on the road. The roads were clear of student pick-up vehicles within 20 minutes of dismissal.

As discussed when we spoke, we believe the traffic back-up is a result of various Covid-related issues. Contributing factors are: staggered dismissal to allow for physical distancing, fewer students attending the aftercare program resulting in more vehicles at dismissal time and fewer students riding the buses.

A follow-up observation will be conducted next school year to confirm our observations.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sandra

**SW—Rosie:** Rosie sent welcome letters on March 6, 2021 to the following: Christopher

Weaver, 1472 NE 53rd Court and Adam Baker, 1400 NE 55th Street, Unit # 105.

**Old Business:**

**Status of Pending Actions: No discussion is necessary unless there is a need to reassign or set a deadline for completion. All previous pending items are now action items on the Agenda.**

**Nominating Committee Report—Marie:**

**Status of Nominating Slate—Marie:** The letter to the Membership regarding the election slate received no responses, nor did the posting on Next Door. Peter stated that he didn't receive the email but it was clarified that his wife received the email. Tony spoke to Salim Hatem who agreed to run for Vice-President after Eric Katz did not join the Association nor submit a bio as requested and Tracy submitted her resignation. Rita G. spoke to Barbara Hume who agreed to run as Treasurer. The Committee still has not identified a candidate for Secretary. Rosie has prepared the ballot to be approved by the Board. See Attachment A. Does the Board agree to the ballot as submitted? The Board agreed by consensus.

**Annual Meeting Notice and Nominating Report—Rita M.:**

**Process to hold Annual Meeting—Rita M.:** Do we want to hold an Annual Meeting via Zoom in April? Ric has spoken to Commissioner Moraitis' office and they will provide the zoom link which should be at no cost. Melissa suggested April 15th as a possible date.

**Set Date and Time for Annual Meeting—Rita M.:** Depending on the decision above can we set the Meeting for April 15, 2021? Our normal meeting would be April 8th, however in order to give sufficient time for notice and mailing to the members etc., the extra week would be helpful. Also in a discussion with Barbara H., Ric, and Rita M., the idea of mailing the Meeting Notice to every resident, as has been our practice, was discussed. In addition to the Notice, Ric and Barbara H. would write a letter outlining what the Civic Association is and isn't as well as detail some of the work that the Board has done on the community's behalf in the past

year. How does the Board wish to proceed? We should include a proxy. April 22<sup>nd</sup> would be a better date.

We want to be sure that we have someone to manage the meeting. Barbara H. stated that she polled her friends on GYR. Ric moved and Peter seconded to hold the Annual Meeting via zoom on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 P.M. Peter moved that we mail the Annual Meeting Notice to the 2019, 2020, and 2021 members via email. Rosie seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda for Annual Meeting—Rita M.:** In prior years, we have invited our City Commissioner, our State Representative, and our Senator to briefly address the Membership. We don't have to invite them all in April. Other than the election, approval of the amendments to the By-Laws, the reading of Minutes, a Treasurer's Report, and an update from the Police Liaison, are there other items that the Board would like to include. It was suggested that we do the election first and then the City Commissioner and the County Commissioner, and then the Police Liaison. Each candidate will review his/her bio on the Web site.

**Motion to table the following items from the February agenda to a time uncertain:**

**Membership Drive, CRICA Survey, Cost to replace/redesign North Portal,**

**Consideration of replacing/and or adding South, East, and West Portals, and Motion**

**To Reconsider Home of the Month designation.—Ric:** These items were added to Agenda by Tracy and it doesn't seem that we can address any of them until we hear back from the City re the North Portal and the other items need to wait until we have a new Membership Committee Chair. The City has received one bid but we don't have enough information to make a decision.

Peter moved to table the above items to a time uncertain and Ric seconded. Motion passed.

**Update on Storage Locker, how we want to proceed?—Ric:**

See Attachment B. Ric met with Charles and closed out his participation in terms of the storage locker. Since the Association had paid rent for March already, Ric was unable to reopen an account until the end of March to avoid paying double rent.

Ric will go back to the Storage Locker office at the end of March and transfer the account. The Association also received notice that the rental will be going up to \$ 84.14 effective April 1. Previous amount was \$ 76.68. The Attachment shows what is actually in the locker currently in order to allow the Board to make a decision about moving forward. If Board wants to close the locker, it can be done at any time as it is a month-to-month tenancy. What is the Board's pleasure? Peter moved that Ric to transfer the locker to CRICA and then table consideration of the unit until May meeting. Rosie seconded, and the Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Waterways Clean-Up Progress Report—Dottie Bassano/Leslie Sheffield:** No report

**Motion to Amend By-Laws to provide for electronic Membership and Board Meetings—**

**Ric:** See Attachment C. Currently the By-Laws are unclear about the ability to host electronic Membership Meetings. Peter moved to amend the By-Laws as presented in Attachment C, Ric seconded and the Motion carried.

**Annual Audit—Ric:** The Bylaws require an Annual Audit within 4 months of the closing of the fiscal year. Not sure if this was done in 2020. We need to do in 2021. We have to be sure that we are meeting requirements of State and Federal government in terms of filing reports/taxes. The Board needs to appoint an Auditor(s). Peter moved to appoint Barbara H. as the Auditor for the 2019 and 2020. Rosie seconded and the Motion carried.

**Update from Commissioner Moraitis' office:** On Thursday March 11, 2021, an amendment to SB 522 (Diaz) short-term rental preemption, will be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee at 11:30 a.m. ET. Amendment 250768 has been filed to SB 522 that removes the majority of the preemptions in the bill. The regulation of advertising platforms would be preempted to the state. If SB 522 passes as amended, local governments will be able to keep their current solutions in place. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS the amendment to

SB 522. We will keep you posted as this issue continues to develop.

**How do we want to spend the 25% of the GYR funds for the coming year?—Barbara H:**

Barbara H. must notify the GYR Coordinator of what CRICA is going to do with the 25% of the SIG grant funds (\$258.75) by May 1st. The last two years CRICA has made a donation to an Environmental Science student scholarship. In 2018, we used the funds to re-plant the south entryway. We have also used a portion each year to maintain our Website. Ric moved that we use a portion of the twenty-five per cent to fund the Web site and that the balance is to be given to

provide a scholarship to an Environmental Sciences student. Peter seconded and the Motion carried.

**Committee/Liaison Reports:**

Airport & Noise Abatement—Need Liaison: No report

Crime Watch/Traffic & Safety—Robert Edick: Officer Davis reported: Overall the statistics are not bad. The one area of concern is that two guns were stolen. One was in the vehicle that was also stolen and the other was in an unlocked vehicle that was burglarized. If the Association could get the word out to everyone to please not leave guns in their vehicles. We don't want the bad guys getting guns.

January and February Stats:

Stolen cars:

5767 NE 17th Terrace, overnight, HAND GUN in VEHICLE! The vehicle is still stolen as of 3/10/2021; 1450 NE 60th Street, overnight, It was recovered in Palm Beach, 1

Arrest.

Burglary Vehicles: 4

5850 NE 14th Way, UNLOCKED, GUN STOLEN, morning time; 5767 NE 17th Terrace, unlocked, 3am; 1460 NE 55st, overnight, pried door; and 1707 E

Commercial, 2 males distracted female while she was getting in her vehicle and stole her purse.

If there are any questions or issues please email the issue and the NAT team will work on it. Peter reported that the City is conducting the campaign to lock their cars. He also mentioned that high end cars fold their mirrors in when locked so when unlocked is a clear sign.

**Environmental Sustainability—Need Liaison: No report**

**Green Your Routine—Barbara Hume:** We conducted an Adopt-a-Street cleanup on Saturday, February 20th. Once again, Greg Boruch and Rita Goldfine stepped up to help. The committee asked me to hold off on having the screen printing done on our safety vests. The Recycle Audit in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates is resuming on Monday, March 15th, for three weeks. I have volunteered. Another volunteer would be appreciated (2 points per person) for Recycle Audit on Monday, March 15th, 22nd, and 29th, from 7:00 am to 9:30 am. They gather at Bayview Park. Rita G. volunteered.

**Hospitality—Rita Goldfine and Marie Benedetto:** Social/Happy Hour is suspended indefinitely.

**Membership/Communications/Social Media—Need Chair:** No report

**School Board Liaison—Need Liaison:** No report

A motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM was made by Peter and seconded by Rosie. Motion carried.

Upcoming Dates:

**Annual Meeting of CRICA: April TBD, 2021.**



# CORAL RIDGE ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS 2021

## VOTING IS YOUR SUPER POWER.

*And the Candidates are...*

**To vote for candidates please check box and return**

- President ..... Ric Buchanan
- Vice - President ..... Salim Hatem
- Secretary ..... Open
- Treasurer ..... Barbara Hume
- NW Quadrant Leader ..... Barbara Boruch
- NE Quadrant Leader ..... Jack Hyman
- SW Quadrant Leader ..... Rosie Shade
- SE Quadrant Leader ..... Peter Partington



## Attachment B

### List of Contents in Storage Locker

- 4 Metal Signs CRI HOA
- 2 CRI HOA Meeting signs
- 2 CRI Private Community signs
- 3 Boxes of Plaques and or Awards
- 5 Clipboards
- 6 bundles of Flags
- 2 Canopies
- 10 Folding Tables
- 2 Metal Folding Tables—different type
- 4 Coolers for liquids
- 2 Ice Chests
- Misc. Halloween decorations
- 8 Halloween signs for Ring Toss, etc.
- Large Container with Halloween paraphernalia
- Easter Bunny Decoration
- Smaller flag accessories
- 6 Paint Buckets
- 3 Umbrellas
- 3 boxes of Memorabilia
- 4 Community Yard Signs
- 1 Garage Sale Sign

9 plastic small height tables

7 metal frames for signs similar to political signs

1 Hula Hoop

1 crate paperwork

Attachment C

Motion to Amend the By-Laws as follows: (Existing text is in regular type. New Text is bold and underlined.)

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

D. **Electronic Meetings**-- While the goal is always to meet face to face, the Board recognizes that unforeseen circumstances may make such meetings impossible. Accordingly; the Board may determine that special circumstances warrant an electronic meeting via Conference Call, Web meeting such as Zoom, Google Meets, or other similar technology. Notice shall be given with the same notice requirements specified under the type of Meeting i. e. Section A. Annual Meetings, B. Regular Meetings, or C. Special Meetings. Special circumstances

Sections D. Quorum and E. Annual Audit shall be renumbered as Section E. Quorum and F. Annual Audit. Text shall remain as is.

Note: I did not include a similar provision for the Board since it is up to the Board to determine its manner of meeting. I can include if the Board deems necessary.