

Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association, Inc.
Members' Meeting
August 17, 2022

The quarterly meeting of the members of Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association, Inc. was called to order on August 17, 2022 at Imperial Point Medical Center at 6:42 pm by President Ric Buchanan. A quorum was present.

The President introduced four candidates for the District 1 City Commission seat, namely Christina Disbrow, John Herbst, Ken Keechl and Chris Williams. Each candidate was given five minutes to give their background and then the floor was opened for questions. The following were the subjects discussed:

- Airbnbs - The state has passed a law which pre-empts any city ordinance that could be passed. The new budget provides for three new code enforcement officers, including a “night” team. Contact Code Enforcement first (954-828-8000), then contact the city commissioner’s office with complaints. (Ric Buchanan asked that he be copied on any emails to the City Commissioner at 22CRICAPresident24@gmail.com). Take pictures and reach out to Chip LaMarca, our state representative. For late night, noisy parties, contact the police.
- City park at Lockhart property – Miami CF was required by their contract with the city to build a park on the 20 acres adjacent to DRVPINK stadium. They have not done so. We must push to get the park built or, in the alternative, the City can build the park and bill Miami CF per the contract. All candidates were in agreement that this is a priority.
- Tunnel under Las Olas to the beach – All candidates thought this was a bad idea and would vote against.

President Buchanan thanked the candidates and advised the members that the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations will be hosting another candidates forum on September 20th at 6:30 pm at the new YMCA building on Sistrunk Boulevard.

Peter Partington moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting of members. Salim Hatem seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer Bruce Hedges advised we have \$11,385 in our checking account.

SE Quadrant Leader Peter Partington reminded members to download the Lauderserv app to report problems with the roads, etc. Neither Barbara Boruch, Eileen Mulkey nor Rosie Shade had reports from their quadrants.

Under Old Business, Peter reported on the entryways. The City paid for replacement of the north entryway after it was damaged by a vehicle. The board’s intent is to update the south entryway to match. However, the contractor went out of business. If you know of a company who could take on this project, please contact Peter. In answer to a question from the floor, Peter advised that the Parks Department maintains the sprinklers and plantings in the north entryway and will confirm that they also maintain the south entryway.

President Buchanan advised that committee chairs/liaisons are needed for the following committees: Airport & Noise Abatement, Environmental Sustainability, Nominating, School Board and Waterways. Please contact him after the meeting.

Under New Business, President Buchanan discussed the board's search for a property for a pocket park. He advised that \$8 million has been allocated to District 1. To date, only the Landings and Coral Ridge Isles have expressed an interest in pursuing a pocket park. Several properties have been looked at and all rejected. Some potential problems were mentioned by the members: parking and the possibility of people having access to backyards among them. A straw poll was taken:

- Do you want a pocket park in Coral Ridge Isles? – 13 in favor
- Do you not want a pocket park in Coral Ridge Isles? – 6 do not
- Do you want the pocket park to be on a waterway? – 0
- Should we pursue looking for a property either on water or not? 15 in favor

Under Committee reports, President Buchanan reported for Robert Edick that a car was seen following a FedEx truck on NE 56th Court, and an individual in that car was picking up packages after they were left on the porch. It was suggested that residents alert their neighbors if they are expecting packages.

Green Your Routine Liaison Barbara Hume reported that a volunteer is needed for a Food Forest cleanup on September 17th at 8:00 am until 10:30.

Rita Goldfine, Hospitality Co-Chair, reported that the next social hour will be this Friday, August 19th, from 5 to 7 pm.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Peter Partington, seconded by Tracy Antol, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hume, Secretary