

Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association  
Board Meeting  
February 16, 2022

President Ric Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm on February 16, 2022, via Zoom. Present were:

Ric Buchanan	President
Barbara Hume	Secretary
Barbara Boruch	NW Quadrant Leader
Peter Partington	SE Quadrant Leader
Marie Benedetto	Hospitality Co-Chair
John Dool	Newsletter Chair
Robert Edick	Crime Watch/Traffic & Safety Chair
Rita Goldfine	Hospitality Co-Chair

With the absence of Salim Hatem, Bruce Hedges and Rosie Shade, we did not have a quorum of voting members. The voting members will be polled by email on any motions that are presented at the meeting.

We were unable to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting.

There was no report from Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis's office.

In the absence of Bruce Hedges, there was no treasurer's report.

Under Quadrant Leader reports, Jack sent letters to new owners at 5707 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 1640 NE 59<sup>th</sup> Place. Barbara B. sent letters on February 8<sup>th</sup> to 5821 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Way, 5850 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 1455 NE 56<sup>th</sup> Court. Peter had no report.

Under Old Business, Peter reported that the north entryway has been finalized, completely rebuilt and paid for by the City. The Parks Department repaired the sprinkler system, installed the landscaping in consultation with a committee from the Association and repaired and painted the base. Solar lighting has also been installed. Peter expressed his gratitude to Jamie, who is a friend of neighbor Tracy Antol for his assistance with the design. Three Lignum Vitae trees have been ordered to be planted on the west swale.

Peter recommended that we renovate the south entryway to match the north. He had previously received a quote of about \$12,000 to demolish and replace the monument and a quote of \$5,300 to refurbish the present monument to match the north. He will contact the contractor and confirm those quotes are still current and bring that information to the next meeting for approval. Robert Edick mentioned that the pavers on the southwest side of the south entryway are sinking. Peter will report this to the City via LauderServ. Ric reminded the Board that he has a volunteer willing to chair a fundraising effort to raise the funds needed to replace or refurbish the south entryway. Robert questioned whether the City would pay for the

replacement, and Ric will check with Erica at the Vice Mayor's office to see if other neighborhoods are having their entryway signs replaced at City expense.

Peter also reported on the improvements to Floranada Park, which will include a children's playground. Funds from the Bond program have been allocated in Phase 2.

Peter Partington, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the following individuals are being presented on the slate:

President	Ric Buchanan
Treasurer	Bruce Hedges
NE Quadrant Leader	Jack Hyman
SW Quadrant Leader	Rosie Shade

Ric advised it was his understanding that Jack was not able to run again because of other commitments. The Committee will seek another candidate for NE Quadrant Leader.

John Dool, Newsletter Chair, advised that he planned to prepare the first issue of our newsletter to mail with the Notice of Annual Meeting in order to "piggyback" on the mailing to save postage cost of a separate mailing in the amount of \$557. He displayed the format he is proposing which was met with enthusiasm by the group. Robert Edick asked about advertising in the newsletter, and John advised he will seek advertising for future editions. Peter made a motion to authorize up to an additional \$350 in printing cost for the newsletter (this is in addition to up to \$1,000 already approved at the last meeting for the annual meeting mailing). Barbara B. seconded, and Barbara H. was asked to poll the Board by email for approval.\*\*

Continuing Old Business, the date of the annual meeting was discussed. Peter expressed his desire to have an in-person meeting. Ric moved that the annual meeting be a combined April/May meeting, hopefully at Imperial Point Medical Center. Barbara B. seconded the motion, and Barbara H. will poll the board by email for approval.\*\*

Ric gave a report on the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations meeting. Mayor Trantalis reported on the tunnel vs. bridge over the New River downtown debate. The Department of Transportation is proposing a higher bridge, and the City Commission prefers a tunnel. The City estimates a tunnel would cost \$1.8 million. Community forums are being held.

Ric advised that some progress has been made on the continuing problems at the apartment building at the end of NE 53<sup>rd</sup> Court. Drug arrests have been made and the drug situation has improved. Ric is encouraging anyone affected to file a complaint with the Vice Mayor's office. A request has been submitted for speed cushions on NE 53<sup>th</sup> Court, which would require a traffic study, but the county is two years behind on traffic studies because of Covid.

Under New Business, the Association has been requested to approve the installation of speed radar signs on NE 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue near NE 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. Barbara H. was asked to poll the board by email on this question.\*\*

Under Committee/Liaison Reports, we are still in need of an Airport & Noise Abatement liaison and Environmental Sustainability liaison.

Robert Edick reported he has received no response to his request for crime stats for our neighborhood. Ric will contact Erica at the Vice Mayor's office.

Green Your Routine liaison Barbara H. advised that she is setting up for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Dottie Bassano has volunteered to help with the Food Forest cleanup on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We need one more volunteer. In lieu of the Recycling Audit done last year by volunteers, the City has printed door hangers explaining the five categories of items that can be recycled. We will get a point for each 100 homes we deliver a door hanger to. Robert and Rita both volunteered to help.

Hospitality chairs, Rita Goldfine and Marie Benedetto, reported that Social Hours are suspended.

The meeting was closed at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hume, Secretary

\*\* N.B. On polling the voting members, all three items were approved. Votes were received from Ric, Barbara H., Barbara B., Peter and Rosie.