

Minutes of the Members of Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association, Inc.

February 15, 2023

The meeting of the members of Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association, Inc. was called to order by President Ric Buchanan at 6:41 pm on February 15, 2023 at Imperial Point Medical Center. Sixteen paid members were in attendance and 20 guests.

On motion of Peter Partington, the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved as posted on the website. John Dool seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dean Trantalis was introduced. He advised the City is continuing to rebuild its infrastructure. We want the city to become more sustainable, while maintaining our quality of life. Questions were raised regarding pocket parks and Air BnBs. Mayor Trantalis advised that the State of Florida has tied the hands of cities. The law says the city cannot interfere in the short-term rental of properties. The only way to control it is with calls to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement is now on duty until 3:00 a.m. The question was asked if zoning can be changed from residential to commercial, and he replied that the attorney general has determined this cannot be done.

Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks & Recreation Department, was introduced and spoke on the creation of a pocket park in our neighborhood. Taxpayers passed a parks bond in 2019 to purchase property throughout the city. Our previous city commissioner, Heather Moraitis, investigated various properties that would be suitable for a pocket park. The City has a contract on property located at 1741 NE 58 Street. The owner previously contacted the city about selling only the back of the property. Nothing materialized at that time. The property is now for sale, both the house and the lot behind. The city has the property under contract for \$1.55 million. There is a 90-day period to get approval. There are four pocket parks that have been established in other districts of the city. Asked what would happen to the property, he replied that the house would be demolished and some of the landscaping would have to be removed. It would be up to the residents how the park would be developed, possibly with a playground or picnic tables. The hours would be dawn to dusk or possibly later depending on what amenities are in the park. No parking would be provided; the park would be for walkers only. Gates would be locked at night. Commissioner John Herbst reported that the Parks Advisory Board has already approved this project and the full commission will be voting within the next 30 days, although he understands there are objections to the location. We only have 30 days under the contract to make a decision. In most pocket parks, people using it live within two or three blocks. Ric opened the floor for questions or comments limited to two minutes. Phil was asked for statistics if there are problems with homeless. There are no statistics. There are not a lot of crimes being reported in parks. A petition objecting to this location and signed by residents near the property was presented to Commissioner Herbst. It was mentioned in the newsletter that went out last week that the pocket park would be discussed at this meeting. Ric took a consensus of the paid members – seven were in favor of this location, seven opposed and three abstained. It was determined that a survey would be sent out to all residents of CRI asking for their opinion on this location for a pocket park.

Commissioner John Herbst advised that the commission just approved building a new water plant west of Executive Airport at a cost of \$488 million. Water rates will double when the plant is completed. He continues to talk to InterMiami about their contract to establish a park at the old Lockhart property. It will include 16 pickle ball courts, walking trails, dog park, splash pad and a community center on the 20 acres they are now using as a parking lot. He reminded residents that the commission meets every two weeks, and the Monday before he sends out a newsletter and pre-agenda briefings.

Under Old Business, Peter Partington reported that he has found a company to renovate the South entryway to match the north. He is waiting now for their written quote.

Ric advised the assembly that our annual meeting will be in May. For that meeting we must have a Nominating Committee in place to present a slate of officers. He is looking for volunteers to serve on that committee. We also need liaisons for the Environmental Sustainability, School Board and Waterways Committees.

Airport & Noise Abatement Liaison Patrick Madden reported that the Aviation Advisory Committee has determined that the plane that has been flying low over the neighborhood is buying extra fuel because fuel is cheaper at Executive Airport.

Green Your Routine Liaison Barbara Hume advised we have a Food Forest volunteer opportunity this Saturday from 8 to 10:30. Rita Goldfine and Eileen Mulkey have volunteered.

Hospitality Chairs Rita Goldfine and Marie Benedetto reminded everyone that there is a happy hour this Friday at Smokey Bones from 5:30 to 7:30. All are welcome.

Barbara Hume reported for the Membership Committee that we had 53 paid members with an additional six new members signing up before the meeting and five renewals.

John Dool reported that the quarterly newsletter was sent out at the beginning of February.

There being no further business, on motion of Peter Partington, seconded by John Dool, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Hume



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Parks Advisory Board Bond Update

January 2023

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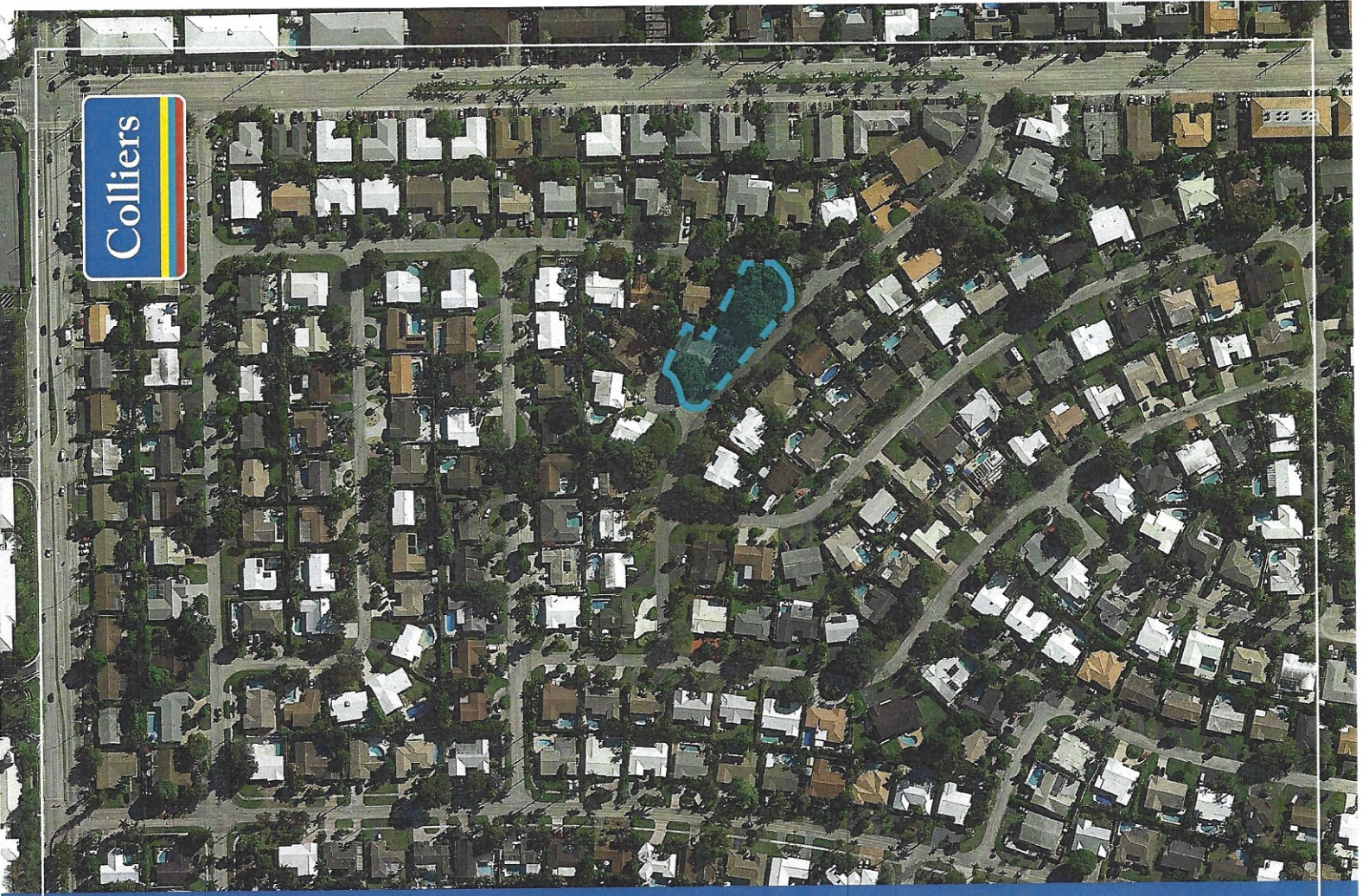
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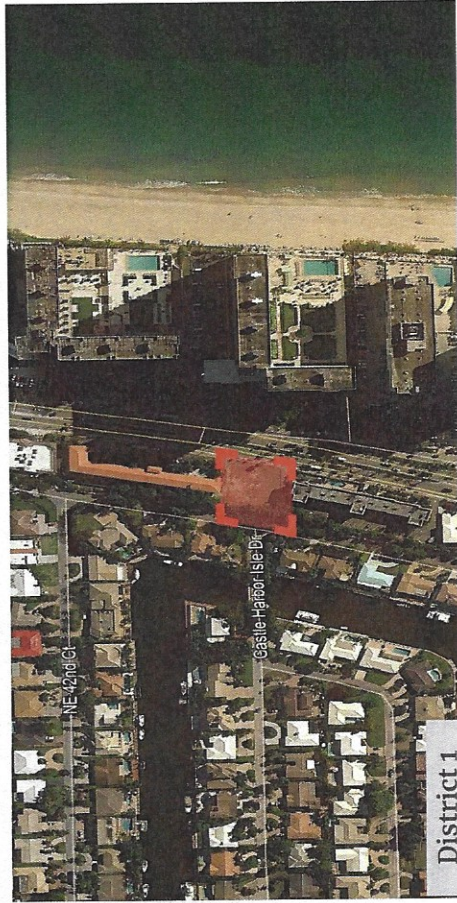
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Park Acquisitions

Progress/Goals

- Acquired 4.5+ acres total for new greenspace
- Spent a total of \$7,805,000 to date
- \$22,195,000 still available for acquisitions



District 1

4201 N Ocean Blvd.

Negotiated Price: \$1.09M

Size: 13,356 SF



District 3

NW 6th Street - Lincoln Park

Negotiated Price: \$125,000

Size: 4,482 SF



District 2

1016 Waverly Road

Negotiated Price: \$2.54M

Size: 2.01 Acres



District 4

SW 5th Court & SW 12th Ave. Riverside Park

Negotiated Price: \$4.050M

Size: 2.16 Acres

Expand Riverside Park/Waterfront

Challenges

- Current Real Estate Market
- Environmental Issues- contamination of land
- Sensitive to effects on surrounding neighbors
- Timeline

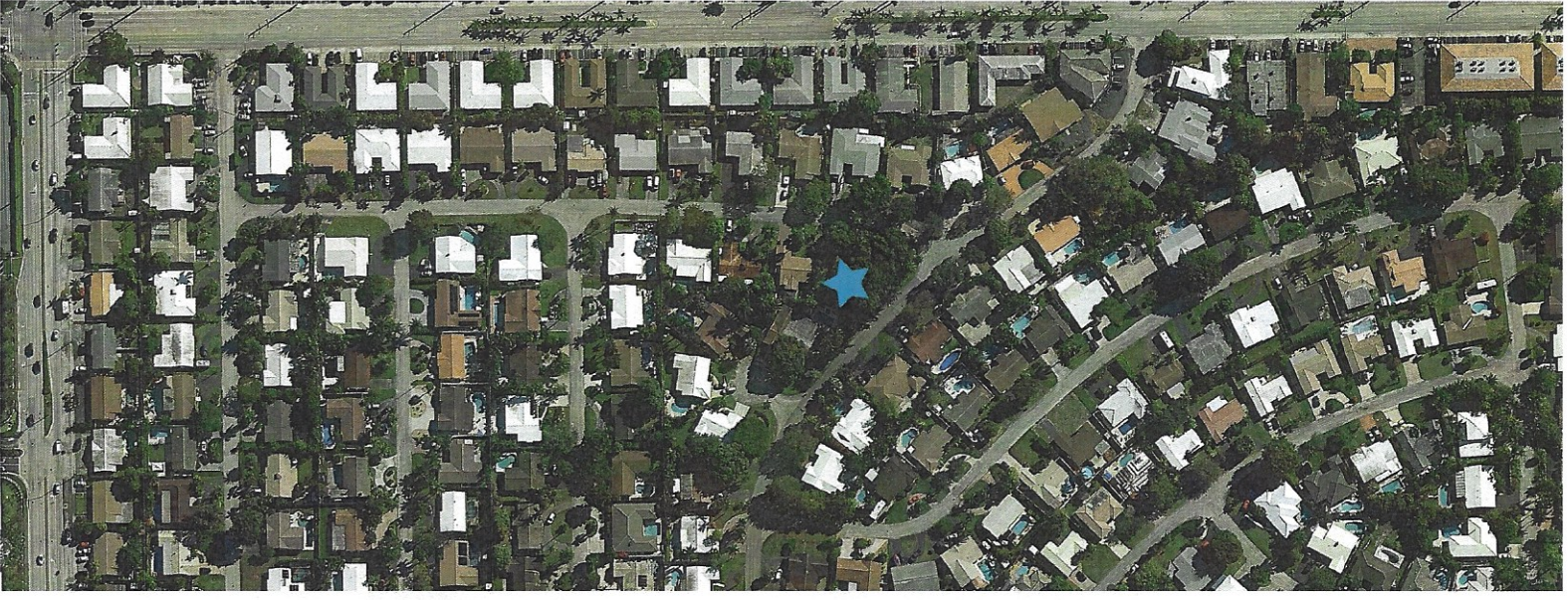
Next Steps

Priorities:

- Identify properties within areas of need
- Waterfront lots
- Corner lots
- Large tracts of land

Focus:

- Neighborhood Pocket Parks
- Coral Ridge
- Waterfront

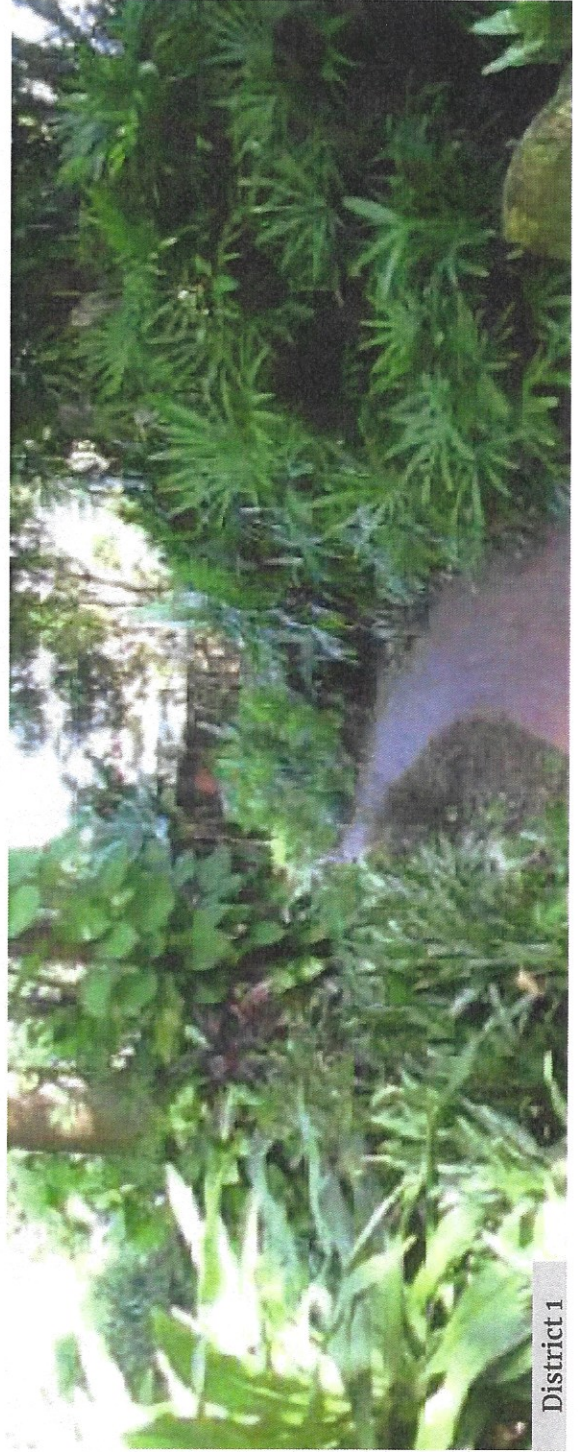


Potential Acquisition - District 1 - Coral Ridge Isles

- 1741 NE 58th Street, Fort Lauderdale
- Land Size: 22,137 SF with 2,199 SF Single Family Residence
- Proposed Purchase Price: \$1.55M (Avg. of appraisals: \$1.406M)
- Double lot with approximately 10,000 SF already configured as open space



Potential Acquisition - District 1 - Coral Ridge Isles Excess Land



Questions/Comments?

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