

Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association  
Board Meeting  
January 19, 2022

President Ric Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 19, 2022, via Zoom. Present were:

Ric Buchanan	President
Salim Hatem	Vice President
Bruce Hedges	Treasurer
Barbara Hume	Secretary
Barbara Boruch	NW Quadrant Leader
Jack Hyman	NE Quadrant Leader
Peter Partington	SE Quadrant Leader
Marie Benedetto	Hospitality Co-Chair
John Dool	Newsletter Chair
Rita Goldfine	Hospitality Co-Chair

Peter Partington moved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2021 be approved. Salim Hatem seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Melissa Coningsby Whiddon gave a report from the Vice Mayor's Office. The butterfly design the civic association chose to have signal boxes wrapped has been forwarded to Broward County. Installation of digital water meters will be completed throughout the City by March 2025. The county will be installing sidewalks along NE 56<sup>th</sup> Street from Federal Highway to NE 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue in 2022. Peter asked if landscaping could be installed along NE 56<sup>th</sup> Street from NE 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the bridge east of Dixie Highway. Melissa will pass that request along. Ric advised that FPL has turned the street lights back on from NE 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Dixie.

Treasurer Bruce Hedges advised we have \$11,530 in our treasury. He has renewed the post office box and received dues from three new members. The question was raised as to whether the membership committee follows up with new residents after their complimentary membership expires.

Under Quadrant Leader reports, Jack sent letters to new owners at: 1660 NE 55th St, 1721 NE 59th Ct. and 1511 NE 60th St. Barbara B. had no report. Peter sent letters to Daniel Dodson, 1721 NE 54 St, Erkut Senel, 1711 NE 55 St, Thomas Pick, #1 1655 NE 55 St and Eduardo Zeitune, 1520 NE 52 St. Rosie is out of town and had no report.

Under Old Business, Peter reported that the north entryway sign has been rebuilt and installed. The Parks Department has repaired and painted the base and spread mulch. A meeting will be set up with Marty regarding landscaping as soon as he returns to town.

Peter also reported on the improvements to Floranada Park. The City Commission met on January 5<sup>th</sup> and approved funding for 16 park projects, including ours. He will confirm the amount allocated for Floranada.

John Dool discussed the funds needed for the newsletter. It appears that the cheapest postage available would be 40 cents per item for a “non-standard” rate. First class postage at 58 cents per piece would cost about \$593 for 760 pieces (the number of single-family homes in the neighborhood). Peter recommended sending one or two newsletters to see what the response is; Barbara B. agreed. Bruce recommended hand delivery to save the cost of postage. It was noted that Imperial Point has someone who hand delivers their newsletters. It was suggested we contact them to see what the cost is. A more detailed proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

Ric advised we are still in need of a representative for the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations. One person who had expressed an interest in being our representative has not yet joined the Association. Ric attended the meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The City Manager gave an update on the tunnel vs. higher bridge discussion over the New River downtown. The City wants a tunnel; the state wants a higher bridge. The Fiveash Water Plant may need to be replaced. InterMiami Soccer has plans to build their permanent stadium on an old golf course in Miami. The stadium on the former Lockhart stadium property will still be used for practice. A final decision on a lease extension on the Bahia Mar property owned by the City and leased to a developer under a 100-year lease has not yet made finalized.

Barbara Hume advised that a Notice of Annual Meeting must be sent out 14 days prior to our annual meeting, now scheduled for February 16, 2022 at Imperial Point Medical Center at 6:30 pm. Peter moved that we approve up to \$1,000 for the printing and mailing of the annual meeting notice. Bruce seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Vice Mayor has been invited to speak at the annual meeting. We no longer have a designated police officer; Robert Edick will be asked to get crime statistics to present. Rita will post signs and change the day and time of the meeting. The Nominating Committee with Peter as chair and members Marie Benedetto and Barbara H. will meet to present a slate for the four board positions available.\*\*

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. A police lieutenant has been overseeing the problem, and Code Enforcement has given them violation notices. Drug arrests have also been made. A request has been submitted for a traffic study on NE 53<sup>th</sup> Court, but the county is two years behind on traffic studies because of Covid.

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

Green Your Routine liaison Barbara H. advised that the Butterfly Garden cleanup scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> was canceled. She is scheduled to work the Household Hazard Waste event on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Hospitality chairs, Rita Goldfine and Marie Benedetto, reported that Social Hours are suspended due to Omicron and short staffing at Smokey Bones. If anyone is interested in congregating, please feel free to organize an event.

Ric reminded Membership chair, Bruce Hedges, that we will need a sign-in table at the annual meeting. Salim volunteered to assist Bruce with sign in and Ric suggested that Rosie also be asked to help.

We are still uncertain if Chet Lutwick will take over as the School Board liaison.

Dottie Bassano is planning a waterway clean up in March. She will come to the annual meeting to solicit volunteers.

On motion of Peter, seconded by Salim, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hume, Secretary

\*\* N.B. The day after this meeting we were told that Imperial Point was not allowing outside groups to use their facilities for meetings. On an email poll of the board, it was voted to postpone the meeting until March.