

Coral Ridge Isles Civic Association
Board Meeting - March 16, 2022

President Ric Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 16, 2022, via Zoom. Present were:

Ric Buchanan	President
Bruce Hedges	Treasurer
Barbara Hume	Secretary
Peter Partington	SE Quadrant Leader
Eileen Mulkey	NE Quadrant Leader
Rosie Shade	SW Quadrant Leader

Non-voting:

John Dool	Newsletter Chair
Marie Benedetto	Hospitality Co-Chair
Rita Goldfine	Hospitality Co-Chair
Heather Moraitis	City Commissioner, District 1
Melissa Whiddon	Commissioner Moraitis's Assistant
Erica Franchessi	Commissioner Moraitis's Assistant

On motion of Peter Partington, seconded by Rosie Shade, the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2022 were approved as emailed to the Board.

Commissioner Moraitis gave an update on the property on NE 57th Place being considered for a pocket park. There is approximately \$6 million in the budget for District 1 pocket parks. The owner has said he will sell one of the two buildings for \$3.5 million which appears to be overpriced. The Commissioner said that she prefers a waterfront property to allow for kayak and paddleboard launching and also for fishing. Once again the property on the west side of the canal was discussed as a possibility for water sports, but there would be no room for play equipment. Ric expressed his opinion that if the property on NE 57th Place can be obtained at the right price, both properties would need to be purchased. The Commissioner will proceed to get an appraisal of the properties before moving forward.

Bruce Hedges reported a balance of \$12,497.00 in our checking account and \$664.00 in paypal. The funds in paypal will be moved into our checking account. Peter moved to approve the additional \$158.37 for mailing costs of the Annual Meeting notice and the newsletter. Eileen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There were no reports from the Quadrant Leaders.

Under Old Business, Peter had no update on the south entryway or on improvements to Floranada Park.

John Dool, Newsletter Chair, advised that his plan is to have a newsletter go out before each quarterly members' meeting. The next issue will go out at the end of July, as the next members'

meeting is the third Wednesday in August. Board members were asked to send their preferred contact information to John to be included in the newsletter.

Ric advised that he will continue to represent our Association at the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations meetings. He attended the first in-person meeting held on May 10th. The Vice Mayor has tracked 261 vacation rentals in District 1. If there are any complaints about short-term rentals, homeowners are requested to first check to see if the property is registered with the City. The phone number to report complaints is now manned 24/7. The christening of the USS Fort Lauderdale will be held on July 30th. The City has allocated \$25,000 towards the cost of the event. As for the question of a tunnel vs. a bridge over the New River downtown, the county will make a recommendation within the next month. They are working on a temporary fix for the county 911 system. The City has allocated \$1.1 million to public schools. Private donations of \$15 million and \$900,000 from the State have been received for renovations to Huizenga Park, which will include a restaurant on the river, a café in the park and updated bathrooms. The grand opening of the new YMCA building at 1409 W. Sistrunk Boulevard will be held on May 20th from 8:30 to 10:30 am.

Under Committee reports, Ric reminded the board we must determine how we will spend 25% of our SIG funds (\$587.31). Peter moved that we pay our website expenses and that the balance be sent to Broward College for a scholarship for an Environmental Sciences student. The motion was seconded by Barbara H. and unanimously passed. We are scheduled for a Food Forest clean up on Saturday, May 21st. Rita Goldfine and Barbara Have distributed over 500 recycling door hangers, and Rita and Linda Myrick have distributed another 410; only 90 more to go.

Under Hospitality, the monthly Social Hours were again discussed, and it was decided we will resume them at Smokey Bones on the third Friday of June. Rosie will post on Social Media and the website.

Under Membership, Bruce will get the list of members updated before the June Board meeting. Both Barbara H. and Rosie have offered to help.

On motion of Barbara H., seconded by Rosie, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hume, Secretary

Next board meeting: Wednesday, June 15th, at 7:00 pm.