

MINUTES
RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

March 24, 2008

The Meeting was opened by President Warren Sturman at 7:34pm

Present: Sturman, Messing, Snead Absent: Abruzzino Also present: Chatham, Cavanaugh, Stresau, Orlando, Bodor. 29 Rio Vista Residents total.

Mark Snead, Treasurer reports Net Income posted 1/1/08—3/24/08 \$5203.91. Increase in Membership Association Dues first quarter attributed to contracted Security Patrol. Membership in RVCA obligatory to sign up for Patrol.

\$455. Award for Recycling courtesy of Joanne Snead. Compare Rio Vista to \$6000+ Award for another Ft. Lauderdale neighborhood, and we could do better with more hands.

Citywide Garage Sale May 3rd at Downtown Garage reports Shirley Chatham.

Fred Stresau took the podium..Disaster Response Team replacing CERT in our neighborhood. Will be posting on the Website what we hope to accomplish. Identifying intersections for the purpose of signage replacement after a disaster.

Membership

Steve Hudson took the podium and discussed Security. Obtained Board approval and sent letter soliciting supporters for police detail, currently at 157 paid subscribers and with pledges, 220 subscribers. Attractive signs have been ordered to be placed in yards; design of signs circulated on color copies at meeting. Six hours a day have been secured through February 2009. Patrol schedule to be finalized by April 1, 2008 10am-6pm accounts for the bulk of opportunity for crime, based on past statistics. Patrol Officer will personally deliver signs to households. There will be four FLPD officers rotating. Florida Police have donated cruiser. Off duty police will be retained, uniformed, and armed. Response time projected to be less than 2 minutes. Cell Phone will be used when on duty. Voice Mail can be used by subscribing residents when outside the patrol times. Phone passes from shift to shift. Phone Number to be given only to those who have subscribed. 13 person committee has overseen this committee. Forms made available to sign up.

Newsletter Committee. Mike Orlando thanked Clay Wieland for his many years of service providing the Rio Vista Civic Association Newsletter. Mike introduced George Mihai (pronounced Me-hi) as the new Publisher and the first issue will be distributed to each residence regardless of membership May/June. A four color ad rate sheet was distributed. George explained the new Newsletter including full color photos on the cover and is soliciting photos and stories from residents. The Newsletter will also appear on website. A fresh approach is the reason for the switch from Clay to George, as well as revenue generated (as a percentage of the advertising) for the RVCA. Discussion ensued as to why Clay was being terminated, and content, quality and revenue were cited as reasons. Clay will remain a friend and neighbor and

continue publishing his own newsletter. Newsletter Committee consists of Mike Orlando, who will act as Editor, Mark Snead, Nancy Messing and Bill Bodor.

By-Laws. Were mailed to every household. 10% of Current Paid Membership shall constitute a Quorum. Number of currently sitting members is 250.

Discussion regarding error published in Newsletter for wrong General Meeting date resolved.

Discussion about voting and making a decision on behalf of the entire neighborhood. Mark Snead adds change in By-Laws cannot be made without vote of General Membership. Opportunity to join Newsletter Committee, Social Committee etc. was presented.

Voted and Passed: A Motion to revise quorum requirement at all meetings from at least 25 members to 10% of the current paid membership shall constitute a quorum. Also a majority of the sitting directors shall constitute a quorum (rather than nine)

Voted: introduced and voted and welcomed onto the Board John Cavanaugh and Fred Stresau.

Warren commented on how successful Camp Out in Young Park was. Golf Cart Parade and participation were both positive. Parking issue mentioned with drop-off of gear and parking only for golf carts next year.

John Cavanaugh introduced his idea for "Rio's List" as a compilation of reliable plumbers, electricians and repairmen. It is similar to Angie's List, a nationwide online service. It would appear on the RVCA website.

Warren urged those attending to join a committee! Get involved. In essence, it is hard to listen to a gripe or complaint when one was clearly given the opportunity to join a committee.

Nancy Kimble states between 1019 Ponce and 1017 Ponce De Leon Drive is access to river, a right of way passage, currently littered with building debris and often a parked car. Nancy was urged to send Warren an e-mail about this matter. A park bench was suggested as a delineator to show the area, so residents would know where the right of way is located.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.