

# **RIOVISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Feb.16, 2022 7PM Via Zoom Meeting Agenda & Minutes**

- 1) Call to Order – 6:59pm
- 2) Attendance/Board Roll Call

Christina Currie  
Mark Snead  
Lori Sterling  
Jean Jacques Rajter  
Fred Stresau  
William Kirk  
Nancy Messing  
Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)

Not present: Sam Koster  
Julie Hough

- 3) Reports of Officers
  - a) Treasurer
    - Strong renewals over last 30 days
  - b) Secretary Approval of Minutes from Jan 2022 (Kirk standing for Hough)
    - Sterling moved and Stresau approved; no opposition, January minutes approved
  - c) CFLCA Report
    - C.Currie newly elected as VP of Counsel
    - First event will be Sistrunk Street festival
- 4) Committee Reports
  - a) Membership/Welcome
    - Lori Sterling: nothing to report
  - b) Security (Mark Snead)
    - Additional officers have filled more time slots on patrol
    - Car burglary in neighborhood; suspect tracked via DNA
    - Lauderdale Harbor IA advised RVCA that LPR now active and thanked RVCA for partnership
  - c) Communications Committee- deadline 2/25
    - i. Dredging (Bill Kirk) – Bill Kirk to draft for March newsletter
      - (a) Project expected to start late March.
      - (b) Todd Hiteshew (City of FLL) noted that contractor has provided some initial guidance regarding local boat traffic limitations, and requesting that residents move their boats on Tarpon River if applicable
      - (c) Board members noted a number of topics to be raised to City, including:
        - (i) inquiring about boat storage at City storage for residents
        - (ii) reimbursement of costs to residents from impact of project
        - (iii) how submit claim in the event of damage from project

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(d) Chuck Tatelbaum suggest that Board Chair prepare communication to the City Manager urging for thorough communication to residents by City and contractor; Christina Currie to prepare

ii. Notice Requirements

(a) article drafted by C.Currie and sent to George for March newsletter

iii. Possible articles on new Police Chief & City Commissioner Lamar Fisher

d) Parks

i) Swale/1way landscaping – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Fred)

i. Can't fix sod; too much rain recently

ii. Bollard, fencing, etc. request pending

e) Social (Nancy Messing)

i) Sam 2022 Camp Out Date Feb. 19, 2022 – signs and e-notices

(a) Action items

1. Toilet - done

2. Sprinklers – done

3. Electric outlet – off

4. Bank of lights – done

5. Coolers – Fred to provide

6. Power cords – Sam to pick up at storage or use Fred's

7. Outdoor lights - ? uncertain

8. Outdoor Mobile light – Capt. Scelfo assisting; Sam can decide where

9. Folding table – Sam still needs

10. RVCA banner to be displayed

ii) Featured Neighborhood on Neighbor Day @ NSU Art Museum 2/27 3-5pm

i. 3pm MEMBERS ONLY social in breeze way w/ DFLCA & CHHOA, 330pm private opening day exhibit tour [https://nsuartmuseum.org/exhibition/keith\\_haring\\_and\\_pierre\\_alechinsky/](https://nsuartmuseum.org/exhibition/keith_haring_and_pierre_alechinsky/), approved flyers provided, & free goodie bags

ii. Invite New Committee members to come

iii. RVCA offered to assist with costs

5) Unfinished Business

a) Monthly Transportation & Mobility Report TAM report – Posted Online

i) 1/4/21 Lagerbloom/ILA amendment: CMC let new Commission Lamar Fisher know

b) Tarpon River Water Quality – Bill Kirk; nothing to report (will remove from Agenda moving forward)

6) New Business-

a) Lack of Vote @ Annual Meeting Expired Terms: Messing, Snead, Currie, Koster, Stresau (3yr term)

- Motion to extend terms of expiring members made by Kirk, approved by Rajter. No opposition

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- b) Board of Directors Officer Elections (1 year term)
  - i) President – Christina agreed to remain
  - ii) Vice President – Lori Sterling nominated herself.
  - iii) Treasurer – Mark Snead agreed to remain
  - iv) Secretary – Julie Hough noted to Chair before meeting that she will agree to continue in role
  - Fred Stresau made motion to approve all nominations, Messing approved. All members agreed with no opposition.
  - Officers elected by Board only, no need for ratification by general meeting
  
- c) New Committee Members
  - Kirk noted to candidates have shown no continuing interest after communicating requirements for committee participation
  
- d) Request for 908 Speed Hump Removal letter from Board
  - Request made by Board member Messing to approve preparation of letter requesting City to remove 908 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Street Speed Hump, which she perceives to be causing significant flooding in her swale
  - Chuck Tatelbaum cautioned the Board about taking positions supporting Board members that are contrary to opinions and guidance of City Currie/Snead/Stresau concur and refer to City correspondence. Stresau offer to collaborate to assist NM
  - Nancy agreed to address topic again in future after additional objective data gathered supporting her request with assistance of FAU team brought into RVCA.

7) Adjourn – 7:51pm

**AMENDED PROPOSED 2022 RVCA VIRTUAL MEETING DATES**

Board Meeting 7PM	General Meeting 7:30PM	
3/16/22		
4/20/22		
5/18/22	5/23/22	
6/15/22		
7/20/22		
8/17/22		
9/21/22	10/3/22	
10/19/22		
11/16/22	11/21/22	
12/14/21		

**president@riovistaonline.com**

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**From:** Alan Dodd <ADodd@fortlauderdale.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** president@riovistaonline.com; Omar Castellon; Nancy  
**Cc:** Francisco Rios; Rares Petrica; 'Mark Snead'; Ben Sorensen; Tarlesha Smith  
**Subject:** RE: [-EXTERNAL-] 908 Ponce de Leon Drive- Service Request 872319

Christina,

We did meet with Ms. Messing last week, who I have included in this email. The roadway is designed and sloped so that water sheetflows south into the swale in front of 908 Ponce de Leon Drive. While the speedhump is higher than the adjacent roadway elevation, it does not change the amount of water falling onto the street that is collecting in this location. There may be some very minor improvements in removing it to allow flows to reach directly into the catchbasin just west of 908, however we will still see water ponding until we increase outflow capacity of the system (which will occur with the improvements scheduled in March to connect the infiltration system to the 15" outfall connection on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave). The curbing around the grassy area was installed at the request of the HOA to match the curbing at Hector Park for aesthetics. The park area confined by the curbing is higher than the adjacent roadway, and so removal of the curb will not provide any benefits as water will not flow uphill into the grassy area. Any effort to remove the curb would require significant work to create a swale on the north side of the road to capture rainwater, which then creates safety concerns due to reduced roadway width and lack of curbing. Due to the estimated costs, this would require development of a new Capital Construction project which would have to be budgeted for.

The speedhump was provided to provide traffic calming measures in the neighborhood to reduce speeding at the request of the neighborhood. If the neighborhood does not want this feature, we can remove it, however that is a trade off that must be considered.

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Alan Dodd, PE  
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City of Fort Lauderdale  
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**From:** president@riovistaonline.com <president@riovistaonline.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 10:54 AM  
**To:** Omar Castellon <OCastellon@fortlauderdale.gov>  
**Cc:** Alan Dodd <ADodd@fortlauderdale.gov>; Francisco Rios <FRios@fortlauderdale.gov>; Rares Petrica <RPetrica@fortlauderdale.gov>; 'Mark Snead' <vp@riovistaonline.com>; Ben Sorensen <BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [-EXTERNAL-] 908 Ponce de Leon Drive- Service Request 872319

Omar/Alan,

The resident at 908 sent me a message last week stating that she had met with you both. She advised that the property is getting flooded because of the high curbs which don't let water into the median and park. She advised that the speedhump is displacing thousands of gallons of water onto her property.

More, she advised that if the RVCA Board writes a request you will remove the speed hump. She did not forward any report or recommendation from you.

BEFORE RVCA TAKES ANY ACTION, Can you clarify if it is your recommendation to remove the speedhump to solve the problem the resident is experiencing?

Your judgment and experience is of a high value to me and the other members of the Board.

Christina Currie, Esq.  
President  
Rio Vista Civic Association  
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**From:** Omar Castellon <[OCastellon@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:OCastellon@fortlauderdale.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:16 AM  
**To:** Christina Currie <[president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com)>  
**Cc:** Alan Dodd <[ADodd@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ADodd@fortlauderdale.gov)>; Francisco Rios <[FRios@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:FRios@fortlauderdale.gov)>; Rares Petrica <[RPetrica@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:RPetrica@fortlauderdale.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: [-EXTERNAL-] 908 Ponce de Leon Drive- Service Request 872319

Hi Christina,

Please see e-mail below from a resident requesting to remove a speed hump. As a response to the flooding, the speed hump should not be contributing to the flooding at this location. The road at this location is pitched towards the grass swale, the speed hump is also located at a high point.

This is the exhibit that was presented to the Rio Vista neighbors in regards to the street narrowing and speed hump locations on February 16, 2021, this plans were approved by neighbors and HOA before any work was performed.

Thanks,

**Omar Castellon, P.E., PMP, ENV SP**  
**Assistant Public Works Director - Engineering**  
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Public Works | Engineering  
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-----Original Message-----  
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From: Nancy <nrmessing@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:02 AM  
To: Chris Lagerbloom <CLagerbloom@fortlauderdale.gov>; Ben Sorensen <BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov>; ICE Brand <doctorely@icloud.com>  
Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] 908 Ponce de Leon Drive

Dear City Manager Lagerbloom and Commissioner Sorensen,

We wanted to reach out about the speed hump recently placed directly in front of our home. The amount of water being displaced by the raised pavement now dumps directly onto our property which, as you are well aware, sits at a very low point in our area.

This hump severely exacerbates our flooding. As a car travels by, waves of water are pushed towards our home. The water is now rising and sits between our front and rear tires of our car parked in the driveway. Additionally, we are only the third house in from the corner, and drivers have not gained enough speed to warrant this placed here.

A catch basin was installed at the foot of 904 Ponce. It is useless as it lies above grade and water from our property cannot dump into it. It was filled halfway with muck and leaves and the 904 Ponce owner recently sucked out the debris at their expense which filled two green lawn barrels. The entrance to the catch basin needs to be lowered. It also needs to be vacuumed out monthly by the city as regular maintenance.

We would like the speed hump removed as soon as possible. We have gone from flooding to severe flooding due to the displacement of thousands of gallons of water now being dumped onto our property. Placement of this speed hump did not take into consideration the water displacement being dumped onto private property in a low lying area.

Thank you,

Nancy Messing  
908 Ponce de Leon Drive  
954-270-4380



Julie Hough <jbethhough@gmail.com>

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## Fwd: FW: Rio Vista & Upcoming Dredging

1 message

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**William Kirk** <williamedwardkirk@gmail.com>  
To: Julie Hough <jbethhough@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 8:39 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <[president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 8:08 PM  
Subject: FW: Rio Vista & Upcoming Dredging  
To: William "Bill" Kirk <[williamedwardkirk@gmail.com](mailto:williamedwardkirk@gmail.com)>

Please add to minutes. Thanks.

Christina Currie, Esq.

President

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**From:** [president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com) <[president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:08 PM  
**To:** 'Chris Lagerbloom' <[CLagerbloom@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:CLagerbloom@fortlauderdale.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Ben Sorensen' <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)>; Chuck Tatelbaum <[cmt@trippscott.com](mailto:cmt@trippscott.com)>  
**Subject:** Rio Vista & Upcoming Dredging

2/16/2022

Chris,

This evening RVCA had a Board meeting and the matter of the upcoming dredging in our neighborhood was raised. Board Member Bill Kirk has been corresponding with Todd Hiteshaw to obtain updates on what/when we should expect in this matter.

Please accept this as the RVCA Board requesting that the City and the selected contractor **exercise stong communication of all notices at the earliest possible point in time and on an ongoing basis**. We'd also request that the Association be provided with 1 preferred Point of Contact on this matter to ensure residents are going to the appropriate representative from your office or the Department rather than Commissioner Sorensen if that is not preferred.

Thanks,

Christina Currie, Esq.

President

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