RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting
Attended via ZOOM
July 16, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – at 7:00pm by President Lori Sterling

Attendance/Board Roll Call

Present: **Lori Sterling, Mark Snead, JJ Rajter, Evan Jaxtheimer, Bill Kirk, Nancy Messing, Ryan Lehrer, Alex Jean, Fred Stresau, Solomon Schoonover**

Absent: **Luci Mazza, Chuck Tatelbaum**

Late arrival: **None**

1. Motion to Approve May Minutes:

Motion: **Mark Snead**
Second: **Nancy Messing**

All members approved minutes.

2. Report of Officers –

a. President's report – (Lori Sterling)

- **Discussion of upcoming Safety and Security webinar (7/28)**
  - **Utilized Ben Sorenson's office for assistance; approximately 50 registered attendees**
  - **Speakers include FTL Police leadership, TAM leadership - with Q&A to follow – 1 hour**

b. Treasurer report – (Mark Snead)

- **Q2 Financials just sent out; financial results fairly consistent with prior periods. No concerns noted.**
- **In 2024 West Family Holiday contribution helped to drive positive results**
- **Discussion of contribution strategy for future events**

c. VP report – (JJ Rajter)

- **No report on CFLCA**
- **JJ noted that the minutes on recent meeting for CFLCA are located on the City website**

d. Secretary – (Bill Kirk)

- **No items to report**

3. Committee Reports

a. Membership - (Lori Sterling)

- **Drafting a letter to those residents that have not renewed over the last year, with an effort to learn information and potentially recapture members**
- **Lori also asked members to identify anyone in the neighbor who might be able to provide objective testimonials that can be published in the RVCA magazine**

b. Security Report – (Mark Snead & Solomon Schoonover)

- **Per Mark Snead, City Police has not exercised their new pricing and fee proposal; RVCA hoping that upcharge might be permanently deferred**
- **Solomon Schoonover discussed a call with the City about the process of providing/installing security gates for the neighborhood**
  - **Might require a minor traffic study to get approved**
  - **Project would need drawings for gate entrance**
  - **Currently City does not believe DOT would not to be involved**
  - **Otherwise does not look like too arduous or challenging process**
  - **City does not believe that this would require a majority approval vote of a significant portion of neighbor residents.**
- **Lori Sterling added that we can continue to develop an email campaign to help continue momentum on security issues**
- **Mark Snead asked about responses for Isle residents who are willing to put gates at entrance of their Isle; Solomon noted that he wanted to encourage residents to first invest in neighborhood entrance first**
- **Questions about setback requirements from multiple members – still trying to clarify City requirements**

c. Communications – (Mark Snead and Nancy Messing)

- **No items to report**

d. Disaster – (JJ Rajter)

- **Neighborhood Master plan has been reviewed and poised/prepared for an event**
- **JJ to provide a recap of emergency contact numbers for Lori to publish/communicate for residents**
- **No other items to report**

e. Parks – (Fred Stresau)

- **No items to report**

f. Social – (Nancy, Ryan, Evan, Luci)

- **Nancy Messing proposed Dec 6, 2025 for next Christmas party**
- **Ryan Lehrer proposed a Fall movie before Halloween – October 10, 2025**
  - **Lori noted that she has a sponsor for ice cream for the event (and maybe all future movies)**
  - **Lori also wants to continue with the Halloween House decorating contest**
  - **Possible August movie also discussed; Ryan and Lori to follow up**

4. Unfinished business/old business

a. Alex Jean updated board on Rio Vista Speed Radar Signs

- **Had meeting with City TAM and toured neighborhood**
- **SE 11 / RV Blvd is the primary target location for radar sign; secondary location would be at 5th Court / RV Blvd.**

b. Lori Sterling (for Luci Mazza) updated Board on merchandise project progress

- **Plan to launch website to assist with sales of merchandise**
- **Start with adult white T-shirts, hats, pennants, stickers and children t-shirts – will evaluate other items later**
- **Expect this effort to provide generous profits for RVCA**
- **First merchandize order expected to require a $1,200 investment; will require Board approval once crystalized.**

c. Lori Serling also noted that the City is moving forward with bids for underground utilities.

5. New business

a. Fred Stresau updated Board on the following issues:

- **Large Signs in front of homes**
  - **Fred discussed with Compliance and asked about current code for sign size.**
  - **City expected to survey neighborhood to investigate whether signs are in compliance.**
- **Neighborhood Traffic**
  - **City reviewed and made some changes to signs on 12th Street; they also put decoy car on 9th Avenue just north of 12th Street. Some positive results already.**
- **Walls Height in front of homes**
  - **Fred discussed meeting at City regarding topic of wall height compliance.**
  - Current code allows for 6'-6" high fence/wall to be constructed above the FEMA definition of Grade which is resulting in permitting taller structures that were previously allowed.
  - Fred noted that Dept. of Sustainability is now studying the code requirements to limit heights of fences/walls on property lines to those previously permitted as 6'-6" above existing ground.
  - **Mark suggested the Board should communicate with the City to determine how we can prevent new development with large, high walls surrounding portion/front of yard.**
  - **Mark Snead volunteered to draft letter on behalf of Board.**

b. Fred Stresau also asked about whether any Board members heard whether our License Plate readers have contributed to solving crimes in the neighborhood. Mark Snead mentioned that the City has communicated that our LPR have assisted in a number of cases. Board will work on communication to residents about effectiveness and value of LPRs.

6. Adjournment – Meeting Adjorned at 8:00pm.

Future Meeting and Events

	Board Meeting (7pm zoom or live TBD)	General Meeting 7 PM in person	GUESTS BOOKED
7	7/16/25		
7	7/28/2025		Special Safety and Security meeting/webinar 7/28 @4pm
8	8/20/25		
9	9/10/25		
9		9/22/25	
10	10/15/25		
11	11/19/25		
12	12/15/25 (tentative 6pm pre meeting before General Meeting)	12/15/2025 (Meeting at 7pm following Board Meeting)	