RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
via ZOOM

May 21, 2025

Call to Order – By Lori Sterling at 7:02pm

Attendance/Board Roll Call-

Present: **Lori Sterling, Bill Kirk, Mark Snead, Chuck Tatelbaum (counsel), JJ Rajter, Nancy Messing, Lucy Mazza, Solomon Schoonover, Ryan Lehrer**

Absent: **Evan Jaxtheimer, Fred Stresau**

Late arrival: **Alex Jean (arrived after initial Roll Call and Executive Session)**

Lori Sterling requested a Board enter a motion to request that the Board enter into an Executive Session. Motion requested by Nancy Messing for the Board to enter into an Executive Session; Mark Snead seconded the motion, and all members were in favor of the motion. The RVCA Board exited its scheduled Board meeting and entered into an Executive session at 7:03pm

Upon completion of the Board's Executive session at 7:05pm, the RVCA Board resumed its scheduled Board meeting agenda. Alex Jean joined the meeting at this time.

1. **Motion to Approve April Minutes:**
   Motion: **Nancy Messing**
   Second: **Mark Snead**
   All in favor; no dissenting members

2. **Report of Officers –**
   a. **President's report - Lori Sterling**
      - **Ben Sorenson holding meetings in advance of commission meetings; recent meeting topics were the following**

      i. **Homelessness**
      - **DFLCA (Downtown neighborhood civic association) has raised concern regarding serious problems with homelessness, and are trying to bring this issue to city police and public attention. Lori Sterling referred members to previous letter distributed to the Board prior to the meeting**
      - **DFLCA asking if RVCA would like to participate in endorsing multi-neighborhood letter**

- **Discussion commenced – members noted importance of supporting other neighborhoods, RV security impacts.**
- **Board agreed to participate in the endorsement of the letter; Lori Sterling to notify DFLCA**

ii. Termites

- **Serious problems with subterranean termites attacking live oak trees in the city; situation is threatening tree canopy in city; Rio Vista in the danger zone and could be impacted**
- **Lori distributed information regarding the problem for the board members to review**

iii. Storm Drains

- **Discussion about supporting Ben Sorenson to have storm drains inspected more regularly**
- **Ponce and 7th in RVCA recently impacted**

Other Topics

- **10th Street Isle resident taking an initiative to have FPL lines buried underground in section of neighborhood**
- **Lori to keep Board posted on his progress and possible next action**

b. Treasurer report – Mark Snead

- **No report**

c. VP report - JJ Rajter

CFLCA meeting topics included

- **New types of robberies noted through Range Rover FOBs and access to homes**
- **Speed zones in school areas; enforcement $150**
- **Ben Sorenson spoke about water flow from storms and hurricanes, and City redirection of water west in such situations**
- **Water quality was again a topic**
- **Discussion of changes to Bylaws**

d. Secretary - Bill Kirk - no report

4. Committee Reports

a. Membership-Lori Sterling-

- **Additional business participating in RVCA member program**
- **Letters to be sent to 8 new residents; activity seems to be picking up**

b. Security Report – Mark Snead & Solomon Schoonover

- **Mark noted that RVCA now paying additional $8 per hour for security hours**
- **Solomon shared a possible flyer that he would like to distribute to help raise funds for security initiatives; Lori and Solomon to discuss how to implement and address.**

- **Solomon also suggested other initiatives, including phone drive, door knocking, email campaign, social and fundraiser as possible future events.**

c. Communications – Mark Snead and Nancy Messing - no report

d. Disaster – JJ Rajter - no report

e. Parks - Fred Stresau - no report

f. Social

1. **Ideas for the Summer?**
   - **Solomon Schoonover suggested music in the park; Lori and Solomon to review concept closer**
   - **Ryan Lehrer discussed pursuing movie options**

5. **Unfinished business/old**
   a. **Alex Jean updated Board that we are still waiting on City to meet to discuss radar signs on RVB further**

   b. **RVCA Merchandising - Luci Mazza**
      - **Lucy shared some mock-ups for shirts, pennants, hats**
      - **Discussed need to be aware of RVCA retail brand**

6. **New business –**
   a. **New Sign on pump station on Cordova**
   b. **Speed Humps in RV**
      - **Proposal to use large size speed bump that Mark Snead proposed appears to be approved by City now, after review with Police and Fire departments**
   c. **Sidewalk art in RV for VY**
      - **Sold out in 6 hours; will get prepared in June**
      - **Lucy Mazza to oversee completion**
   d. **Review neighborhood parking study and city position**
      - **Study completed by City; significant number of parking noncompliance noted by City**
      - **City normally does not enforce parking violations in neighborhoods unless residents voice concern**
      - **Lori distributed information from study to Board members**
      - **Board agreed to communicate to residents to handle violations directly**

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Future Meeting and Events:

	Board Meeting (7 PM zoom or live TBD)	General Meeting 7 PM in person	GUESTS BOOKED
1		1/27/2025	YMCA presentation by CEO Sheryl Woods
2	2/19/25		
3	3/19/25		
4	4/16/25		
4		4/21/25	Representatives from Residents for Resilience and Coastal Conservation Association
5	5/21/25		
6	6/18/25		
7	7/16/25		
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)	