

# **RIOVISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting March 16, 2022 7PM Via Zoom AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order 7pm
- 2) Attendance/Board Roll Call-

Present:

Christina Currie  
Mark Snead  
Julie Hough  
Nancy Messing  
Lori Sterling  
William Kirk  
Jean Jacques Rajter

Absent:

Fred Stresau  
Sam Koster (in class on Wednesday evenings through April 20)  
Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting) (available via phone for any concerns or legal questions)

- 3) Reports of Officers
  - a) Treasurer – very little pushback with price increase. But no other concerns. All financials sent to the Board.
  - b) Secretary Approval of Minutes from Feb 2022. Snead moved to approve, Messing seconded, no objections. Minutes approved.
  - c) CFLCA Report- 3/11 bridge/tunnel presentation from FDOT, vote on tunnel as LPA 11 yes, 3 no, 7 abstain motion failed.
- 4) Committee Reports
  - a) Membership/Welcome (Lori Sterling)- wants to provide a gift to new residents. Either needs to find someone to deliver the 5-6 gifts per month to new residents or we could mail the gifts. May go back to January 1 and make this official as of the first of the year and send gifts to those residents who moved in between 1/1 and present.
  - b) Security (Mark Snead) – the Lauderdale Harbors/Rio Vista LPR went live a few weeks ago. Three locations being monitored.
  - c) Communications Committee- Next issue is May & Deadline is 4/26/2022
    - i) Mark updated board information online
  - d) Parks
    - i) Swale/1way landscaping (Fred) – Stresau to make recommendation for what needs to be there and try to get the City to pay for it, but otherwise, RVCA will pay for it.
      - i. Bollard, fencing, etc. request pending TAM/PW
  - e) Social
    - i) NSU Art- approx. 50-60 & only 3 from RVCA
    - ii) Movie night (social committee or establish Movie Committee) – Shady Banks has movie night and we will copy their program, which is easy to implement. Two neighbors have volunteered to lead the project, purchase equipment, and store the equipment. \$500 will cover the costs for a projector, blow-up screen, yard signs. Program will commence in April. There should not be a recurring cost

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for the program. It seems the program could have sponsors. Snead moved to spend up to \$500 on equipment for movie night, Kirk seconded, no objections. Motion passed.

- iii) Pending Florida Panthers Watch Party @ VY Park – Some Panthers executives live in neighborhood and they want to have a watch party at the park. Need permit for block party, food truck, potentially some street hockey, cheerleaders. The date would be Thursday April 28, game time 7 pm. There is very little (if anything) for RVCA to do. Snead moved to allow watch party, Kirk seconded, no opposition. Motion passed.

## 5) Unfinished Business

- a) Monthly Transportation & Mobility Report TAM report – Posted Online
  - i) ILA from County to City per Lamar F.
- b) Dredging- latest update on the Tarpon River project:

The City has released the purchase order to the contractor to perform the work; however the Notice to Proceed (NTP) has not started as the City and Contractor are still negotiating the staging area for the project. The staging area still looks like it is going to be the vacant lot behind the Lorenzo Nissan dealership. Once the agreement is finalized, the NTP will begin and the Contractor has 30 days to begin the work. The City expects that the work will begin quickly as the Contractor is already mobilized to start. The City, in conjunction with the project plan, has recommended that residents move their boats, but is not requiring them to do so. The City will not assist with costs nor make any accommodations for boat owners.

The Contractor is currently finalizing their "Property Care Plan", a part of which includes communication to the local residents. The City and Contractor do not believe that there will be a lot of traffic in the neighborhood or around the project site, and that most of the project impact will affect the immediate residents on the river - contractors will be barged to the project location, and there will be limited traffic from workers' trucks or other associated project traffic. Contractor plans to provide the following direct communication to the local residents along the north and south parts of the river directly impacted by the work:

- Provide a 7-day notice prior to the work, once the NTP is received from the City
- The 7-day notice will be in the form of a door hanger, which will note the start date of the project, a short summary of the scope of work, and a list of project contacts

The City, through its PAO, will also prepare to send out information regarding the project to Fort Lauderdale residents - most of this through social media and Todd Hiteshew will provide language to RVCA for any social media messages we want to send out to local residents.

## 6) New Business-

- a) Establishing a Min. \$ Amount President Can Authorize Absent Board Vote for RVCA matters – should an amount just be established for membership spend, when waiting a month is not efficient. Currie suggested potentially \$200 could be spent without board approval for membership expenditures. Messing suggested perhaps the membership committee would have to spend its own money and then get reimbursed by the Treasurer. Additionally, Sterling suggested we put together a schedule and a budget for the year and get that approved. Kirk moved to allow a \$200 expenditure by the membership committee without board approval, Snead seconded, no objection. Motion passed.

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- b) FLOS Million Orchid Project (Lori/Celeste) – see attachments. Orchid project wants to partner with RVCA to repopulate our trees with native orchids. Snead suggested that Sterling should provide a written plan of what RVCA needs to do. Sterling will provide the details to the Board including how many volunteers would it take, information on watering and other requirements.
  - c) Undergrounding (Mark) – In Ben’s newsletter, he discussed undergrounding and now residents are asking for RVCA to fill out an application for undergrounding, which then puts the onus on FPL to do engineering and determination of feasibility. It will then end up in an assessment which could cost \$6-10k per house and then that assessment has to be voted on by neighbors. Big issue is who will house the transformer on their property. Hough moved for Snead to submit application to the City to start the process to allow for undergrounding, Kirk seconded, Rajter opposed. Motion passed.
  - d) Sea wall and Ponce Edges estimate April to be completed
  - e) Snead asked whether the next general meeting should be live rather than via zoom. Currie suggested we could use the Church and Snead will check with them about the three dates for 2022 general meetings.
- 7) Adjourn 7:42 pm

**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		

**From:** Sue Mitchell-Greig <smg05kw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2022 7:05 PM  
**To:** lori@sterlingteetor.com  
**Cc:** president@riovistaonline.com  
**Subject:** FLOS Million Orchid Project  
**Attachments:** FLOS MOP Join us 2022pdf.pdf; Florida Natives SMG pdf2.pdf; Untitled attachment 01701.txt

Hi Lori,

Thank you again for reaching out regarding the Million Orchid Project. I am attaching a project overview sheet that will walk you through the process and also a pdf of the actual plants that we are offering.

Generally, 80% of your project will be the *Encyclia tampensis*. The Alba version is very pretty, but are more difficult to get. Generally 10 - 20 plants per installation. Same with the *Epidendrum nocturnum* and *Cyrtopodium punctatum*. The *Trichocentrum undulatum* is also very colorful and is usually planted in the forks of trees or in the base of palm fronds, but we will usually use 5 - 10 per installation.

Prices are as follows:

*Encyclia tampensis* are \$3.00 (for projects of 1000+ ET Alba are \$6.00 *Cyrtopodiums* are \$5.00 *Trichocentrums* are \$7.50 *Epidendrum nocturnum* are \$6.00

In reviewing notes, the survival rate of the ET's are approximately 60%. The others are much higher, but I think that is due to the fact that there are fewer of them and they get more attention. We do recommend attaching plastic "ribbons" by the plantings so it is easy to identify their location.

My contact regarding plantings for the medians at the City of Fort Lauderdale is Enrique Sanchez but he is in the Parks & Recreation Dept. so I do not know if he would be helpful to you.

As I mentioned, our planting season for 2022 will run from June through August so that may give you time to get your project started. If I can offer additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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## Florida Endangered Native Tree Orchids



*Encyclia tampensis* (Florida butterfly orchid) and  
*Encyclia alba*

This orchid grows on a wide variety of native trees including live oak, slash pine, mahogany and pond apple. Flowering period is May - August.

*Encyclia alba* is the white version.



*Epidendrum Nocturnum* (Fragrant at night)

These can flower at any time of the year. This grows well on a variety of hardwood trees and prefers the shadiest branches. Green and white flowers are very fragrant at night.





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## Florida Endangered Native Tree Orchids



*Trichocentrum undulatum* or Spotted Mule Ear Orchid  
These orchids grow on the trunks and branches of trees. They have long leathery, folded leaves that can reach over 5 feet in length. Plant in forks of trees or directly on trunks of trees on north or east side to avoid direct afternoon sun.



*Cyrtopodium punctatum* also known as Cigar orchid and Cowhorn Orchid  
This is a dramatic orchid with mass of pseudobulbs that can grow up to 1.5 meters across. An individual inflorescence can produce more than 500 flowers. Blooms March - May



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## Florida Endangered Native Ground Orchids



*Oncidium ensatum* (Florida Oncidium or Dancing Lady)

Native terrestrial that prefers shady spots with mulch. Plant at the base of a tree or in a flower garden.

Flowers throughout the year.



*Purpea Bletia* (Pine Pink)

Flowers from December to March. This plant prefers a shady spot with mulch but grows well in a variety of landscapes.

Terrestrial, 5 corms per pot. Plant as a single clump. Appears grassy, be mindful of lawn maintenance.



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We are now looking for partners who are interested in participating in this project. Fairchild and FLOS are both 501(c)3 organizations who are conducting this pursuant to our respective charters.

Plantings are done in spring and summer to take advantage of the rainy season. The following is a general outline of how a project is structured:

1. Site visit – experts from FLOS and/or Fairchild will visit your potential site(s) and do an assessment of the landscape and species that would do well. (Winter / Spring 2020)
2. Ceremonial event and initial installation – kickoff event, featuring training and support by FLOS and/or Fairchild. Volunteers from the partnering organization are trained in how to install orchids in trees and plant terrestrials in the ground. We have generally started with installations around 500 plants. (Summer 2020)
3. Second year planting – a mix of terrestrial and epiphytic orchids are installed, usually at least 1,000. (Summer 2021)
4. Third year planting – third year may be more oriented towards epiphytes (tree orchids) as these take the longest to mature. 1,000 or more plants. (Summer 2022)
5. Fourth year – extended plantings if desired (especially for very large projects) (Summer 2023)

Orchids are planted in groups, often 25 – 50 per tree or ground planting, so 1,000 orchids will not go into 1,000 trees! You can easily put over 100 seedlings into a mature live oak, for instance.

Partners will be responsible for

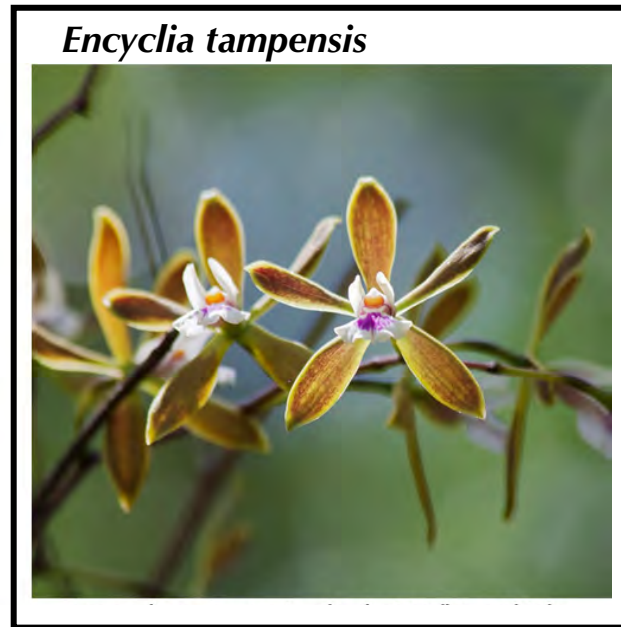
- Installing orchids (with training and assistance) following recommendations of FLOS and Fairchild
- Commit to watering for first 30 days, and occasionally thereafter during dry spells (until established, less than one year)
- Cost recovery of approximately \$3.50 per plant; this will vary depending on the site requirements and species used.

### **Contact information**

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society: Sue Mitchell-Greig [smg05kw@gmail.com](mailto:smg05kw@gmail.com) or Allen Cogar [tocogar@gmail.com](mailto:tocogar@gmail.com)



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### ***Cyrtopodium punctatum* (Florida cowhorn or cigar orchid)**

**Distribution:** Florida to Mexico and south to Argentina

**Flowering period:** March-June

**Growth habit:** Grows on tropical hard wood trees. Native trees include buttonwood, live oak, bald cypress, and cabbage palm. A mass of cigar-like pseudobulbs can grow up to 1.5 meters across and an individual plant can produce more than 500 flowers. In Florida this orchid is highly endangered. Intense collecting pressure during the last century has greatly impacted populations of this orchid and illegal collection continues to be a threat.

### ***Encyclia tampensis* (Florida butterfly orchid)**

**Distribution:** Bahamas, Cuba, and Florida.

**Flowering period:** May-August with a peak in June.

**Growth habit:** In Florida this orchid grows on a wide variety of native trees including live oak, slash pine, red maple, gum, bald cypress, buttonwood, pop ash, and pond apple. Forms dense clusters along horizontal branches.

**Sample ground orchids:**



***Bletia purpurea* (Pine pink)**

**Distribution:** Florida, West Indies, Central America, and northern South America.

**Flowering period:** December to March

**Growth habit:** This orchid grows in open habitats or shade. *Bletia purpurea* is considered threatened in Florida.

***Oncidium ensatum* (Florida *Oncidium* or Dancing Lady)**

**Distribution:** Tropical America, the Bahamas and extends into southern Florida.

**Flowering Period:** All year; primarily May- August

**Growth habit:** Found in terrestrial habitats of rich humus in relatively dry hammocks, or as epiphytes at the base of cypress trees in wet forests.

More species information available at: <http://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org/>

**president@riovistaonline.com**

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**From:** president@riovistaonline.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 12:27 PM  
**To:** Julie Hough  
**Subject:** i will share this update at BOD meeting

see below for your minutes goes back to sept 2021. thanks.

Christina Currie, Esq.  
President  
Rio Vista Civic Association  
[www.riovistaonline.com](http://www.riovistaonline.com)

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**From:** Denise Greenstein <DGreenstein@fortlauderdale.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2022 10:28 AM  
**To:** Ryan Thomas <RThomas@fortlauderdale.gov>; president@riovistaonline.com  
**Cc:** Junia Robinson <Junia.Robinson@fortlauderdale.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [-EXTERNAL-] Fwd: Road pics for Ben, it is also on n the South side, I didn't get pics though- Service Request 844640

Hello,

I looked into this issue. It is tentatively scheduled for April. We are tracking with Service Request 844640. Below is a picture from the original request.



Thank you,

Denise

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**From:** Ryan Thomas <[RThomas@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:RThomas@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:05 PM

**To:** Denise Greenstein <[DGreenstein@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:DGreenstein@fortlauderdale.gov)>; Junia Robinson <[Junia.Robinson@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Junia.Robinson@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Cc:** [president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com); Ben Sorensen <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: [-EXTERNAL-] Fwd: Road pics for Ben, it is also on n the South side, I didn't get pics though

Hi Christina,

Please allow me to investigate.

Neighbor Support, please see for reference.

Regards,

**Ryan C. Thomas**

**Director of Community Affairs**

**Office of Commissioner Ben Sorensen-District 4**

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**From:** [president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com) <[president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:01 PM

**To:** Ben Sorensen <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Cc:** Ryan Thomas <[RThomas@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:RThomas@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: [-EXTERNAL-] Fwd: Road pics for Ben, it is also on n the South side, I didn't get pics though

Hi Ben/Ryan:

The edges of Ponce in the 1st block off Federal bordering sidewalks are still all unfinished asphalt. Any idea when this will be repaired?

Christina Currie, Esq.

President

Rio Vista Civic Association

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**From:** Kristi Quarles <[kristi.quarles@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.quarles@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:53 AM

**To:** Ben Sorensen <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Cc:** [Deaconacc@gmail.com](mailto:Deaconacc@gmail.com); Currie Christina <[president@riovistaonline.com](mailto:president@riovistaonline.com)>

**Subject:** Re: [-EXTERNAL-] Fwd: Road pics for Ben, it is also on n the South side, I didn't get pics though

Thanks Ben, I only took pictures in front of our home but it is on both sides of the street In front of multiple homes, only happened after the sidewalks were replaced.

Thanks again!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2021, at 11:43 AM, Ben Sorensen <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)> wrote:

Greg and Tarlesha,

Can you see below and attached? Can we help? Thank you.

Ben

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Ben Sorensen

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**From:** Steve Quarles <[deaconacc@gmail.com](mailto:deaconacc@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:13 AM

**To:** Ben Sorensen <[BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorensen@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** [-EXTERNAL-] Fwd: Road pics for Ben, it is also on n the South side, I didn't get pics though

Hi Ben, here are photos of the road work on Ponce west of 9th. Many sidewalks, not just ours were replaced, but the road has not been completed. We are at 807 Ponce De Leon Dr, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

thank you,

Steve Quarles

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

From: **Kristi Quarles** <[kristi.quarles@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.quarles@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 8:19 AM

Subject: Road pics for Ben, it is also on n the South side, I didn't get pics though

To: Lid <[deaconacc@gmail.com](mailto:deaconacc@gmail.com)>

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