RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

General Meeting Agenda
In Person Meeting @Rio Vista Community Church
January 27th, 2025 7 PM

1. Call to Order – 7:02pm

Board Roll Call

Present: Lori Sterling, Bill Kirk, Mark Snead, JJ Rajter, Nancy Messing, Fred Stresau, Ryan Lehrer, Solomon Schoonover, Chuck Tatalbaum (guest, counsel), Lucy Mazza (guest)

Absent Alex Jean, Evan Jaxtheimer

Acting Secretary Bill Kirk and Lori Sterling announced that a quorum existed, by proxy of 58 members, for voting and approval purposes.

JJ Rajter motioned for approval of the following: (a) Member approval of the September 2024 and December 2024 minutes General meeting minutes; (b) new 3 year terms for board directors William (Bill) Kirk, Mark Snead, Nancy Messing, Fred Stresau, Evan Jaxtheimer, and Ryan Lehrer; and (c) an initial three (3) year term for new board director Luci Mazza.

The motion was seconded by Board member Nancy Messing. All others members approved, with no objections raised.

Meeting Agenda Items:

A. Guest Sheryl Woods, CEO YMCA - presentation of the Holiday Park upcoming project in Fort Lauderdale.

Highlights of Sheryl's presentation:

- Sheryl noted that presentations have been provided to a number of neighborhoods, promoting the project as community friendly and family oriented.
- Sheryl introduced BM John Scherer (builder), Jason (Project Manager) & Jackie Howe, Mark Russell (ex-CFO – assisting with project), Sheila Sanchez (assistant to Sheryl).
- Sheryl provided high level view of South Florida YMCA; largest provider of after school programs in South Florida.
- YMCA's desire of "Leaving a Legacy Project"
- Member of FLL Holiday Park YMCA will make you member of all YMCAs in South Florida
- Programs include health and wellness, aquatic, after school, indoor sports and more; locally owned, managed and operated.

- Questions about pool availability by general member – Y plans to keep the pool open on the weekend to all local residents.
- Broward Health occupies part of the 60,000 sq.ft facility - a 12,000 sq ft of emergency-response space.
- Florida leads the nation in drowning; YMCA aims significant focus and resources on water safety and drowning prevention.
- Opportunities for special events for Corporate and other organizations.
- Expect 92% of the traffic coming to the Broward Health facility will be walk-in response – 24/7. Staffed by doctors, emergency room testing lab, etc.
- Do not expect that this facility will attract homelessness; expect the opposite, as healthy lifestyle format.
- Project team includes Gulf Builders, Shutts & Bowen (legal), others.
- Will open Spring 2027 – currently on-track. Break ground late Spring 2025.
- Question from resident Ken regarding who owns property, and who solicited project; Sheryl explained how YMCA approached City to build.
- Question regarding traffic associated with new Broward Health facility; Sheryl explained that they do not expect this facility to be a large driver of traffic.

B. Report from RVCA Officers

1. President - Lori Sterling
    a. Discussed other three (3) scheduled meetings for 2025, and some the proposed special guests

2. Vice President - JJ Rajter
    a. JJ discussed more about the CFCLA and its purpose
    b. Discussed search for the next City Manager
        i. Forum next week at the Womens Club in Fort Lauderdale to learn more

3. Secretary – Bill Kirk
    a. Bill Kirk introduced as the new Secretary

4. Treasurer - Mark Snead
    a. End of year Treasurer report was favorable due to contributions provided and received for neighborhood events

C. Report from Committees

1. Membership - Lori Sterling
    - Lori discussed membership drive, and encouraged other attendees and members to discuss joining with the neighbors

2. Social - Nancy Messing
    - Movie in the Park Friday, 2/7 – Wicked

- March 1 event 'Carti Gras
- Saturday, April 6 "Car Show"
- Saturday, April 12, Orchid Installation

3. Security - Mark Snead and Solomon Schoonover
   - Solomon Schoonover addressed the Board about security initiative and subcommittee activities
     - Currently, the community has Protect Rio Vista program
     - Would like to implement more License Plate readers – which requires significant funding
     - Evaluate unmanned gate – early stages
     - Working on fundraiser to address funding License Plate readers

5. Communications - Nancy Messing and Mark Snead
   - No additional questions or commentary

5. Parks - Fred Stresau
   - Fred Stresau introduced to attendees; no questions raised about the parks

6. Disaster - JJ Rajter
   - Introduced JJ Rajter to attendees; no discussion points; JJ noted that Board and community always looking for participants to assist when needed.

D. New/Old Business

1. Sergeant Mark Wright
   - Reviewed current neighborhood crime stats and issues
     - Crime stats – 3 arrests in last week
     - Last 7 weeks; 2 burglaries, 3 car thefts (key fob problems)
     - Patrol noticed adolescents "casing" neighborhood
     - Question from member to Sergeant Wright about reporting events; SW encouraged members to report all events

2. Code officer Gustavo Caracas was unavailable to answer any questions; deferred to next meeting

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:19pm