

RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 24, 2022 7:30PM (annual meeting)
ZOOM MEETING ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO RVCA MEMBERS

This meeting was adjourned early because the Zoom link was broken. Only Chief Scirotto spoke and we will continue the meeting to another date.

1. Call to Order 7:31

a. Board Roll Call –

Present:

Christina Currie

Mark Snead

Julie Hough

Nancy Messing

Lori Sterling

William Kirk

Sam Koster

Fred Stresau

Jean Jacques Rajter

Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)

Guests:

Ben Sorensen

Chief Scirotto

George Milhau

Ryan Thomas

b. Verify General Membership Quorum of 10% (# from Mark Snead _) No quorum

c. Announcements:

i. Type your **HOUSEHOLD** last name in Chat for attendance.

ii. Will be taking agenda out of order to accommodate guests.

iii. Please utilize use the Q&A Function will E-mail follow-up for unanswered.

2. Officers' Reports

a. Treasurer:

b. Secretary: Need approval of minutes for 2021 GMs [HERE](#)

3. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee Report

i. Join a RVCA [Committee](#)

b. Security: (Mark Snead) LPR's & increased traffic enforcement

c. Membership/Welcome: Lori Sterling, Chair

d. Social: Nancy Messing

i. Camp Out 2/19/2022 Sam Koster

e. Communications:

i. Next edition-golf carts, dredging, development notice summary

4. Old Business

a. [Traffic & Mobility Monthly Update](#) (posted online monthly)

i. Issue of stop sign removal on SE 11th Ave is still being addressed by modification of City/County agreement.

b. Tarpon River Dredging Bill Kirk

i. Anticipate March 2022 & will Plan INFO sessions

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- c. Participation Grant Program: Flooding, Energy Savings, Water Quality Testing
 - i. ["Broward Climate Resilience Stewardship: Empowering Communities to Overcome Flood Risks and Energy Challenges"](#) by Dr. Dan Meeroff, FAU
- d. Increasing safety during Kind Tides on Cordova

5. New Business

- a. FLPD Chief Larry Sciroto ([Bio here](#))
 - i. Q's submitted on: approach to reducing gun violence, improved youth relations, dirt bikes, community policing
 - ii. Notes from meeting: Chief since 08/16/2021, three major goals: (1) changes in community policing (previously 10 people assigned to neighborhood action team) and trying to become more engaged with the entire police department. RV has two zone officers on afternoon, two at night, two at daylight and so do neighboring neighborhoods. Looking for problem-solving strategy for the entire community of neighborhoods. The objective is the officers are available and accessible to the community and not just inside their cars. Officer Bill Schultz is working to get new pods in order and assigned to the various neighborhoods and the new strategy should be complete in the near future and we will know who is the sergeant assigned to RV so we can isolate the issues in the neighborhood and the police will become accountable for the outcome of issues. (2) Also crime reduction strategy that is focusing on west and southwest sections of the City, not so much in RV. Gun violence is being addressed by Community Violence Prevention Unit. The unit has 12 officers in uniforms and a 6 person narcotics team attached to it. They are going to where the violence takes them, not just to a specific neighborhood or area. They are working to build relationships with the community and mentoring youth by being engaged with youth in the community and engage with youth and community not just in times of crisis. Personnel assigned to reduction of gun violence, last week was their first week working under new strategy. (3) Also developing the police force as individuals professionally.
 - iii. Question from Tatelbaum re license plate readers – should we get more? Are they effective? Chief Sciroto is in process of extending the City program; four analysts from the City working with the County to expand license plate reader program. City should have approximately 50 LPRs by year end plus the LPRs in various neighborhoods such as RV. Chief told a story about a case that was solved within 72 hours because of an LPR and how important the technology is for police department.
 - iv. Question from Messing about the motor bikes and other vehicles that are driving aggressively on road. Sciroto said there has been more police action in the past few months than in the past few years to stop ATVs and motor bikes on the road. They are not legal on the road and the FLPD has made over 25 arrests and written countless citations and able to keep them off the beach side of the city and the PD is not turning a blind eye and is continuing to be engaged and get these vehicles off the road.
 - v. Kirk asked the Chief what are his expectations from the RV Board and how can we help – Chief asked for the association Presidents speak for the group to act as a liaison between our community and neighboring communities and the FLPD. Currie partners with two other neighborhoods to help create the policing strategy to share a goal to problem solve together. Chief asked that we focus on tasks that will benefit the larger community. Currie added that we are able to bring other neighborhoods together and network with other associations to be able to contribute more meaningfully.
 - vi. Stresau asked that we have a further conversation about disaster response and hurricanes and how we can as a neighborhood respond to disasters. Currie offered to connect Rajter who runs the disaster response with someone from the City who could offer meaningful assistance to the neighborhood.
- b. Commissioner Ben Sorensen- Updates

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- c. Community Enhancement Inspector
 - i. Q's submitted on: vacation rentals, frequency of circulation, light pollution
 - d. Commission Prioritization [Workshop 1/27/2022](#)
 - e. Upcoming RVCA Meetings:
 - i. Virtual Board Meetings Monthly
 - ii. 2022 General Meetings: 5/23, 10/3, 11/21
- 6. Adjourn to reschedule meeting because the Zoom link was broken. We will also share the recording on the website. Adjourn 8:02 pm.**