

RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MAY 23, 2022 7:30PM (*general meeting*)

Only current members of the RVCA are eligible to vote during our General Meeting. To check on the status of your membership email treasurer@riovistaonline.com.

1. Call to Order 7:32 pm

a. Board Roll Call by Julie Hough, Secretary

Present:

Christina Currie

Mark Snead

Julie Hough

Nancy Messing

Sam Koster

Fred Stresau

Jean Jacques Rajter

Absent:

Chuck Tatelbaum (non-voting)

William Kirk

Lori Sterling

Guests:

Gustavo “Gus” Caracas, Code Compliance Officer 954-828-5247

Ben Sorenson

Sergeant Wright – patrol officer

b. Verify General Membership Quorum of 10% - No quorum met

c. Announcements:

i. Parking in lot on North side of 9 Street

ii. Agenda will be taken out of order to accommodate guests.

2. Officers’ Reports

a. Treasurer: P&L and Balance Sheet available for review, contact Mark Snead; RVCA has \$25k and prepaid security \$170k. RVCA earned \$4k profit in 2022.

b. Secretary: Need approval of past minutes GMs [HERE](#) – no quorum, no vote.

3. Committee Reports

a. Disaster Committee: Call for members, hurricane season begins 6/1/22 (Rajter) – need volunteers in case of emergency to clear debris or other assistance needed for residents.

b. Security: (Mark Snead/FLPD Rep.) – three functioning LPR cameras in neighborhood are being utilized by the City and they have proven helpful.

c. Parks (Currie) – VY Park being completed: area by swings being changed fixed to a single surface, second swing being installed, new garbage cans (potentially per Sorensen, half garbage/half recycling in one can), bike racks being installed, and repairing slide.

d. Social: Nancy Messing and Sterling – Movie Nights in VY Park – successful first movie night drew 60-70 residents. Next movie is Luca on June 10.

e. Communications: golf carts, development notice summary, dredging in next edition of RV Magazine

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.

ii. Currie working with TAM on traffic studies, the interlocal agreement and more to come.

b. Green Your Routine – Held beach and neighborhood clean-ups and recycling campaign. Earned \$600 to spend on a sustainable project and is supporting the Orchid Project. Orchid Project will have a July workshop to learn to plant and then there will also be watering and more planting opportunities.

c. Tarpon River Dredging Bill Kirk – running behind schedule due to boat traffic/residents moving boats, etc.

5. New Business

a. Sergeant Wright – updates:

i. Last couple of months the crime activity has been isolated. Lots of car break-ins.

ii. Important Safety Tips: Lock your car doors and update contact information with alarm company.

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- b. Commissioner Ben Sorensen- Updates:
 - i. EMS substation #88 will be under construction 2023 with an estimated move-in date for the EMS/paramedics/firefighters. Will fix response times in RV; currently very slow response times in neighborhood. Sorensen is also working with a developer on a public/private investment for another EMS substation off of Las Olas.
 - ii. Seawall surface painting to occur in June, weather permitting.
 - iii. Working on Ponce pavement repairs.
 - iv. 9th avenue one-way, Stresau is working on landscaping plan with city and Currie working with TAM to see if there is anything else that can be done such as putting up a rail.
 - v. Alleyway clean up next to cemetery – date scheduled for a walk-through to determine the scope, but minor cleanup and plan to keep the natural setting.
 - vi. Complaint from resident that trees on property at bottom of 9th avenue bridge block ability to see. Sorensen is looking into it.
 - vii. The flashing speed limit sign on 9th avenue is helping slow down drivers coming off the bridge.
 - viii. Another complaint about debris from sewage/construction – Sorensen looking into debris cleanup where it piled up from turbidity curtain.
 - ix. Police station – contract being finalized, hope to have new building within three years.
 - x. 911 issues – City exploring the cost to have its own system apart from the County system.
 - xi. Undergrounding – application submitted. Only one other neighborhood has been successful, but it took 10 years from application to ground breaking, which is occurring later this year.
 - 1. Requires application (completed)
 - 2. Engineering from City and FP&L
 - 3. Requires 70% of voter approval
 - 4. Requires transformer boxes every 2-3 houses
 - xii. Golf carts – must be licensed, registered, and driven only by licensed drivers.
 - xiii. Weapons – it is illegal to discharge a weapon of any kind in the City of Fort Lauderdale including beebee guns, air guns, to kill iguanas, etc. Call emergency line if you see a gun, non-emergency line for pellets, beebees, etc. 954-764-HELP.
- c. Code Enforcement – Currently 22 compliance cases for RV, 8 going to special magistrate. Q’s submitted on: vacation rentals, frequency of circulation, light pollution.
 - i. Swales – homeowners have to maintain; they are for water run-off. They do have a public right of way for use for a temporary time (walking, short term parking, etc.).
 - ii. Sidewalks –
 - 1. Blocking sidewalks – homeowners supposed to park in “designated” property parking spaces, which does not include sidewalk area. Again, would have to complain about a particular homeowner. Same with swale.
 - 2. If you want a “No Parking” sign you can request it on your property, but that means no parking for everyone including the homeowner.
 - 3. Maintaining sidewalks – homeowners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks, but Code has to receive a complaint to initiate a case.
 - iii. Airbnb/short term rentals – work with Code on these complaints to alleviate noise issues, etc.
 - iv. Complaints require complainant to leave their name and address. Sorensen says he will use his name if he sees the issue and the homeowner doesn’t want to complain.
- d. Email update from L. Fisher: *We attended a meeting today at which Ben Rogers and Lisa Marie Glover from the City’s Transportation and Mobility Department were also present, and we had the opportunity to briefly discuss this subject. At the moment, we do not have a request from the City to reacquire its original jurisdiction for the subject intersections on SE 11 Avenue or the entire Rio Vista Neighborhood as a whole, but it is my understanding from this morning’s conversation that the City prefers for the City and County to mutually update the Traffic Engineering Agreement (TEA) to the newer, more comprehensive form of the agreement before any transfers of traffic control authority occur. The City would have to plan and budget for the 24/7 operational needs required to accept back traffic control jurisdiction and maintenance for any areas of significance. Therefore, it would make sense to move forward with updating the interlocal agreement and incorporating any changes of jurisdiction into the new agreement at that time, as the subject stop signs are not the only locations at issue. County staff is currently in the process of drafting new articles to the latest version of the agreement (the version that so far only the City of Cooper City has*

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executed), and hopes to have a fully revised standard form agreement ready to present to our Board for approval in late August or September.

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f. Upcoming RVCA Meetings:

i. Virtual Board Meetings Monthly

ii. 2022 General Meetings: 10/3, 11/21 (Lamar Fisher to attend one of these meetings)

6. Adjourn 8:24 pm