RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

In Person Meeting @Rio Vista Community Church
General Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2025 - 7:05 PM

Call to Order by Lori Sterling, President of RVCA at 7:05pm

Board Roll Call (done via just completed BOD meeting)

Present

Lori Sterling, Mark Snead, JJ Rajter, Bill Kirk, Ryan Lehrer, Solomon Schoonover, Evan Jaxtheimer, Alex Jean, Nancy Messing

Absent

Luci Mazza, Chuck Tatelbaum (Board counsel)

Agenda Items:

1. City/Neighborhood Update – Lori Sterling introduction of Commissioner Ben Sorenson
    a. Discussion of development on SE 17th Street
        - Increase in cruise ship activity driving more traffic on SE 17th St.
        - "Live Local" to impact additional housing development on 17th street.
        - Omni Hotel going to open Jan/Feb 2026.
        - Expect additional housing units also going to be added on 17th Street (Boatyard, Bistro Mezzaluna area).
        - Encouraged contacting representatives (Chip LaMarca) about curtailing "Live Local".
        - Question for Ben Sorenson from resident about impact fee charges to address sewage and other infrastructure items for developers on these projects; Anthony Fajardo from the City of Fort Lauderdale noted that impact fees are also considered in each development plan.
        - Question for Ben Sorenson from resident about addressing impact on neighborhood from construction - specifically related to behavior of contractors and subcontractors when on site; is City considering addressing rules when contractors work on neighborhood projects like 6th and Rio?
        - Question from resident about creating a 3rd turn lane at SR84 turning left at US1; could alleviate traffic problem at the bypass road entrance.

- Question on update for King Tide relief; residents were in violation of seawall drain requirements. City is addressing.
- Question about 8th Street seawall area and when this seawall would be addressed. Ben noted it is on schedule, but will be some time before addressed.

2. Acknowledgement of Board of Directors and work performed in 2025 (Lori Sterling)
    - Introduction of Board members
    - Accomplishments
        1. Speed radars on RV Boulevard (Alex Jean)
        2. New landscape and painting of neighborhood monuments (resident Marty)
        3. "Art in the Park" sidewalk (Luci Mazza)
        4. "Green your Routine" projects (resident Mary)
        5. Project with "Residents for Resilience" to improve neighborhood waterways
        6. Native Orchid program in neighborhood
        7. Protecting Tree Canopy in neighborhood
        8. Neighborhood traffic studies to improve parking and traffic issues
        9. Addressing oversized signage in the neighborhood
        10. Address wall height and other potential code violation issues to protect aesthetics of the neighborhood
        11. Addressed E-Bike and E-scooters in the neighborhood
        12. Enforcing recycling enforcement
        13. Addressed all of the various safety and security programs to protect the neighborhood ("where's your FOB, LPR, addition patrol time, etc.)
        14. Social events to such as Cardi Gras, Movies in the Park, Car Show, Halloween Party, Halloween House Decorating contest, Holiday Party, Boat Show Party.
        15. New Merchandise program
        16. New Membership drive for both residents and local businesses
        17. In the future, RV General Meetings will include remote video to assist participation
        18. New RV Isles security program to supplement the existing member security program

3. Report of Officers
    a. President (Lori Sterling)
        - No additional comments

b. Treasurer (Mark Snead)
    - Finances for RVCA sound and healthy.

4. Additional City and Compliance questions (Ben Sorenson, Anthony Fajardo and Gus Caracas)
    a. Question and request to address Uber stops in front of Daniels Restaurant. RV Board to approach owner.
    b. Question and request to address Starbucks impact on US1. Ben to address.
    c. Question about cleanup of City works project sites; how to contact City to address. Anthony Fajardo provided guidance to contact city personnel.
    d. Question about status of ordinance change on underground utilities in neighborhood; Lori Sterling noted that City has not finalized approach to offer underground utilities. But City will not be paying for this process.
    e. Comment from resident to request timeline on underground utilities; would like to know what next steps are.

5. Update on Pledge Drive for License Plate readers (Solomon Schoonover)
    a. Have received pledges to date of approximately $105k.
    b. Question from resident about camera cost; Solomon noted that cost varies. RVCA is trying to get the program commenced, which might impact the number of cameras initially installed. Rental cost of $3,750 in 1st year, and $2,100 in following years.
    c. Project ultimately requires 21 cameras to cover all entrances/exits.
    d. Alerts provided to FLPD to assist in apprehension.
    e. Solomon also noted that RV Isle residents can also add LPR on their street, but adding patrol hours is probably more effective.

6. Follow up – RV Isles Security Supplemental Patrol Program - discussion and questions from August (Lori Sterling)
    a. Began October 1, 2025 – seems to have limited traffic in RV Isles.
    b. Residents provided feedback of success of supplemental patrol program; encouraged further use.
    c. Lori requested Ben Sorenson to assist with another meeting with 7th Street Isle residents to encourage patrol program.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:23pm