

# RIO VISTA CIVIC ASSOCIATION- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes

Dec. 5, 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 7:30 pm

a. Board Roll Call by Julie Hough, Secretary

Present:

Lori Sterling  
Mark Snead  
Charles Tatelbaum (non-voting member)  
Fred Stresau  
Jean-Jacques Rajter  
Julie Hough  
Nancy R Messing  
William Bill Kirk

Absent:

None

b. Guests:

1. Gus from Code Enforcement - RVCA can connect residents to Gus for any concerns or questions. Most violations are for garbage, vacant lots, landscaping. Cannot block driveways with vehicle or vegetation, will get notice to correct issues. Also, bulk trash can only go out 24 hours in advance of pickup. If there is a broken sidewalk, the owner of the home by that sidewalk is responsible to fix it.

2. Representative from Community Support Unit (“CSU”) to give a neighborhood crime report - Three representatives appeared including Officer Hagerty, Sergeant Grimes and a PSA from the CSU who support Rio Vista neighborhood. CSU will attend all HOA meetings and can assist with concerns for the neighborhood. Can help set up radar unit to place radar boxes to determine whether we have speeders, what time of day and areas they are most prevalent. The radar boxes help the police as well as the neighborhood if we want to ask for a traffic study to get speed bumps, etc.

CSU will get reports from private detail Captain Selfo. They provided crime statistics for RV, which are some of the best or the best in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Worst issue is car burglaries mostly from leaving cars unlocked or leaving items in plain view.

3. Sarah Boyd from Broward Center of the Performing Arts - looking for volunteers to assist at the theater. Also mentioned there are senior tickets if you go to the box office two hours before show times can get available tickets for \$29/seat.

4. Broward County Mayor Lamar Fisher.

- a. Discussed 911 service improvements and influx of money to increase salaries and get more qualified operators. Also looking into technology improvements for the 911 service.
- b. Discussed East Coastal Commuter Rail - Broward County will be responsible from Aventura to Boca. Biggest issues is how we will get the train over the New River, tunnel or overpass. Hoping project proposal will be completed by Spring 2023 in order to present plan for federal funding.
- c. Port Everglades and Airport both owned by County, which supplies Cargo, Cruise, and Fuel services, including fuel services throughout the state of Florida. In 2023, getting a Disney cruise

ship and a second in 2025. Disney was enticed by the larger convention center and the 800 room hotel, which will be operated by Omni. Eventually, the transportation plan is to have a monorail type conveyance between the airport and the port.

- d. Other issues are Boring Company tunnel to beach, which does not seem to have traction and privatizing the water treatment plant, which also does not seem to have traction.

5. City Commissioner Dist 4 Warren Sturman - swearing in ceremony December 6, 2022. There is a challenge to John Herbst, who won the Nov. 8 election and has been involved in a legal debate around Herbst's City residency. The issues was scheduled to be decided on December 6 as well.

c. Verify General Membership Quorum of 10% - none

d. announcements:

- i. 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

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

## 3. Committee Reports

a. Disaster Committee: (JJ Rajter) - Need volunteers so we can be prepared for disasters.

b. Security: (Mark Snead) - Difficulty finding officers to work shifts for private patrol after 8 pm on Friday and Saturday despite increasing the pay for those details.

c. Parks: (Fred)- No update

d. Social: (Nancy Messing) - Holiday party had a great turnout, boat parade December 10, arrive at 6 pm, parade starts at 6:30 Francis Abreu Park.

e. Communications: (Mark and Nancy)- Next issue of magazine is January 15, 2023 and there are newsletters once a month.

f. Welcome/Membership: (Lori)- Campaign going door to door to get neighbors involved in RVCA and patrol. Residents suggested ways to entice new neighbors including accepting Apple Pay (we currently accept Zelle and PayPal) and attracting younger residents.

## 4. Old Business

a. The community coming together in opposition of the proposed PDD revision was a success

b. In order to continue our popular annual Camp Out in the park we need a volunteer to assist Brian Ager in running the event

## 5. New Business

a. Orchid Project update: First installation 4/29, second installation 6/24

b. Anyone interested in becoming a board member will need to first volunteer for 12 months. Two residents have been nominated for the board after volunteering for movie night over the past year. Ryan Lehrer and Evan Jaxtheimer.

c. We will be allowing voting by proxy for our general membership to enable us to stay current with approving general meeting minutes and any other issues the board determines important and necessary. Working on the details.

Upcoming RVCA Meetings:

i. Virtual Board Meetings Monthly

ii. General Meeting dates for 2023 are 1/23,4/10,9/11,12/4

## 6. Adjourn 8:43 pm