

Tarpon River Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 23rd, 2019
Recorded and Submitted by Toni Ravelo

Mission: *“To Improve the Quality of Life in the Tarpon River Neighborhood”*

The meeting was held at the Southside Cultural Arts Center (SSCAC) and was called to order at **7:04pm** by President Allison Foster. Also present was Bruce Cummings (Vice President), Steve Buckingham (Board Member), Beverly Grant (Board Member), David Rose (Board Member), Marie McLaughlin (Treasurer), Mike Stone (Associate Board Member), Jay Shetchman (Board Member), Marita Flam (Associate Board Member)

First order of business:

- I. Police Update by Officer Rodriguez and Officer Fernandez**
 - a. 1 residential burglary – entry into shed.
 - b. 9 vehicle burglaries – multiple incidents at once, please lock cars and remove valuables from car. 8th Terrace, 8th Way and 9th Street.
 - c. 1 robbery /carjacking – 900 block of Davie Blvd.
 - d. If you see something that doesn't seem right, say something.
 - e. Will update us if there is another Ring security device giveaway
- II. Communication**
 - a. Let us know if you are not receiving our newsletter or emails regarding city updates.
 - b. Advertising on newsletter and website is now available. Please contact Toni if you are interested.
- III. Membership Update**
 - a. Membership is up
 - b. If you would prefer to send check, our mailing address is at bottom of newsletter
 - c. New members that have recently signed up will be registered by the end of this month.

1st Presentation: CERT Team

- I.** Marie McLaughlin was promoted to CERT Battalion 2 Chief
 - a. All information regarding hurricane preparedness is within the Tarpon River Hurricane Pack
 - b. Know your neighbors so we may help each other.
 - c. Publix, CVS & Walgreens – will call Marie directly when they open up after hurricane and she will update it on Next Door.
- II.** Frank Miller, CERT Battalion Chief - update on Emergency Preparedness
 - a. We teach CPR, Basic First Aid/Life support, participate in community service, and assist fire department as well as medical support during large city events. We are also there if there is a terrorist's attack, plane crash, there when there's not enough people to respond to a large-scale emergency.
 - b. Our CERT's team – was named #1 team in 2017 in the entire state of Florida. In 2018 – Fort Lauderdale was named #1 team in entire country. A total of 11,000 service hours were put in to achieve this.
 - c. *“Emergency Preparedness – Quick Tips Guide”*: booklet was discussed. Hurricane season starts June 1st. Please contact us for a copy of this booklet.
 - i. Some sandbags are provided for free by the city
 - ii. Know your evacuation route if you do need to evacuate. – Call 511 for best evacuation route

- iii. Use battery powered lighting over candles that may start a fire
- iv. Turn off your gas if you turn off your power and/or if you evacuate your home.
- v. NOAA weather radio useful to notify you of serious impending weather.
- vi. Do not store additional gas inside the house. And get stabilizing tablets for your gas so that gas sitting in generators doesn't go bad.
- vii. Please share supplies with those neighbors that may not have all the supplies they may need.
- viii. A call out on June 1st for those registered with us as special needs or elderly or disabled that needs assistance during hurricane to confirm their registration with us. Call 954-831-4000 if you need to register or 954-831-3940 for TTY
- ix. Let FPL know directly if you have any emergency so they may help you.
- x. There is a device called, UBS that costs about \$100 and will power your wifi during power outage.

2nd Presentation: Mobility Plan Update

- I. Signs at Pocket Park SW 6th Street and SW 5th Ave at Road Closure Neighbor Vote
 - a. # of Votes - Sign with white text: all votes
 - b. # of Votes - Sign with black text: 0
- II. Motion to go with option #4 instead of number three by member was made, motion seconded by Allison, all were in favor.
- III. How can you help? Placing- slow down kids at play signs and duck crossing signs
- IV. Jay mentioned – free swale tree giveaway – if you are interested in hosting a swale tree please let Jay know.
- V. Marita – announcement – 3 hours after hurricane meet at Lewis Landing Park and if you are interested in being a block leader let Marie know we need block leaders. Ice and Water will be delivered to Lewis Landing Park for free to neighbors.

Meeting adjourned: 8:47pm