

**Tarpon River Civic Association**  
General Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 **7:03pm** by President Allison Foster. Also present was Steve Buckingham (Board Member), Beverly Grant (Board Member), David Rose (Board Member), Marie McLaughlin (Treasurer), and Marita Flam (Associate Board Member)

**First order of business:**

**I. Police Update by Officer Rodriguez and Officer Fernandez**

- a. Status from August 25<sup>th</sup> to today
- b. 1 burglary – items stole from boat in back
- c. 3 vehicular burglaries – 1 was unlock and 2<sup>nd</sup> was smashed window where purse was in seat, 3<sup>rd</sup> survey instrument from work truck
- d. Allison asked about trends in the city. Officer Rodriguez mentioned that there has been a spike in luggage thefts.

Guest Jessica Garafola – Community Outreach Coordinator for Ben Sorensen –

- If you have a comment on what the city can do to improve please reach out to Jessica [jgarafola@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:jgarafola@fortlauderdale.gov)

Allison address

- Membership has started for 2020 year.
- Three committees, if you are interested in joining please let Allison know: Betterment, Little Library, and Recycling

**City information & Updates**

- Sidewalk on SW 6th Street - Publix - Train Tracks
- Ben – is working with Whiddon to purchase property for city park and protect Oak Trees.
- October 8 - Development Review Committee (DRC) --- DRC Case No. R19066 - River Lofts of Fifth 9:30am – This is a new building that is projected to go up and we are providing feedback after meeting with the developer yesterday. There is a link for public comment that we will sent out for you to submit comments and you are also welcomed to attend that meeting as well.

## **Tarpon River Civic Association Accomplishments to date - 9/26/2019**

**Mobility Plan:**

- Sidewalk on SW 9th Street
- Sidewalk connection on SW 5th Street/SW 5th Avenue
- Clean up of pocket park at SW 6th Street entrance; updated sidewalk
- Permanent speed sign on SW 9th and rotating speed sign
- Planned use of savings - to create extended sidewalk on SW 8th/9th; exploring mobility/speed issues on SW 9th

**Swale Trees added:**

- 805 SW 7th Ave
  - 1 bulnesia
- 809 SW 7th ave
  - 1 Gumbo Limbo
- 810 SW 7th avenue
  - 1 crape myrtle
- 712 SW 9th st
  - 2 crape myrtles
- 820 SW 8th avenue
  - 1 gumbo limbo
  - 2 mimosa trees (or similar)
- 701 SW 8th terrace
  - 1 lignum vitae
  - 1 clump of 3 Christmas palms
  - 1 crape myrtle (white)
  - 3 additional trees

**Membership:**

Increase in dues paying members to 153 members

**Other wins:**

Welcome sign entrance at SW 6th Street (both sides)

CERT involvement and leadership

Newsletter & readership

Hurricane communication

Recycling committee

Party in the Park – April

Attendance at August meeting

Members were then broken up into groups with one board member sitting with each group and members discussed topics on how to improve. Some topics of discussion included:

1. Events & Programming
2. Overall & TRCA Board of Directors
3. Mobility
4. Communication

Feedback from these break out groups to be shared at November general meeting.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:47pm**