

**Tarpon River Civic Association**  
General Meeting Minutes  
Dec 5<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 **7:00pm** by Vice President Brucie Cummings. Also present was Steve Buckingham (Board Member), Beverly Grant (Board Member), David Rose (Board Member), Marie McLaughlin (Treasurer), Janet Scaper (Board Member), Cynthia Hatfield (Associate Board Member), Mike Stone (Associate Board Member) and Marita Flam (Associate Board Member)

**First order of business:**

- I. Welcome and Tree Lighting at Southside Cultural Arts Center**
- II. Elections** - all previous board members and associate members were elected for the 2020 year.
  - a. President – Allison Foster
  - b. Vice-President – Brucie Cummings
  - c. Treasurer – Marie McLaughlin
  - d. Secretary – Toni Ravelo
  - e. Steve Buckingham – Director
  - f. Beverly Grant – Director
  - g. David Rose – Director
  - h. Janet Scaper – Director
  - i. Jay Shechtman – Director
  - j. Cynthia Hatfield – Associate Member
  - k. Mike Stone - Associate Member
  - l. Marita Flam – Associate Member
- III. Thank you to board members and associate board members for service.**
- IV. Review TRCA Accomplishments for 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:**

- Over 16 swale trees planted in our neighborhood

**Community Service**

- Adopt-A-Street service days - over 20 volunteers participated; over 24 bags of trash collected

**Membership:**

- Increase in dues paying members to 153 members

**Signage:**

- Added on SW 6th Street (east & west facing)
- Tarpon River Monuments painted on 4th & Davie entrances (thanks to the City!)

**CERT (Community Emergency Response Team):**

- Battalion Leader
- 8 CERT members

**Events**

- St. Patrick's Day Parade with Council of Civic Associations
- Party in the Park April & November
- Fall Soiree
- Halloween event at Tarpon River Brewing

**Active Committees:**

- Betterment Committee
- Recycling Committee
- Little Library Committee

**Funding:**

- \$1,946.35 raised from recycling and community involvement (increase of over \$450 from 2018)

**Communication**

- New newsletter and great readership! (THANKS!)
- Hurricane communication
- New website - coming soon

**V. Save the Date for 2020 future events****UPCOMING - SAVE THE DATES:**

**DECEMBER 29** - NEIGHBOR DAY - NSU ART MUSEUM, ONE EAST LAS OLAS BLVD, 3-5PM  
Free Museum passes, 2-for-1 beer & wine, light fare, Happy Exhibit tour,  
2 free passes to use at a later date

**JANUARY 23** - TRCA GENERAL MEETING - SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL , 7PM

**VI. Closing, meeting adjourned at 7:40pm and Holiday Cheer commenced! Total of 61 neighbors attended meeting and holiday party.**