

## **Tarpon River Civic Association**

### General Meeting Minutes

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Recorded and submitted by Marita Flam

*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 7.06 p.m. by President Allison Foster. The following Board of Directors and Associate Directors were present:

Allison Foster - President

Brucie Cummings - Vice President

Marie McLaughlin – Treasurer

Janet Scrapper – Director

David Rose – Director

Mike Stone – Associate Board Member

Marita Flam – Associate Board Member

### **Fort Lauderdale Police Officer Update**

Officer Eric Pekrol provided following crime statistics;

- 1 Stolen vehicle, keys left in car
- 2 Vehicular burglaries in Hardy Park

Officer Pekrol again reminded us that most crimes are opportunistic. Keep an eye on your surroundings, "See something, Say something". Always lock the car doors and don't leave anything valuable in sight.

River Reach car burglaries were discussed and follow-up from police was requested. River Reach needs to confirm that it would like police patrol in the island. When needed, call the police non-emergency phone number and ask for an officer. Patrol information comes from Crime Analyst.

Officer Pekrol gave out Portable Security cases for residents who had requested them.

### **Officer's Report**

- **Treasurer & Membership Update**

Currently we have 77 members.

\$25,873.94 in the money market and \$6,697.42 in the bank account, which amount is highest in recent years. The biggest expense is monthly cleaning and sprucing up our entryway Tarpon River monuments.

- **Council of Civic Association rep update**

Update was not given, but members were encouraged to look up the site for good information and a video.

### **Committee reports**

- **Little Library**

We have 4, Hardy Park one needs more books for children

- **Community Betterment**

- Will need a new lead after Steve Buckingham moved out of Tarpon River

- **Recycling**

Brucie has generated money from her recycling efforts that earns points from the city. The money will be used in TRCA operating budget. Please volunteer by calling her at 954 205 8025. While recycling, make sure the items are recyclable, don't contaminate.

### **Old business**

- **Tarpon River Health Assessment**

Testing started in the middle of the river on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Depending on results, more testing will be done. Information given by Ben Sorensen.

### **New Business**

#### **Tarpon River and Fort Lauderdale Updates**

- 3 sites for a new federal courthouse were discussed. One of them (477 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave) is within Tarpon River boundaries. Attending members felt strongly against it. Quorum was established and vote taken. Following motion was made by Mike Stone and seconded by Mike Barlow "We object having a courthouse here". It was later amended "Board will come up with the language to support that position since we don't know enough facts". Janet attended the DRC meeting where sites were discussed, but there's no information e.g. traffic flow and provided parking. Members were

encouraged to provide feedback to [ashish.desai@gsa.gov](mailto:ashish.desai@gsa.gov) by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Concern was voiced of high payed lawyers outpricing residents from Tarpon River.

- City is reviewing appraisal for Whiddon property, nothing new to share
- Tarpon River Civic association website [www.Tarponriver.org](http://www.Tarponriver.org) is operational, designed by Toni
- City's Master Plan Codification can be viewed under <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/sustainable-development/urban-design-and-planning/planning-initiatives/downtown-master-plan>. We will focus on transition zones on March 17<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.
- As Marine Advisory Board member, Norbert McLaughlin informed the members about 4 different proposals for a new railway bridge (or tunnel) over New River. Highest (and recommended) bridge would be 80 feet high, spanning past Davie and Broward Boulevards. Also, owners over 50 feet docks need to have their own pump stations for cleaning the water.

### **Tarpon River updates by President**

- We will concentrate on community building events, Mobility Plan, City Updates and informing about city plans like courthouse.
- Members were asked about their interest in being a board or committee member in any level.
- Southside Cultural Arts Center will continue holding Sips, Sounds and Splats events on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Upcoming events will include  
3/14 St. Patrick's Day parade. Please RSVP [trcapresident@gmail.com](mailto:trcapresident@gmail.com) if interested walking in the parade  
3/26 General Meeting  
4/4 Party in the Park  
4/25 Adopt-A-Street clean-up. Meeting at Hardy park 8.30 a.m.  
4/30 General Meeting

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8.46 p.m.

