

2020.8.7 TRCA BOD meeting
Zoom - virtual meeting

Purpose: *Create a forum where issues impacting Tarpon River neighborhood in particular and the City of Fort Lauderdale in general may be discussed; where ways to improve the quality of life in the Neighborhood and the City may be agreed upon; and where appropriate action may be taken to implement what has been agreed upon.*

Mission: *To improve the quality of life in the Tarpon River Neighborhood and the City of Fort Lauderdale*

Tarpon River Civic Association Board of Directors wants to share our commitment to equitable and respectful treatment of all individuals everywhere and specifically within the Tarpon River Civic Association Boundaries. We understand and acknowledge the problem of systemic racism and discriminatory practices across our country toward many different groups and particularly towards Black Americans. Additionally, we want to reaffirm our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive community in Tarpon River. We recognize we have much work to do and we are committed to cultivate space for ongoing conversations to ensure our community continues to thrive as a place where all feel welcome.

Welcome

Virtual Meeting started at: 7:15pm via zoom.

Present: Allison Foster, President; Brucie Cummings, Vice President; Marie McLaughlin, Treasurer; Toni Ravelo, Secretary; Jay S, Board Member; Cynthia Hatfield, Associate Member; Marita Flam, Associate Member; and My H. Domieka, Associate Member

President Updates

- Federal Courthouse location: TRCA President on behalf of TRCA requested to Ben Sorensen, our area commissioner to ensure not another standard box building downtown. We have 30 days to submit any additional comments, deadline being Sept. 4th. Jay S. motion we nominate a courthouse site from the four outlined by the city, Toni motion to add the Hudson Site, none were in favor, motion did not pass. members of the board are encouraged to share any information individually regarding opinions/thoughts on Courthouse Site Selection.
- Sidewalks completed at SW8th way/SW 9th St/SW8th Ave , along with Radar sign in place on SW 9th Ave.
- Character areas and transit zones are moving forward to Planning & Zoning Board, next meeting will be coming up in September 16; please look out for that
- Gift Cards for Beverly, Steve and Mark will be purchased and mailed out by Allison.
- Neighborhood inclusivity - no feedback from neighbors as of yet.
- Elections - need to start process in October.
- Census - due September. 30th so far we are 52% response rate. Yard signs are available at city hall for pick and for more info reach out to Allison. Please encourage folks to participate in census; thanks to those on board volunteering/working for this initiative.

Treasurer Report

- 95 total paid members to date
- 6,513.11 in checking account, 25, 886.81 in money market.

Old Business

- Motion to approve June minutes by Toni. Brucie second the motion, all were in favor
- COVID - numbers in Tarpon River have been low, please continue to be vigilant
- Neighborhood membership mailing - going out soon asking individuals to join via mail; be on the lookout for the information in the mail and encourage others to join.

New Business

- Roundabout on SW 7th Street - Jay contacted city to take out agave & make sprinkler repairs. Jay motioned to ask city to remove agave ASAP, Marie 2nd all were in favor.
- Modification to site plans - developers continue to change plans after approved (aesthetics and otherwise); shared interest in having us approach commissioner to have these items be received; concerns on the side of the developer were discussed; concerns with making sure that the development is reviewed is what is comes to the city; Janet will pull together with the information and reach out to the city on behalf of TRCA communicating interest in knowing about any site plan changes so that community leaders/board members can reach out Commissioners as appropriate and ask for the items to be called up for review.
- TRCA General Meeting - will be held virtually on Aug 27th with next BOD meeting on 10th Sept. Janet motioned a request for us to get our own TRCA zoom account, Brucie second, all were in favor, Allison to work obtaining this account.

Open forum

- Brucie brought up desire to review street lights replacement in Tarpon River on SW 9th Avenue and SW 7th Street. Brucie will provide additional information and research with FPL and City staff and bring back to board.

Upcoming meetings

- August 27 – General Meeting
- September 10 – BOD

Adjournment at 8:25pm.