

**Tarpon River Civic Association**  
**General Meeting – September 24, 2020**

***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*

**Welcome & Board introductions - Virtual meeting called to order at 7:06pm. Present were:** Allison Foster – president, Brucie Cummings – VP, Marie McLaughlin – Treasurer, Janet Scaper – Director, Marita Flam- Director, Mike Stone - Director, Jay Schechtman – Director, Dave Rose, Director; 18 members in attendance

18 individuals in total via zoom meeting, including 7 board members.

**FLPD report:** Officer Rodriguez: seems to be less break-ins, one stolen bike from a commercial area within TRCA; continue to be diligent about locking cars, there are some windows being broken into. No major trends in Fort Lauderdale. Question about homelessness - indicated no there is not any direct answer on where homeless are being relocated. Asked for SW 7th St & 7th Ave to be reviewed as there are left turns happening at the round-about; also asked for increased review of SW 9th St/SW 9th Ave for increase in speeding.

**TRCA Updates**

- Continued trees planted throughout Tarpon River! Thank you to our neighbors for planting!
- Light project - working to change fixtures on SW 7th St & SW 9th Avenue - if you are interested in this project - contact Brucie at [spirited1bc@yahoo.com](mailto:spirited1bc@yahoo.com)
- Nominating Committee was voted via zoom poll during meeting: Approved Allison Foster, Marie McLaughlin, Dave Rose, Mike Stone

**Presentation:**

Zoie Saunders, Fort Lauderdale Chief Education Officer - presentation on her role and the strategic education focus for the city of Fort Lauderdale; explained the highlights of the 2019-20 year. Highlighted the increased growth in fort lauderdale which results in increase in growth in the public schools; all the neighborhoods allow for greater community commitment; shared highlights from the schools in the area and the various opportunities available at the schools; suggested it is a good idea to invite school principals to any events to create a stronger connection.

Heather Brinkworth - current Broward County School Board member sent along information regarding the return to school information which will be sent out via TRCA listserv.

Sarah Leonardi, incoming Broward County School Board member introduced.

**City information & Updates**

Stormwater information - [www.fortlauderdale.gov/stormwater](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/stormwater)

Reminder to complete Census - ends on 9/30.

**Treasurer Report:** TRCA has currently 97 members; Money Market has \$25,888.69 and checking account \$5,965.75.

**Additional TRCA reminders were shared:**

- Continued request for involvement in board. If interested please contact [TRCApresident@gmail.com](mailto:TRCApresident@gmail.com)
- Reminder to read newsletter.
- Reminder to renew your membership! And ask neighbors to do renew also. Please visit [tarponriver.org](http://tarponriver.org) to renew. Email [TRCApresident@gmail.com](mailto:TRCApresident@gmail.com) with any questions.
- Upcoming meeting will be October 22 via zoom, both mayor candidates will be present; questions will be collected in advance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.