

## **2021.02.11. TRCA BOD meeting**

### **Zoom - virtual meeting**

**Purpose:** *Create a forum where issues impacting the 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 and Attendance**

The meeting was held online and called to order at 7.06 p.m. by President Jay Shechtman. The following Board Members were present:

Jay Shechtman, President

Mike Stone, VP

Marita Flam, Secretary

Marie McLaughlin, Treasurer

Brucie Cummings, Director

Brian Engel, Director

Janet Scaper, Associate Board member

Felice Fontana, Associate Board member

### **President Report**

January BOD and General Meeting minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

Checking account has a balance of \$8,038.36.

The Money Market account has a balance of \$25,889.76.

We have 175 paid members, 6 more than last month.

### **Presentation**

Thomas Harrison, the Athletic Director of Stranahan High School, has a goal to create a true community school by forming relationships with TRCA and other stakeholders. The new Principal of the school backs up the idea and welcomes community involvement. Mr. Harrison has a vision of the school giving back to the community by offering the athletes painting and landscaping or the band performing at TRCA functions in exchange of community service hours.

From a \$800 million bond, Stranahan HS has received so far a new cafeteria, roofs and some windows, although more work will be done. Their biggest need is still facilities upgrade, the school simply wishes

to be comparable with other area high schools. TRCA board wants to learn how we could help. A tour will be arranged in the near future.

Mr. Harrison can be contacted by [Thomas.Frank.Harrison@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.Frank.Harrison@gmail.com).

### **Old Business**

- Whiddon Property

Allison will send a final draft of a letter for the board to review and approve. If the Whiddons agree to our terms, a formal agreement will be drafted based on that.

- Raintree RiverLofts

Allison, Janet and Jay met with the City, wanting them to hear our comments and concerns. The City is still in a dialogue with the builder about their plans. Flex units, that control density in downtown, might be used as a negotiation tool.

- River Lofts on 5th

New comments were submitted to the City in December. Jay will inquire Ella Parker about them and inform the Board.

- SW 6th Avenue Right of Way

This part of SW 6th Ave is a city owned cul-de-sac going south of SW 9th Street. It could be designated into a park or greenway, usable for all the residents, adding walkability to the area. One female owner next to it has voiced concern of her losing privacy. The city could probably help with that by planting some vegetation. The board decided to ask input from the residents at the next General Meeting.

- SW 6th Street and SW 6th Avenue beautification

The Park and Recreation department will add plants to the area. Marie will cut \$200 check for the purposes.

- SW 7th Street Roundabout Mulch

The mulch has been added.

- County Courthouse Administrative Review

County would like to remove the breezeway from the plans. Since the new courthouse will be located in the Downtown Civic Association area, we will let them undertake the issue. Jay will be in contact with the presidents Melinda from Downtown and Christina from Rio Vista regarding it.

### **New Business/Discussion**

- 701 SW 7th Avenue Sidewalk Evasion

The construction site is next to the roundabout. Originally the builder did not want to build a sidewalk, but it's included on the Mobility Plan. Jay got in touch with the architect about the matter.

- SW 10th Street and SW 8th Avenue 4-way Stop

Intersection has a clear view, inviting drivers not to make a full stop on 10th St. Board suggested the Traffic Department to study the area. Perhaps narrowing the intersection with traffic calming like humps or plants would serve better.

- SW 11th Court Curve Request

Gloria Reese, the resident on the corner of SW 11th Ct. and SW 11th St. would like a curb installed. GPS instructions often confuse drivers and they end up veering left to her yard. The board was unanimous about her request.

- SW 11th Court Median

Gloria Reese, a nearby resident, asked the City for plants for the beautification of the median.

- Encampments

After Tarpon River resident's complaint, the homeless encampment near Hardy Park was reported and has been removed.

- Tarpon River Water Quality

Commissioner Ben Sorensen and City Manager Chris Lagerbloom will be at the next General Meeting on February 25th for questions.

- TRCA Registration

Registration is complete.

#### **Reminders**

- General Meeting February 25th
- BOD Meeting March 11th

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9.15 p.m.