

2021.04.08. TRCA BOD meeting
Zoom - virtual meeting
Recorded and submitted by Marita Flam

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 7.09 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
Dave Rose, Director
Brian Engel, Director
Allison Foster, Associate Board member
Janet Scraper, Associate Board member
Felice Fontana, Associate Board member

President Report

- Adam Docktor joined the meeting voicing an interest in becoming an Associate Board member. He's a long time Broward county resident moving to the neighborhood.
- March BOD Meeting minutes were approved by Mike Stone and seconded by Marie McLaughlin with the following correction on New Business/Bahia Mar; Allison will craft a letter with Mike's input.
- March General Meeting minutes were approved by Mike Stone and seconded by Marie McLaughlin with the following correction on Public Hearing; full last names of members voicing their concerns were added instead of initials.
- Sips, Sounds & Splats is a seasonal wine, music and paint day on Sundays at Southside School Cultural center. TRCA will join the fun on Sunday, May 30th. Mike will coordinate with Rio Vista and Downtown associations to promote the event. Brian has two picnic tables and a canopy, Brucie has the banner, Mike will bring flyers for our membership drive table.
- The City run Neighborhood Cares day is Saturday, April 24th. We will meet for the Adopt-A-Street clean-up at Hardy Park 9 am. Mike will get in touch with the City about pickers, vests, bags and

gloves. Our area is SW 7th Street from Andrews Ave until Lewis Landing and SW 9th Ave from Davie blvd until Lewis Landing. An email with the details will be sent to members.

Treasurer Report

As of today, the Checking account has a balance of \$8,148.47.

The Money Market account has a balance of \$25,890.19.

We have 184 paid members.

Marie had sent an annual Report of the Corporation info to the State about board members.

Marie also informed us that Laura Cash, who has been taking care of our monument shrubbery, received a full time position from the State and will not be able to work with us anymore. We will see how much has been billed on her last invoice and send her a gift card accordingly. Generic \$100 gift card was discussed.

Old Business

- Tarpon River Water Quality

Todd Hideshew from Public Works is in the process of hiring the consultants. We should hear back from him shortly. Afterwards the core samples can be taken. The City will also provide us with a map of sewer gravity including force mains and inform us about general storm water/drainage conditions.

- SW 6th Avenue Right Of Way

Jay will draft a letter to Public Works noting how we held a meeting and listened to the neighbors. The area is called a greenway, but it could be changed into a park. Our intent is to have it as a walkway, like it's used already, surrounded by plants and perhaps a bench. This area has a public purpose. A neighbor has voiced a concern about vagrants. Being dedicated as a park would make it safer, since law enforcement could be called if vagrants would try to stay there after posted opening hours.

- Whiddon Property

According to Allison, Whiddon's family attorney is still drafting a reply to us. They might engage land use attorney Robert Lochrie, who has our confidence.

- Raintree RiverLofts

Contractor hasn't replied to the City, but Ella and Jim will give Jay the latest files. Preserving the tree, traffic and building height are our continuing concerns. Making the area as conservation easement or selling naming rights (Amazon?) were discussed. FP&L is reluctant to touch the high voltage lines that can't be buried. We try to find another group that would advocate for the tree with us. Sierra Club and Agricultural division of the State were mentioned.

- River Lofts on 5th

The contractor has submitted revised plans for P&Z. Increased traffic and building height are our continued concerns. It was suggested to fight battles that we could win, like 4 000 sf retail space was added after our complaints. We are looking for neighborhood benefits and good pedestrian experience. Perhaps 12 000 sf lot next to the project could be given to the city as a park.

- Red Mercedes

Adding traffic deterrents, like speed bumps was discussed to calm the unnecessary cut thru traffic.

- Bahia Mar

The lease proposal has been rejected. The board will still send the letter that was crafted.

New Business/Discussion

- The board congratulated Jay for his new 3 year term with Planning & Zoning.

Reminders

- General Meeting, April 22
- BOD Meeting, May 13

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9.03 p.m.