



**Tarpon River Civic Association  
General Meeting .4.22. 2021**

Recorded and submitted by Marita Flam

**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**

The virtual meeting was held on Zoom and called to order at 7.02 p.m. by President Jay Schectman

Jay Shechtman – President

Dave Rose – Director

Mike Stone – VP

Brian Engel - Director

Marie McLaughlin – Treasurer

Brucie Cummings - Director

Marita Flam – Secretary

**Associate Board Members**

Allison Foster

Felice Fontana

Janet Scraper

**Police report**

- Officer Rodriguez reported a low number of crime statistics. 3 vehicular incidents were preventable. Doors were unlocked and backpacks were left in plain sight. 1 residential and 7 small thefts.
- Officer Wesley Acosta urged us to take a community survey to help tailor services to our exact community.
- Officer Tim Shields informed us about a high-end car theft campaign called “Where’s your fob?” asking us to spread the word. These thieves are often armed and violent, causing risks while speeding. You can contact Officer Shield by his cell phone 954 297 6504.
- Red Mercedes driver has been cited. The officers have put a lot of effort on this and asked him to be a good, respectful neighbor.
- Homeless activity has been developing by the railway tracks. Police will increase patrolling, asking if people there are homeless. We try to mitigate the issue, but some refuse help. City homeless initiative includes free accommodation in a hotel, free meals and a caseworker.

**Treasurer report**

- 185 voting members until the end of the year.
- Checking account has a balance of \$8,037.48
- Money market has a balance of \$25,890.19

### **TRCA Updates/New Business**

- Adopt-A-Street clean-up will be held on April 24. We will meet 9 a.m. at the Hardy park south parking lot. TRCA will provide gloves, garbage pickers and bags.
  - Sips, Sounds and Splats 2-6 p.m. on Sunday 4/25 will be the first social event after Covid. The event series runs every 4th Sunday.
  - Neighborhood improvement review
1. Water testing is moving at full speed. City is in the process of hiring environmental consultants for comprehensive analysis. They also provide us with info on storm water/drainage issues. Tarpon river water will be tested and 4 core samples taken.
  2. Stranahan high school was visited by the board members on 3/13. It was agreed that this good school is not getting their fair share of the money. The cafeteria is inadequate and can't accommodate the students. Curb appeal is nonexistent.
  3. Traffic improvements have been reviewed or are underway with the Transportation and Mobility department. Jay showed several photos of areas of concern, brought to our attention by the neighbors. Certain traffic mitigation measures will seem frustrating, but safety is the number one concern.
  4. SW 6th Avenue Right-Of -Way has suffered 17 years of neglect. During public hearing and voting at the March General Meeting, it was clear that the neighbors want the area turned into a small park or greenway. Formal request has been made to do so.
  5. Neighborhood developments include two high rises next to each other. We share the same concerns with Riverlofts on 5th and Raintree Riverlofts; building heights, increased traffic and infrastructure. Only Riverlofts has gotten to the stage where they are collecting approval signatures from the City. Whiddon family has their plans on hold for now due to death in the family. New plans for the County Courthouse include more office space and parking instead of a breezeway. The site is out of Tarpon River boundary, east of Andrews Ave.

### **ACTION NEEDED!**

Renew your membership! And ask neighbors to do so, too! Please visit [tarponriver.org](http://tarponriver.org) to renew!  
Email [TRCAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:TRCAPresident@gmail.com) with any!

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9.08 p.m.