

**2021.06.10 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 7.03 p.m. by President Jay Shechtman. The following Board Members were present:

Jay Shechtman, President

Mike Stone, VP

Marita Flam, Secretary

Marie McLaughlin, Treasurer

Dave Rose, Director

Brian Engel, Director

Janet Scaper, Associate Board member

Felice Fontana, Associate Board member

### **President Report**

- May BOD Meeting and General Meeting minutes approval was tabled due to not everyone being able to open the document.
- Jay attended the District 4 leader meeting.

### **Treasurer Report**

- As of today, the Checking account has a balance of \$7,705.45.
- The Money Market account has a balance of \$25,890.60.
- We have 194 paid members.

### **Business**

- *River Lofts on 5th Presentation* - Stephanie Toothaker and Doran Broman from Moderno Developing Group were presenting some changes to their project. The 29 story, 352 unit building will have a 7 story pedestal and a more slender look. By doing so, there will be now 45 apartments less. Tenant move-in and all loading will happen inside the building. Doran Broman pointed out that he lives and cares for the area. Removing homeless people and halfway houses will reduce crime and make walking safer. He also pointed out that they are in their rights to build and if the Board supports them, a 14,400 sf area lot will be given to the City to use as a park. Initially the lot will be fenced off, having construction offices and equipment there. The 2 million dollar lot will be given sodded. He mentioned that the funding is in order and therefore the project is doable. The target demographic is younger renters who could use a shared workplace and not contribute to more traffic.
- *River Lofts on 5th BOD discussion*- Stephanie promised to craft the letter about the park over the weekend for City attorneys to view. Concerns were raised about the City wanting to use the donated lot for something else besides a park, or try to sell it. Brian made a motion "I move for the TRCA to support the River Lofts on 5th

development subject to the condition that the adjacent lot owned by the developer be deeded to the City with a restrictive covenant to the TRCA that the lot is only to be developed as a park as well as consent rights to any change of use of the property “. Marie seconded, quorum was established and motion carried. All agreed that giving us the park was a generous offer. Board will ask the City to build sidewalks around it.

- *Colee Hammock Street Block* - Jacqueline Scott reached over for neighbor support closing off NE 16th Avenue, north of Broward boulevard, due to cut thru traffic. Motion was made by Mike “ I move to support Colee Hammock’s desire to close off NE 16th Avenue”. Seconded by Marie. Quorum was established and motion carried.
- *Laudertrail Renderings* - Jay as a Chair and Advisory Committee member showed the board several artist renderings of the trail from Hardy park and Flagler Avenue towards the river. This 5 million dollar project will add beauty and pedestrian/bike safety to Tarpon river.
- *Tarpon River Waterway* - The board was under the impression that core sampling will be done on the river, but sampling didn’t go much into the sediment. The results will be in by next month. If this shallow sampling does not show enough damage, more sampling will be requested. Marie would also like visual sampling during low tide by her property.
- *Sidewalk Initiative* - Jay thanked Janet about her letter regarding sidewalks. There hasn’t been feedback from the City yet. Jay will also bring the initiative to Planning & Zoning. Sidewalks need new codes and all streets to be mapped.
- *TAM Rep Coming Next Meeting* - Shelby Rodriguez from Transportation along with Ben Sorensen will attend the next BOD meeting.
- *SW 6th Avenue ROW* - is going through a process according to Enrique Sanchez. No neighbors are opposing it.
- Starting in-person meetings was discussed.
- Lewis Landing park has an elderly man and his dog living there. Brian will inquire if he needs some resources.

#### **Reminders**

- BOD Meeting July 8

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9.03 p.m.