

**2021.10.14. 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  
Brucie Cummings, Director  
Dave Rose, Director  
Brian Engel, Director  
Janet Scaper, Associate Board member

**Treasurer Report**

As of today, the Checking account has a balance of \$6,998.22  
The Money Market account has a balance of \$25,891.49  
We have 203 paid members.

**Business**

1. Coconut Drive ROW. Jason Crush representing Lindsay and David Ide presented a wish to vacate the south end cul-de-sac of Coconut Drive and close it with a gate for security and privacy. Ide family currently owns all 3 properties there. The board raised questions about what would happen if any property is sold and if Unity Of Titles should be done. Concerns were about setting a precedent for other cul-de-sacs and those being turned into apartment complexes. Area is zoned for RD-15. If traffic is a concern, perhaps stop sign or other traffic calming measures should be considered.
2. Britto statue. The Public Arts department approved our suggested site of Hardy park.
3. Paddle with the Purpose. TRCA membership was informed about the event. Participants will gather at the east end of SW 9th Street Saturday 10/23 at 9 a.m. with Brucie. City event ends at John English park at noon.

4. Raintree River Lofts developers. Zoom meeting will be held on Monday 10/18 at 7 p.m. Ralph Stone and Dave Harris from Esplanade will also be present. TRCA intends to have a pragmatic angle and be specific with concerns.
5. Raintree River Lofts. Ralph Stone and Dave Harris from Esplanade have the same concerns as TRCA about building height, unit sizes, infrastructure, sea wall repairs, moving the raintree and inadequate parking for cars and bicycles. We don't want the New River Yacht Club mistake to be copied, where residents are forced to find parking on the streets daily. Garage should also have a residential wrap like the newly constructed Regatta and New River Landing. West building garage access would be more suited to the alley in between the buildings due to Esplanade loading dock location. Developers have a permit to move the raintree, but a question was raised if the move should be done only after the building permit has been obtained. For this development, the New River Master Plan should be followed. The City has to enforce code and guidelines. TRCA is not against new developments, but code has to be followed.

### **Discussion**

Party-in-a-Park, Holiday party and Membership drive items were tabled.

### **Reminders**

- General Meeting October 28
- BOD Meeting November 11

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.