

## Florida Gardens Civic Association

### Meeting Minutes for September 14th, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Mike Misko at 8:06 p.m.

**Attendance:** Officers: Mike Misko (President), Christine Curry (First Vice President), Sarah Harmes (Second Vice President), Justin Gwin (Treasurer), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. There were sufficient Board Members present (18) to achieve a quorum. There were 20 attendees on the sign-in sheet.

#### Monthly Business:

**Minutes:** May and June minutes were distributed, and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Justin Gwin (Treasurer) gave the Treasurer's report. As of 9/1/23 we have \$20,515.00 in the bank account. This is down from over 30k prior to the summer for repair work and scholarships. The rental year to date is just above \$19,000, slightly above the same period in 2023. He reported we have received \$10,500 in Member Contributions this year, similar to the same period in 2022. Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the bulk of the expenses went to the disaster we had when both the electrical and the A/C went out. That was close to \$4,000 in repairs. Justin also noted that we increased the scholarship distribution amount to \$1,500. We had 2 scholarships awarded this year, totaling \$3,000. Justin also noted he still had contribution funds from Venmo and PayPal to move into our account, and he is holding off on final numbers, and will announce the winning street in the upcoming October Newsletter.

**Clubhouse Report:** Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for the summer. She reported that for June, July and August we had 53 rentals (18 residents, 5 non-residents and 30 Community Service events) providing \$8,122.06 net income for the period.

**Clubhouse Maintenance:** Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that since June he has done maintenance to the chairs. He replaced 3 floodlights but found another out today which he will replace. He also fixed 2 broken outlet covers and fixed the electrical outlet behind the cooler as well.

**Newsletter:** Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the Newsletter was almost done, as he was awaiting the Crime Report. He noted that it should be sent to the Officers for final review this weekend.

**Website:** Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that once the Halloween information is finalized, he will get that up on the website.

**Taxes:** Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the June, July, and August Sales Tax returns have been filed. The Q2 FICA Federal Tax and the Q2 Florida Unemployment Tax returns were done.

**Children's Events:** Kimberly Serio (Secretary) presented a budget for both the Halloween and Christmas parties. She proposed the Halloween expense per child as follows: \$2.00 Pizza/Drink, \$2.00 craft project, and \$4.00 for a goodie bag. Totaling \$8.00 per child. Last year we had 200 children, so Halloween budget request was for \$1,600. Christmas expense per child as follows: \$2.50 Breakfast/Drink, \$2.00 craft project, \$1.50 game prizes, and \$4.00 for Santa. Totaling \$10.00 per child. Last year we had almost 100 children, so Christmas budget request was for \$1,000. She noted we still have about \$100.00 in Halloween prizes from last year so the request would be for \$1,500.00 for Halloween. Kimberly noted ways we can set off the costs for future events including having Florida Gardens Member Contribution slips at a table and a 50/50 raffle. Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) asked Justin Gwin (Treasurer) what the easiest way was to give Kimberly the access to the \$1,500.00. Justin Gwin proposed giving Kimberly an advance on the funds, and that she can turn in receipts to him to account for everything. Alanna Harman noted that Danny Wood would not be available to run the Halloween Golf Cart Parade, and she's looking for someone to step in and help. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mike Misko (President) for Kimberly Serio to receive the \$1,500 advance to purchase the necessary goods. The Board decided to wait until next month for Christmas. Allana Harman confirmed the movie this year will be the new "Haunted Mansion", and everyone agreed.

**Adult's Events:** Brian Katz (Adult Event Coordinator) noted that Game Night fell off in the summer but is starting up again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next event is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>. Brian asked the Board for ideas to increase the count at these events. Penny Springs suggested allowing younger (teenage) kids to come. Justin Gwin suggested it get moved to Monday Night and put on the Monday Night football game. Angela Buckley suggested moving the time to 8:00 pm because 7:00pm is too closer to dinner.

**Scholarship Fund:** Sandra Dale (Scholarship Coordinator) reported that she and Michael Teets are continuing to work to update the paperwork since the name was voted to be changed and will forward that to Gary Oliwa. She noted the photos and bios of this year's recipients were given to Gary Oliwa for the Newsletter and website. This will be her last update until January or February when the application dates for 2024 are approaching.

### **Old Business**

**Lucerne Lakes:** Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the trial and litigation is over. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Judge G. Joseph Curly of the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit issued a 27-page declaration siding with Mattamy Homes, saying the development of the golf course can proceed and that Mattamy Homes was in their right to file suit against Lucerne Lakes to recover their lawyers' fees. Gary noted that the 8 or so people at the front of Ohio should be getting contacted to see how they are going to proceed to add the left-turn lane to Columbia Road. Gary will also reach out to Mattamy Homes to remind them of their commitment to put 2 speed bumps on Springdale to divert Lucerne traffic from our neighborhood.

**Lake Worth Road / Ohio Road Intersection:** Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) noted the County said we were on the schedule within 6 months of the original March approval, and that 6 months has passed. He has sent a new email to see if we're on the schedule.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Around The Room:**

**Safety:** Penny Springs wanted to see how best we can continue to secure our neighborhood. Kimberly Serio (Secretary) noted that the work Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) did to clean up and clear out the Springdale area helped as no one can encamp in that area any longer. Terry Crosby noted that she works on it every week. Penny noted she'd be happy to help with the maintenance. Discussion was made about an unmaintained lot in the back of the neighborhood. Megan Bauer noted that a new person owns the home next to it, but the lot still belongs to the previous owners.

**Car Show:** Justin Gwin (Treasurer) asked about the car show idea that was proposed. Pat Buckley advised he got busy, but it's still an active idea.

**Playground:** Heather Zapf inquired about a playground to protect our area neighborhood from registered offenders owning properties here. Mike Misko (President) noted that we can't do that without increasing our liability insurance as playgrounds are a higher liability. Heather mentioned speaking with the Church located in Florida Gardens to see if that would be considered a playground for our neighborhood.

**BBQ Event:** Angie Bermudez asked about an upcoming BBQ or Food Truck event for early 2024, as it's coming close, and we don't want to do it during the hot months again. Mike Misko (President) noted that we will table this until next month.

There being no other issues raised, a motion was made by Mike Misko at 8:44 p.m. to adjourn and it was unanimously approved.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

President – Mike Misko  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Christine Curry  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Sarah Harmes  
Secretary – Kimberly Serio  
Treasurer – Justin Gwin

**Florida Gardens Civic Association, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Agenda**

October 2023

Social Media Coordinator – Alanna Harman  
Newsletter & Website - Gary Oliwa  
Clubhouse Manager – Terry Crosby  
Scholarship Fund – Sandra Dale  
Kid's Event Coordinator – Kimberly Serio  
Youth Volunteer Coordinator – Needed  
Adult Event Coordinator – Brian Katz

**Monthly Business**

1. Last Month's Meeting Minutes: (Questions/Approval)
2. Treasurer Report: (Justin Gwin)
3. Clubhouse Rentals: (Terry Crosby)
4. Clubhouse Maintenance: (Gary Oliwa)
5. Newsletter: (Gary Oliwa)
6. Website: (Gary Oliwa)
7. Taxes: (Gary Oliwa)
8. Children's Events: (Kimberly Serio)
9. Adult's Events: (Brian Katz)

**Old Business Updates**

1. Lucerne Lakes: (Gary Oliwa)
2. Lake Worth Road / Ohio Road Intersection (Gary Oliwa)

**New Business**

1. Neighborhood BBQ

**Around The Room**