

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Meeting

(Gary Oliwa for Angela Bermudez)

NOTE: This record is very abbreviated due to the failure of the voice recorder.

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Palmer (President) at 8:02 pm.

Board Members present: Spencer Palmer (President), Kim Kahant (1st Vice President), Gary Oliwa (2nd Vice President) and Chris Jenson (Treasurer) ; all Directors at Large ; 12 Street Reps. Total Directors – 19/27. Quorum requirement met.

The Minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting were distributed. No changes were made. Motion to accept the Minutes as presented was accepted (Terry Crosby / Danny Wood) and approved without dissent.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Chris Jenson. No issues raised. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was accepted (Terry Crosby / Marion French) and approved without dissent.

Kim Saunders presented a status report on the Picnic coordination activities. An issue was raised regarding the distribution of free food samples. After discussion, the issue was resolved.

Gary Oliwa presented a status report on the new By-Laws. There were only minor changes to the draft document that was distributed to the Board on March 6th. Those changes were made and a revised document was distributed to the Board on April 2nd. There were no comments or substantive changes to that version. A motion was made to accept the document as the new By-Laws (Kim Kahant / Marion French). The motion carried unanimously.

Terry Crosby, Clubhouse Manager, presented the status of Clubhouse rentals. There are very few outside rentals now, resulting in a significant decrease in rental income from last year. A lengthy discussion regarding a donation receipt resulting in a clubhouse rental discount for residents ensued. A show of hands (not a motion) to gauge the opinion of the Board resulted in a 10/8 result in favor of eliminating the connection of donation receipt to a clubhouse rental discount. The reasons why the discount incentive was originally established were presented. The concern was raised regarding this proposed change adversely affecting rental revenue further in light of the reduction already seen as a result of the lowered outside rentals. It was evident that time for additional discussion was necessary, and Spencer Palmer requested the discussion be tabled until next month's meeting.

Bill Connor (Newsletter / Website) expressed concern over the problem of publishing the next newsletter after the breakdown of his printer. Options are being investigated. Bill also presented a preview of the new Florida Gardens Website.

Ed Ridolph (Scholarships) informed the Board that there had been one applicant this year (the cut-off date for application entry is April 15th).

There were no changes to the items listed as 'Old Business' from last month's meeting.

New business included the following:

- A report to the Board regarding the vandalism of the rear clubhouse grass.
- Various reports on Clubhouse maintenance activities.

With there being no further business issues, a motion was made (Ed Ridolph / Penny Spring) to adjourn. Motion carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 8:00 pm.