

Florida Gardens Civic Association
Meeting Minutes for November 14th, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Mike Misko (President) at 8:05p.m.

Attendance: Officers: Mike Misko (President), Christine Curry (First Vice President), Sarah Harmes (Second Vice President), Keegan Gwin (Treasurer), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. There were sufficient Board Members present (15) to achieve a quorum. There were 20 attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Monthly Business:

Minutes: The October's minutes were distributed, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Justin Gwin sat in for Keegan Gwin (Treasurer) to give the Treasurer's report. We have a bank balance of \$25,821 as of October 31st, 2024. The revenue for 2024 is at \$24,500 compared to \$22,000 in the same period in 2023. Contributions are at \$10,400 compared to \$10,900 in the same period in 2023. He noted Keegan had to still transfer in the funds from PayPal, so we should be at about the same as last year. Newsletter revenue is up to just over \$5,000 compared to \$4,000 in the same period in 2023. Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) noted that thanks to our new Advertising Coordinator we have almost all our empty spaces filled. Justin noted our Newsletter total income so far in 2024 is around \$5,000, compared to \$4,000 in the same period in 2023. Gary Oliwa asked if the bank balance numbers reflected the "Friendsgiving" expenses coming up next week. Justin noted they do not.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for October. We had 16 rentals (3 residents, 1 non-resident and 12 Community Service events) providing \$1,834.95 net income for the period. She noted that for the month of November she has \$4,325 in deposits.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) noted there was nothing significant to repair this past month.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported the November Newsletter was distributed to the Street Reps this morning. Our printer, Great Impressions, did an outstanding job of getting the Newsletters printed in 2-1/2 days. If the Street Reps get them to their residents this weekend, the people will have 1 week notice via the Newsletter for the Neighborhood Friendsgiving event next Saturday, November 23rd.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported both the Neighborhood Friendsgiving and the annual Christmas Events information were added to the website. Pictures of our Halloween events were also uploaded, thanks to Karen Bavis for sharing some of her photos.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported the October Sales Tax Return was filed and made its way to Tallahassee after only 7 days, which he believes is a new speed record for our Sales Tax Returns.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) reported the Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 14th from 10am until 12pm, and setup will be Friday, December 13th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Santa will be coming with the throne, and we will have crafts, breakfast, and games. We will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots. She noted she had been looking for donations for a silent auction, and did not receive any response. She noted that thankfully we received over \$600 from both contributions and from the 50/50 Raffle at the Halloween Party. She asked Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) if the Grinch will also be joining us again, and he said yes. She also noted she is always open to anyone willing to volunteer to be Santa to save funds.

Old Business

BBQ Event: Alanna Harman reported the Friendsgiving was next Saturday, November 23rd from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Jodi who coordinates the Bazaar has multiple vendors coming. She had confirmed rental of the bounce house and tent. She will do a PA with radio music, cake walk, and corn hole boards will be set up. She has a hot dog stand, Kona Ice, and a taco truck all coming.

Speed Bumps: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) reported a young dog of a resident on Springdale was hit by a speeding car and killed this past week. The driver was a Florida Gardens resident. The Palm Beach County Traffic Department has yet to approve the application that Mattamy Homes submitted some time ago for the installation of speed bumps on Springdale. He noted that Mattamy Homes, myself and Kimberly, the resident whose dog was killed, have all corresponded this week with various members of Palm Beach County government to try and move this project forward. Kimberly noted that she is aware that all the residents are aware of the speeding issue we have on Springdale, but as a resident on Springdale Road it's a lot more personal. She noted the dog, sadly, was hit by a speeding car. She noted the vehicle didn't even break, noting she believed they didn't even see the dog. She also noted that the current 30mph speed limit seems to be high. She noted that due to the excessive speed she can't have her children play out front. She noted as she placed "please slow down" signs she was flipped off by a driver. Keegan Gwin (Treasurer) noted she was present and saw this happen. She noted that she reached out to the county and they told her that if the traffic exceeds 1500 cars daily that they will allow the speed bumps. She got with Gary Oliwa to see when the last test was done. Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) noted that he had it done 7 years ago. Kimberly also noted that with the school bus drop off being off Springdale, that she's seen cars get extremely close to those kids. She noted that the engineer of the county told her they can conduct a new Traffic Test since it's been over 6 years. She noted that the county engineer also noted that being in unincorporated Palm Beach County our speed limits are determined by the county, and can go as low as 20mph. She noted her goals are to work with the board and the county to get the speed bumps added coupled with a speed limit decrease, she thinks it will prevent some of the current issues. She noted that PBSO can do a trap on Springdale, and possibly place a car on the road. Penny Springs noted that a better solution for the kids may be to have sidewalks added along Springdale. Spencer Palmer noted that we should have our Commissioner's phone number in our Newsletter. Due to cross talking in the back, the rest of the conversation was hard to distinguish. The discussion went on for more than 30 minutes to find solutions for Springdale.

New Business:

Elections: Mike Misko (President) noted that December Election of Officers for 2025 is next month, and we need a quorum of 15 to elect 2025's officers.

Contributions: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) reported she spoke with many residents at the Halloween Party about some of the ideas the Board had discussed to increase contributions. She noted that doing a separate single flyer was a popular idea, as well as having the contributions page translated into Spanish. She noted that the Zelle Code was giving people issues, and they requested having a phone number listed instead. Keegan Gwin (Treasurer) noted she believed the phone number was posted in a separate area of the page.

Complaints: Justin Gwin reported he saw a noise complaint issue come into our Gmail account. Mike Misko noted that those complaints needed to be reported to the non-emergency sheriff's office. Justin noted that recently we had a rental with extremely loud music that was rattling his windows. Mike Misko (President) noted we are not present at these events, we are unable to monitor music levels for each party. If the noise gets out of hand during a rental, to please reach out to Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) or him, and if they are unavailable to please contact the non-emergency Sheriff's Office line. Another resident, present, complained that his neighbor had parked multiple landscaping trucks on the property. Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) noted that there is nothing this board can do as we are not an HOA. Mike Misko noted that any issues with other residents must be reported to the proper county authorities, we are not an HOA and do not have any power over residents' homes.

Around the Room:

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mike Misko at 8:59p.m. to adjourn and it was accepted by unanimous consent.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 12th, 2024, at 8:00p.m.

President – Mike Misko
1st Vice President – Christine Curry
2nd Vice President – Sarah Harmes
Secretary – Kimberly Serio
Treasurer – Keegan Gwin

Florida Gardens Civic Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Agenda

December 12th 2025

Social Media Coordinator – Alanna Harman
Newsletter & Website - Gary Oliwa
Clubhouse Manager – Terry Crosby
Scholarship Fund – Marian French
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: (Keegan 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)

Old Business Updates

1. Speed Bumps (Christine Curry)

New Business

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