

## Florida Gardens Civic Association

### Minutes of the December 12th, 2019 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm.

**Officers Present:** Spencer Palmer (President), Kim Kahant (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Gary Oliwa (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Chris Jenson (Treasurer), Angie Bermudez (Secretary).

**Minutes:** of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were distributed. Accepted: 1<sup>st</sup> Terry Crosby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Misko.

**Treasurer's Report:** was given by Chris Jenson. We have a current bank balance of \$22,814.52 with outstanding checks of \$1,050.00. Accepted: 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Oliwa, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Sjoholm.

#### Old & New Business:

- Terry Crosby reported receiving 153 calls for the month of November. 34 appointments resulting in 10 rentals. 6 FG inside rentals and 4 outside rentals. Income for November \$4000.00.
- Gary Oliwa reported he added the Newsletter and the last two meeting minutes to the website. The website is very active, mostly due to clubhouse inquiries.
- Gary mentioned there was concern over the newsletter being delivered so close to Thanksgiving. This was because the monthly meeting wasn't until the 14<sup>th</sup>. He needed the President's letter and meeting information to complete it. Once he had all the information required, he delivered it to the printer. By the time he received them back, got them packaged and delivered to the street reps., it was the weekend before Thanksgiving.
- Spencer reported he had 6 vendors lined up to quote fence pricing and no one showed up. He also contacted 3 vendors and texted another for estimates to paint the clubhouse. 2 vendors responded and set up meetings but didn't show up. Spencer will continue to look for vendors for both.
- Gary reported he hasn't contacted vendors yet to do the paver pathway due to all the other activities going on this month. He will get back to it in January.
- Kim Kahant reported all the party supplies have been ordered and delivered to Kimberly Serio. Marion French had a family emergency and will be unable to help Kimberly. Kim asked if anyone could volunteer to help on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> with the party, it would be appreciated. Set up is tomorrow night from 6:30 to 7:30. Kim asked if anyone could stay after tonight's meeting to get the Christmas tree and tables out, so most is done.
- Spencer said Santa will arrive at 10:15 for the Kids party. The first Golf Cart Parade is at 1 pm, the evening Golf Cart Parade will start at 7 pm. Both will line up in the Church driveway.
- Spencer reported the cornhole competition will be held Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> along with the Food Truck event.

- Kim Kahant spoke with the bookkeeper at Panther Run Middle School, regarding information for the digital sign for our marquee. It's been so many years since it was first installed that they didn't have any information readily available. Kim is trying to find out from the maintenance department at the school to see if they remember who the vendor was, so she can call for a quote. Sandra Dale asked if the marquee would need to be redone. Kim said sometimes they can use an insert, but she would find out.
- Miriam Davila said she was inspired to come to the meeting after reading Gary Oliwa's editorial in the newsletter, "Should we disband the FGCA". Spencer explained it has always been hard to get new people involved. New people sometimes do show up to the meetings but don't return. We'd like to get new people involved in clubhouse activities to bring in new, fresh ideas, serving on the Board as Street Reps. or running for office. Officer positions are open every year at the December meeting. Miriam wondered if it had to do with available money. Both Spencer and Gary Oliwa said it has never been about money. Just lack of new participation and volunteers. As it is, we only have about 1/3 of the homes even donate the requested \$30.00 per year. If we had more donations and participation, we could plan more activities, bigger parties, etc.
- Miriam also inquired about a dog park area on the FG Clubhouse grounds and wondered if it had been brought up before or if it was a possibility. Kim Kahant said in the past we discussed putting a kids park here. The county said if we do that, it would be open to the public, and that's not what we wanted. Miriam asked if that would be the same rule for a dog park. Spencer said he didn't know but would look into it.
- Sandra Dale brought up the need to communicate clubhouse needs for volunteers and events, perhaps a community calendar. She mentioned adding trees (which had been discussed and approved but was put on hold due to funds needed for other priority projects) and set up some benches where neighbors could meet and get to know one another. Spencer mentioned the person who purchased his previous home on W. Palm is donating 2 large Oak trees from his property. He offered to donate and install them in the clubhouse yard in the spring. It was also asked if it was ok to have a random kid's get-together like flag football on any weekday the clubhouse wasn't rented. Penny Spring suggested a calendar with posted events outside on the clubhouse wall. Kim Kahant said we could also put an event calendar on the website. The get-together would just need to be coordinated with Terry to make sure the clubhouse wasn't rented.
- Miriam Davila also mentioned she came across ice cream trucks that want to come into the neighborhood. Were there any restrictions? Kim Kahant mentioned it had been a long time since we've had ice cream trucks come through the neighborhood, but she has recently heard a few. They don't seem to be consistent and move through very quickly, not giving the kids time to get out with their money. Danny Wood mentioned the Cosmo's ice cream truck has done very well. He's a nice guy and has his kids in the truck with him. He does very well on Rubber Tree and Ohio.
- Miriam Davila asked if we have a Facebook page. Gary Oliwa said we do have one, he's tried several times through Facebook admin. to get control of it with no success. It was suggested we set up a new FG Civic Assoc. FB page to post events. Miriam volunteered to set up the page but not be the administrator.

- Spencer announced it was now time for the yearly elections and turned the floor over to Sandra Dale. Sandra has passed out envelopes with a voting card for each office, (President, 1st. V. President, 2nd. V. President, Secretary and Treasurer) to all the members eligible to vote. At the completion of each vote, Sandra will come around and collect the cards and confirm the total with Kimberly Serio. All envelopes and cards not used will be returned to Sandra and Kimberly.
- Kimberly read off the procedure of how the voting would proceed.
- Kimberly asked for a nomination for President. Spencer Palmer was nominated and accepted. With only one nominee... Kimberly asked for a motion to waive the ballot process. Gary Oliwa motioned, and Penny Spring seconded. All were in favor and Spencer was reelected.
- Kimberly asked for a nomination for 1st. V. President. Kim Kahant nominated Susan Jenkins and Susan accepted. With only one nominee... Kimberly asked for a motion to waive the ballot process. Angie Bermudez motioned, and Mike Misko seconded. All were in favor and Susan was elected.
- Kimberly asked for a nomination for 2nd. V. President. Gary Oliwa nominated Danny Wood and Danny accepted. With only one nominee... Kimberly asked for a motion to waive the ballot process. Kim Kahant motioned, and Alanna Harman seconded. All were in favor and Danny was elected.
- Kimberly asked for a nomination for Secretary. Danny Wood nominated Angie Bermudez and Angie accepted. With only one nominee... Kimberly asked for a motion to waive the ballot process. Bill Applegate motioned, and Kim Kahant seconded. All were in favor and Angie was reelected.
- Kimberly asked for a nomination for Treasure. Spencer Palmer nominated Chris Jenson and Chris accepted. With only one nominee... Kimberly asked for a motion to waive the ballot process. Megan Bauer motioned, and Gary Oliwa seconded. All were in favor and Chris was reelected.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> John Sjoholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alanna Harman.
- Next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.