

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for December 9th, 2021

This meeting was called to order by Spencer Palmer (President) at 8:00pm.

Attendance: Officers: Spencer Palmer (President), Mike Misko (First Vice President), Danny Wood (Second Vice President), Chris Jenson (Treasurer), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. There were sufficient Board Members present (17) to achieve a quorum. There were 25 total attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Minutes November's minutes were distributed by Kimberly Serio, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report given by Chris Jenson. We have a current bank balance of \$17,603.00 as of 12/09/21 with outstanding checks totaling \$1,179.00. Yearly contributions totaled \$8,360.72 compared to \$8,900 last year. We had over 200 residents contributing. PayPal transactions accounted for \$2,183.00 and the fees were \$84.28.

Clubhouse Report: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) gave the clubhouse report for Terry Crosby. He reported for the month of October we had 19 rentals (15 residents / 4 non-residents), totaling \$1,919.25 in net income.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa reported we have a backflow inspection scheduled for this month as required by the county.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa reported that the newsletter was delivered to the Street Reps on November 26th. All present Street Reps reported theirs had been delivered.

Website: Gary Oliwa reported that he had posted the Newsletter, the Christmas Events, the Halloween pictures and the September and October meeting minutes to the website.

Scholarship Program: Gary Oliwa reported the website Scholarship page has now been updated to add Sandra Dale as the new Scholarship Coordinator. The application has also been added. He also provided Sandra Dale with all the information he had created for the scholarship program.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa reported that November sales tax return had been filed.

New Business

Contributions: Gary Oliwa reported that we needed to change our wording on all documentation from "donation" to "contribution". All Florida Gardens residents are members of our corporation. A member can give a contribution to the corporation, and it's called a capital contribution. Capital contributions are not considered taxable income to the corporation. Therefore, the only taxable income we have is from the rental of the clubhouse. The website has already been updated.

Lucerne Lakes Golf Course Conversion: Gary Oliwa reported that Lucerne Lakes has hired an attorney to continue to fight the development of the golf course. They are currently doing a fundraiser to amass \$150,00.00 to pay for the law firm. The law firm will be doing two things. First, they will be filing for a declaratory judgement from the court which halts the sale of the golf course. Secondly, they will be asking the court to issue an injunction against any further development in the future of the golf course. Gary also reported that it's possible there are old documents which have been uncovered that state the land the golf course is sitting on is considered recreation property and it to stay recreation property in perpetuity. One resident asked if everyone here donated \$100 what would that add up to? Spencer Palmer reported we have 760 houses in Florida Gardens so that would amount to \$76,000.00.

Crime Watch: Resident Holly Ciavola inquired about how many homes we have in the neighborhood, and Gary Oliwa reported we have 760 homes. She was inquiring how much it would be if each resident paid \$10 for additional security on our roads. Spencer Palmer reported that only 200 of the 760 are even willing to pay \$35 a year to keep the clubhouse updated. Holly mentioned she had residents who were willing to give \$20 a month. Kim

Kahant advised that if all 760 residents give \$10 a month the total would be \$7600 a month. Holly advised she was here to push for additional security for our neighborhood.

Christmas Decorating Contest: Gary Oliwa reported he posted in the Newsletter that Street Reps are to select the winners for their individual street. The house can't be a prize winner from the neighborhood contest. Street Reps can also select their own houses as winners.

Luminaries: Gary Oliwa reported that he posted in the newsletter that if a street wants to participate in setting up luminaries that the Street Rep would coordinate it. Spencer Palmer asked if anyone wants to do the luminaries and multiple Street Reps want to participate. Resident Evelio Herrera offered to donate the sand for the luminaries this year. Street reps can provide the receipts to the treasurer to be reimbursed.

Crime Watch: Resident Holly Ciavola, reported she had contact with the sheriff's department and let them know we need someone come to our meeting and explain our options. Spencer Palmer advised that we will be having them come to our February meeting and advised Mike Misko of the date. Holly reported that we need to have this information added to our social media platforms to generate support for this event. Evelio Herrera reported that since we pay our taxes, they should patrol our streets. After a discussion Mike Misko closed the subject and let everyone know that we will address this issue at our February meeting.

Elections

Gary Oliwa read the election procedures to elect the Florida Gardens Civic Association Officers for 2022.

Gary opened nominations for the position of President. Spencer Palmer nominated Mike Misko and he accepted the nomination. Kim Kahant nominated Susan Jenkins and she declined the nomination. With no other nominations, Gary Oliwa made a motion to wave the ballot, and declare Mike Misko as President for 2022. Unanimously approved.

Gary opened nominations for the position of First Vice President. Mike Misko nominated Susan Jenkins and she accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, Gary Oliwa made a motion to wave the ballot, and declare Susan Jenkins as First Vice President for 2022. Unanimously approved.

Gary opened nominations for the position of Second Vice President. Spencer Palmer nominated Brian Katz and he accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, Gary Oliwa made a motion to wave the ballot and declare Brian Katz as Second Vice President for 2022. Unanimously approved.

Gary opened nominations for the position of Secretary. Mike Misko nominated Kimberly Serio and she accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, Gary Oliwa made a motion to wave the ballot, and declare Kimberly Serio as Secretary for 2022. Unanimously approved.

Gary opened nominations for the position of Treasurer. Chris Jenson nominated Justin Gwin and he accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, Gary Oliwa made a motion to wave the ballot and declare Justin Gwin as Treasurer for 2022. Unanimously approved.

Gary Oliwa closed out the election process.

Around the room:

Kim Kahant reported that she was going to step down as a Director at Large. Kim Kahant nominated Danny Wood for Director at Large and was seconded by Spencer Palmer. With unanimous approval Danny Woods is now a Director at Large.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Gary Oliwa at 8:31 to adjourn and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting scheduled for January 13th, 2022.