

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for January 11th, 2024

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

Attendance: Officers: Mike Misko (President), Christine Curry (First Vice President), Sarah Harmes (Second Vice President), and Keegan Gwin (Treasurer), were present. Kimberly Serio (Secretary) was absent. There were insufficient Board Members present (12) to achieve a quorum. There were 13 attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Monthly Business:

Minutes: December's minutes were distributed and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Keegan Gwin (Treasurer) gave the Treasurer's report. As of December 31st, 2023, our cash balance was \$17,463. The prior year, 2022, was \$28,903. During 2023 we started formally recording rental deposits and liabilities in the financials, so as of December 31st, 2023, we have \$3,625 in deposit liabilities for events that have not yet occurred, or the deposit refund has not been processed. The sum in the change in the cash balance, plus the deposits liabilities result in a loss of approximately \$14,000. She noted that, Justin Gwin (Former Treasurer) previously shared that the lower rental income for 2023 and increased expenses primarily in renovations, repairs and scholarships accounted for the \$14,000 loss. Keegan noted that she and Justin went to the bank and have successfully transferred everything over into her name. She is currently awaiting the receipt of the card and will submit the 2024 Florida Corporation Annual Report to Sunbiz and remove Justin from that document.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for December. She reported that December was a busy month, and that the clubhouse is booked solid for January. She reported that for the month we had 15 rentals (3 residents, 3 non-resident and 9 Community Service events) providing \$3,838.86 net income for the period. She noted that for January, she has currently collected over \$3,500 in rent. She also noted that January is fully booked as well. She noted that Jodi Davis will be renting the clubhouse to start the Bazaar again on the first Saturday of the month. First one to be held on February 3rd. Terry has all Jodi's information if anyone would like to rent space at the event. She noted that Tuesday Game Nights are going to be suspended going forward and Kimberly Serio will be renting for a Bible Study for 3 months.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported he repaired (2) 8' rectangle tables, one of which had mangled leg supports. He straightened those and added additional screws. He noted we had one party where the renter used pushpins and staples to attach their decorations to the walls. We withheld some of their deposit money and he spend several hours patching and painting over 100 little holes in the walls.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the Newsletter is behind schedule due to concerns with March that he will cover in February's meeting. He stated basically the March Newsletter is going to be distributed very close to the Easter Event.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported the Christmas event pictures were added and he added Keegan as our new Treasurer.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the December Sales Tax Return, the 4th Quarter Unemployment Tax Return, 4th Quarter FICA Tax Return and annual Federal Unemployment Tax return have been filled out, and he will be getting the checks this evening to be mailed tomorrow. He has received the Year-End financials and will begin working on the data to send to our accountant for the Federal and State Corporate Income Tax returns which are due in March. He also will be generating W2's, a W3, and a W4 for Terry Crosby, Justin Gwin and Keegan Gwin by the end of the month. He noted we did receive a little tax break starting in Q4. The State of Florida reduced the sales tax rate on commercial rentals from 5.5% to 4.5% and our state unemployment tax rate went from 2.7% to 0.1% now that the "new employer" trial period has ended.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) was absent.

Old Business

BBQ Event: Mike Misko (President) inquired if we had investigated any trucks for a neighborhood party. Alanna Harman noted that she was unsure of the exact date and cannot begin until we set an official date. Mike Misko said he will get with Alanna to set a date.

Traffic Lights: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) reported no new updates currently.

Speed Bumps: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) noted that a representative from Mattamy Homes contacted him asking for the input on the location of the two speed bumps. He surveyed the street and chose 2 proposed locations, reviewed them with Christie Banks (Springdale Street Representative), sent copies to our Officers for their review, and sent letters and diagrams to the 6 Springdale residents closest to the proposed locations. He received no negative comments back so he has forwarded the locations to the Mattamy representatives. He will let us know where it goes from here. He was asked what type of speed bumps they will be, and he noted he is unsure at this time. He was also asked about what to do about broken Speed Limit signs, and he advised to contact PBC Road and Bridge and report them.

Swale on Springdale: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) noted he reported last month, the swale at the school bus stop had seriously eroded, exposing the pavement edge. He contacted PBC Road and Bridge in October, hoping they would rebuild the swale. He noted that the county instead elected to add asphalt to the edge of the road to try and keep it from being damaged further by cars pulling off the road at the school bus stop. He noted that he's not sure if there is anything to be gained by pursuing it further.

New Business:

Voter Registration: A resident noted that she received a new voting card, and the voting location has been changed to Florida Garden's Baptist Church.

Around The Room:

Apple Pay: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) asked if we should consider adding Apple Pay as payment type for our member contributions. He noted we tried Venmo and that didn't really seem to make an impact. A resident noted that with Apple Pay it's sent in a text message, and you choose to either transfer it to your bank or keep it in Apple Pay. The app would require us to purchase an apple phone to accept payments. Another resident noted that Zelle may be a better option. Another resident noted that we have QR codes for other apps. Gary noted that if we'd like to set this up to please forward him what is needed for the Website and Newsletter, and he will get it done.

Directors At Large: Mike Misko (President) noted that the Directors at Large will remain the same as 2023; Spencer Palmer, Danny Wood, and Gary Oliwa.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mike Misko at 8:29 to adjourn and it was unanimously approved.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8th, 2024, at 8:00pm.

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

February 8th, 2024

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: (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. BBQ (Mike Misko/Alanna Harman)
2. Traffic Lights (Gary Oliwa)
3. Speed Bumps (Gary Oliwa)

New Business

Around The Room