

Florida Gardens Civic Association
Meeting Minutes for September 12th, 2024

This meeting was called to order by Christine Curry (1st Vice President) at 8:09p.m.

Attendance: Officers: Christine Curry (First Vice President), Sarah Harmes (Second Vice President), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. Mike Misko (President) and Keegan Gwin (Treasurer) were absent. There were insufficient Board Members present (12) to achieve a quorum. There were 15 attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Monthly Business:

Minutes: The May and June minutes were distributed, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Justin Gwin sat in for Keegan Gwin (Treasurer) to give the treasure's report. We have a bank balance of \$23,634 as of August 31st, 2024. He noted that clubhouse rentals as of August 31st are about \$1000.00 down compared to the same period in 2023. He noted that ads are up by \$1000.00 compared to 2023. He noted contributions are down about \$1000.00 compared to 2023. We've had 143 houses contribute, which is about 19% down from last year of 170-180 houses. Cypress had the largest dollar sum of \$979 for their street. The largest percentage participation was Cleveland with 35% participation.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for June-August. She noted an issue with a renter leaving late, Destiny Shelton on West Mango, so she kept back \$25 of the deposit. Upon further investigation she found out that Destiny had not lived in our community for over 5 years but was still obtaining the resident discount using old identification. The deposit was mailed to the address listed, and was returned to us, so the deposit will not be returned due to fraud. Terry reported that for the three-month period we had 51 rentals (12 residents, 4 non-resident and 33 Community Service events) providing \$7,265.00 net income for the period. She reported that August was the highest rental month of the year.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported he replaced two water-damaged LED floodlights. He created a drainage hole in the bottom of the electrical box to prevent recurrence. Our large, bright orange, free-standing "Parking in the Back" sign was run-over by a car, and it has been repaired for use. He replaced the two 8' fluorescent tubes in the locked rear storage area, which had burned out, with LED tubes. He noted they are now cheaper than the fluorescent tubes. He also replaced the broken panel of the white vinyl fence on the north property line.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the September Newsletter is awaiting final decisions on the Halloween activities. He noted that the representative who provides Penny Spring with the Crime Report is on vacation until Monday. The Newsletter will go to the printer by next weekend, with or without it.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported no updates.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the June, July, and August Sales Tax Returns were filled, along with the Q2 Florida Reemployment Tax Return and the Q2 Federal FICA Return.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) reported that the Halloween party will be on October 19th from 5pm to 6pm with a prep night on Friday, October 18th from 6pm-8pm. She noted that she hasn't done any planning yet and will provide the details at our next meeting. She noted that it will be a party only, and we will no longer be having the carnival due to the lack of volunteers. Alanna Harman (Social Media Coordinator) reported she also had no response to anyone willing to host games during the trunk or treat. Kimberly noted that if we get 20 volunteers before the event we can proceed with the carnival.

Old Business

BBQ Event: Alanna Harman reported that the event is on November 23rd from 10am until 3pm alongside the Bazaar. She is starting to put together a list of Food Truck vendors and is taking information from everyone. She noted she has guys to setup the tent, there will be corn hole boards out, and a cake walk. She will see if Fernando will setup his speaker, if not she will set up hers and use her phone to create a play list. She mentioned that they

will be doing 2 bounce houses, one for little kids and one for older kids. Kimberly Serio noted that Florida Gardens Baptist has two bounce houses and are usually willing to donate them. Kimberly agreed to reach out to the church.

Speed Bumps: Gary Oliwa (Director At Large) reported that some of the new homes are going up in Lucerne Lakes in the area of their old golf course clubhouse. He also noted if anyone is interested in following the progress of the Golf Course Conversion project, Mattamy has a project status website on which you check progress: www.forest-oaks.net. The speedbumps on Springdale will be going in when the roads are constructed, and no eta on that yet.

New Business:

Scholarship: Sandra Dale (Scholarship Fund) announced she was moving, and she is resigning from Scholarship Chair for 2025. Marian French said she would step up as the new Scholarship Chair for 2025, and it was unanimously approved.

Contribution Decline: Terry Crosby (Club House Manager) reported that many of her residential rental applicants speak only Spanish, and she wanted to make sure they were able to understand the events we host as well as the contributions we collect. Gary Oliwa noted we could have the contributions' section of our newsletter translated to Spanish. Kimberly Serio asked if we could only offer the Kid's Events to the families who have contributed. Gary said no but noted that we could charge an admission fee to the events. Alanna Harman noted that we may have to scale back events due to lack of volunteers and funding, and Kimberly agreed with that as well. Alanna also noted that we could have a separate flyer made specifically for contributions twice a year in both English and Spanish and give the details of the contributions and all the events they help support for children and families throughout the year. Kimberly said she will be getting with Gary to add a section in the upcoming Newsletter noting that we are cancelling the Carnival due to a lack of volunteers and funding. Brian Katz noted we could add a section in one of the Newsletters to educate new residents about our community and how to get involved. Sarah Harmes noted that we could put info on the marquee about contributions. Angie Bermudez asked Gary Oliwa about a previous article in the Newsletter about why we have to keep the clubhouse. Gary noted that he has reposted that article in the upcoming newsletter. Sarah noted that we will have to start to think outside the box for 2025, and everyone agreed.

Around the Room: None

There being no other business, a motion was made by Cristine Curry at 8:43pm to adjourn and it was accepted by unanimous consent.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10th, 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

October 10th, 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. November BBQ (Alanna Harman)

New Business

Around The Room