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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022
7:00 PM – Virtual Zoom

Board Members

Present:

Jennifer Fain (Acting President)
Donna McCormack (President)
Seth Follansbee
Adam Fractenberg
Garry Kravit
Michael Roth
Ed (Doc) Szerlip
Jesse Varnell

Heather Seaman (Volunteer Scribe)

Absent:

Richard Gendler
Mark Cameron

Total in Attendance - 41

Welcome/ Meeting Call to Order - 7:06 pm Garry Kravit

Pledge of Allegiance - Ed (Doc) Szerlip

Approval of Feb. 15 Meeting Minutes - No Objections – Unanimous

Opening Comments: - Garry Kravit

- Expressed appreciation to Donna for doing amazing work behind the scenes, and the Rockstars for their behind the scenes efforts to make Plantation a place exceptional to South Florida in terms of unity and diversity.
- Asked for one moment of silence for the challenges that the people of Ukraine are experiencing at this time.

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Guest Speaker – Debbie Geller (Plantation Police Department Victim Advocate/Juvenile Counselor)

Lost on Foot Program

Email: DGeller@psd.plantation.org

- Provided information on the Plantation Police Department's Lost of Foot Program which is designed to aid law enforcement in the recovery of a loved one who has wandered from his or her residence. Individuals at risk have irreversible intellectual facilities such as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Down Syndrome or Autism
- Created a database and attached the database to the Fire Department and EMS, providing officers with information about the individual quickly. All officers get trained on mental health issues.
- To register, go to the Police Department Website, click on 'Lost on 'Foot', and fill out the pdf form and send it to DGeller@psd.plantation.org.
- An individual does not have to be involved in a police report. They can just reach out to Debbie and she will respond.

Updates on Meetings in Plantation

Plantation City Council Meeting (Jan. 26) – Garry

- No Updates.

PAID Meeting (Feb. 22) – Doc (Ed) Serpil

- PAID is working on getting the PAID minutes out more quickly.
- There is a 20-year activity water survey which is going to cost the district and it will impact PAID. They are all working on ways to get the state to help financially. It is a \$60,000 cost and has to be completed within the next month or so.
- Administration is working on making Zoom easier to use.
- Residents can go online to get engineer's report.
- There are 6 pumps in area that help to bring down water. South Florida Water Management District needs to bring down C42 first so PAID can pump out. PAID is working on replacing the pumps. They should be starting to replace the first pump next month.
- Jenn brought up two issues that she is working on with the city and with Angel – trash and debris on the swales, and no guard rail in front of the canal between 115th and 116th Avenue. Anyone with similar issues either email Jenn or get in touch with Angel in PAID.

Planning and Zoning Meeting (Mar. 1) – Michael Roth

- There were four items on the agenda.

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- Approved plans for residents to build a pergola too close to the property. The property was on a canal.
- Approved plans for a WAWA at the southeast corner of Broward Blvd. and Pine Island Rd. after hearing citizens' concerns about the effect of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Approved University of Miami project to build a small annex building next to the current building, which is located off Peters Rd, West of University, to house imaging equipment to do scanning without going to Miami.
- Approved 8601 project to build nearly 40 residences, a five to six story parking garage, 150,000 square foot of commercial buildings even though there were issues with increased traffic.

Discussion at PAHA meeting on impacts to Plantation Acres and nearby HOA's, and effect on the quality of life here, Emphasized the need to let City Council commissioners know what the residents think.

Plantation City Council (Feb .23 / Mar. 9) – Nick Sortal (Council Member)

- Currently Council is working on the City Charter which hasn't been updated since 1953. They are discussing whether they should take away the mayor vote when there is a 2/2 tie.
- The charter will come back in April with two public hearings to make changes to the charter and it will then be placed on the ballot in 2022.
- Jenn asked about elections and Nick said they would be in November this year. To change the election date would be a Charter change.
- There will be an event to raise funds for Ukraine called 'Clergy Gone Wild/ which will be on Sunday, May 15 at 4 pm, by donation only.

Updates on PAHA Committees

Parks – No Updates.

Awareness – Teresa Smith

- Group of eight neighbors stuffed and delivered 1650 letters throughout South, Central and North Acres. It provided the opportunity to encourage neighbors to stay involved and made them aware that Unified Flex was tabled and not resolved.
- Thanked Ric Roth who was a liaison for printing the letters, and Owen Luttinger who was responsible printing them.

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- Spoke to Jason Nunemaker and he made it clear that the North Acres property, as well as the Middle Acres property, will not be sold, and that open land is essential for storm water mitigation and drainage.
- There will be a Bond workshop on Mar. 30 at 5pm at City Hall.
- North Acres Park – Order of Business
 - Design plans for the North Acres Park will be discussed on Mar. 30th at the Bond workshop and plans will be approved.
 - There will be a walk and talk with several residents and PAHA representatives for further feedback.
 - The plans will go to Professional Services, Engineering, and Procurement.
 - Project will then go for bid.
 - After the bid the money and funds will come but there is no specific start date at this time.
- Middle Acres Park – City Council is waiting to hear from residents and they will have the opportunity to provide input. There is an interest in making it a bird sanctuary park which would be a great opportunity for grant funds and storm water mitigation.

Neighborhood Watch – Michael Roth

- Crime Report – (Feb. 16 – Mar. 11) Two autos were burglarized. One was an attempt, and both were unlocked. One residential burglary and one arrest for domestic battery.
- Traffic Report- (Feb. 16 – Mar. 11) There were two citations, one speeding on Old Hiatus and one abandoned vehicle on 118th Ave.
- Remember to consider purchasing a locked mailbox, signing up for ‘informed’ delivery, locking car doors and keeping key fobs away from windows or in a blocking bag.

Community Outreach – Heather Seaman

- PAHA supports two charities – Saving Sage Animal Rescue and Gulfstream Early Learning Center.
- There is a Saving Sage wish list on Nextdoor and Facebook for needed items.

Social Committee – Online Photo Contest – Garry Kravit/ Michael Roth

- There were two categories, adult and youth. The results of the contest were judged by Garry Kravit. Judging was based on the work speaking to the nature of

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the Acres, as well as having a narrative. Photographers were not known at time of judging.

- Will publish address for the gallery exhibition, and photos will be kept in a database to use on Nextdoor for future announcements etc.
- Adult
 - First Place: My Backyard Visitor – The Firefly - Tatiana Cariffe
 - Second Place: Sunset -Tatiana Cariffe
 - Honorable Mention: Stopping by On a Rainy Day – The Egret -Kevin Israel
- Youth
 - First Place: Pony- Madisyn Urquhart
 - Second Place: Donkey - Madisyn Urquhart
 - Honorable Mention: Cow – Madisyn Urquhart

Community Service Squad - Heather Seaman

- There are currently 21 students participating.
- Community Service Squad members need community service hours to qualify for the John George scholarship.
- Students can earn service hours by:
 - Donating to Saving Sage Animal Rescue, and Gulf Stream Learning Center. Saving Sage wish list for items really needed are on Nextdoor and Facebook.
 - Assisting with the PAHA booth at Volunteer Park Food Truck event.

John George Scholarship - Garry Kravit

- John George scholarship application process is currently active.
 - If students qualify they need to fill out the form for free money by Apr. 19, 2022.
 - Application and information are on the PAHA website.

Membership Update – Jesse

- 73 residents have paid their dues for 2022.
- 15 residents have joined since the last meeting.
- Membership can pay on the PAHA website by PayPal or by check.
- PAHA is still accepting donations for legal funds for issues that come up to represent the acres in front of legislative bodies.

Business Spotlight – Jimmy Saddar (BestUFitness)

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Real Estate Corner – PJ Jacobs – Keyes (954) 478-3000

- 8 closed sales with low price \$665,000 (2160 sq. ft.) and high price \$2,400,000 (8,582 sq. ft.)
- 6 pending sales, 4 are brand new structures, they were and listed between 420,000 and 3,390,000.
- 14 active listings on the market this month, with 2 new construction, highest 3.5 Mil and lowest \$775,000. 10 active listings with contract and 4 active listings with multiple listing for land.

Important Upcoming Dates – Adam Fractenberg

- Saturday Mar. 19 – Touch a Truck from 9am-12am at the Equestrian Center-Volunteer Park. This is a free family event with kids 'hands on' inside the trucks, games, ponies and rides.
- Food trucks at Volunteer Park, Mar. 26 and Apr. 11.
- 4-H Club - Exploring to see if there is an interest in the community. Interested residents should contact PAHA.

New Business – General

- Nick Sortal encouraged participation in Plantation Relay for Life at Central Park. Apr. 9 from 3pm – 10pm.
- Jenn congratulated Beth Ann Krinsky on her new position on the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Doc re-emphasized the need for residents to attend the Bond meeting Mar. 30th.
- Next meeting is Apr. 19.

Meeting Adjourned (8.32 pm) – Garry

Meeting minutes were prepared by Heather Seaman

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