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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022
7:00 PM EST – Virtual Zoom

Board Members:

Present:

Donna McCormack (President)

Mark Cameron

Jennifer Fain (Acting President)

Seth Follansbee

Adam Fractenberg

Garry Kravit

Michael Roth

Ed (Doc) Szerlip

Jesse Varnell

Heather Seaman (Volunteer Scribe)

Absent:

Patrick Peck

Richard Gendler

Total in attendance: 29

Welcome/ Meeting Called to Order - 7:12 pm – Donna McCormack

Pledge of Allegiance - Ed (Doc) Szerlip

Opening Comments - Jenn

- New agenda format was implemented for PAHA meetings.
- Changes to Zoom and registration requirements were implemented due to Zoom security issues.

Guest Speaker – Shakeela Robinson (Plantation Code Enforcement)

Tel: (954) 797-2642 **Email:** srobinson@psd.plantation.org

- Complaints to code enforcement should be made to the main number (954) 797-2267.
- Bulk Pickup – 75% of violations. Rule is that bulk should be only put out on the street Saturday before pickup. Palm fronds / bush cuttings do not have to be bundled.
- Airbnb Complaints - Questions/complaints are handled by either the police at (954) 797-2100 or Host Compliance (contractor for the city) at (954) 737-2818 and that information will be provided to Vicky Brown at Planning and Zoning.

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- Vacation Rentals – Questions/complaints are handled by Planning and Zoning. Vacation rentals are allowed as long as they are listed with the city and Planning and Zoning approves it.
- Noise Ordinance – Construction is allowed Mon to Sat from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Special permission is needed from the Mayor’s office for Sundays, national holidays, and other hours. Code Enforcement only handles vices such as pool pumps, AC’s and some nuisance animal noises. Police are responsible for all other complaints.
- Trailer Restrictions - Horse trailers do not need to be screened, but screens are needed for open-bed trailers, boats, campers, RV’s. etc. Residents have 6 hours to load and unload before being cited.
- Farm Animals - Current zoning code does not allow farm animals (such as goats) unless they written in the code. Because of concerns from citizens, the Zoning Inspector hopes to look into the issue of farm animals not written in the code within the next 2 weeks. Any change to the code will need to be made by City Council so it is good to make concerns vocal.
- New Laws - July 1, 2021, two new laws were enacted by Governor DeSantis.
 - Complaints, except life safety issues, need to be reported with the complainant’ name and address and it becomes public knowledge.
 - Any home business is allowed at a place of residence as long as they have a business tax receipt and are not a nuisance to other neighbors.
- Canopies/Carports - Code enforcement is now citing for all canopies /carports made of fabric material.
- Fences – along sidewalks need to be 5 feet from the property line and landscape is installed outside of that.
- Swale Parking and Lawn Parking – Handled by Code Enforcement mostly when they are in the community and see multiple violations, as they have limited resources. Some complaints may be handled by the police.

Updates on Meetings in Plantation

Plantation City Council Meeting (January 26) - Garry Kravit

- Strong mayor vs ceremonial mayor (City manager) was brought up by Nick Sortal. It has been 7 years since this was looked into, and Plantation is one of the few cities in the country that still has a strong mayor. There were different positions on this issue.
- Garry explained that there were residents on both sides of the issue with some desirous of a strong mayor, and others in favor of a city manager directed by the City Council and with a mayor that does not handle the business aspects of the city. There was a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding by residents and as such the city should spend the time to educate all citizens on the facts about both forms of

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government. For several reasons, primarily because the council is looking at making changes to the City charter, the council took the issue of governance off the table for now. It was Garry's point of view that whatever happens the residents of the city should have a say/vote in the ultimate decision.

- Denise Horland 's visit to Tallahassee on the issue of FPL and solar panels was discussed. FPL is proposing to change legislation to turn off net metering, and if this is done homeowners can no longer get credit for having solar panels.

PAID Meeting (January 27) – Teresa Smith

- David Fradley presented the details of the meeting on North Acres Park that he had with Werner Vaughn and our city manager Samira Shalan on Dec 13, 2021. They are concerned about the amount of muck and cost of removing it, and due to COVID and inflation, a cost analysis will need to be done.
- The city engineer has been working on conceptual plans since Jan 2021 but they won't be released until thoroughly reviewed and recommendations are made. City Engineer did show some early plans of the 10 acres in Jan 6, 2022, which included a lake, fitness path and green space. They said they will keep PAID in the loop as the project progresses.
- Doc feels PAID is being more open-minded based on the involvement of PAHA and the residents. He will make sure last PAID meeting minutes are posted.

Planning and Zoning Meeting (February 2) – Jenn

- Feb 1 meeting was cancelled.
- A Plantation Acres resident Beth Ann Krinsky is going to be sitting on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Plantation City Council (February 9) – Ginger Baker

- Plantation declared the month of February Healthy Heart Month, as well as Black History month.
- Lori Bernardi congratulated Jennifer Andreau on being the first African American woman on Plantation City Council.

Updates on PAHA Committees

Parks – Teresa Smith and Kathleen Fanjul

- Three parks are located in Plantation Acres. Committee Leads in Plantation North Acres Park (Teresa Smith and Kathleen Fanjul), Plantation Acres Middle Park (Lizet Hampton and Suzanne Bryant). There is currently not a committee lead for Tara Park South Acres.

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- The Parks have been in the works for 8 years and they have not yet come to fruition. Teresa is leading the Rockstars in the distribution of a new letter to approximately 1700 Acres homeowners, and is asking residents to get involved and help out with this effort. Loaner golf carts would be welcome to help with the delivery of the letters.

Awareness – Jennifer Fain

- PAHA will be at Food Trucks tomorrow night Feb 16. T shirts and pins will be available. Donations of \$10.00 or whatever you can give are accepted to cover the cost.

Neighborhood Watch – Michael Roth

- There were 17 traffic citations from 1/15 to 2/15.
- This month there was 1 suspicious incident and 3 vehicle burglaries. The suspicious incident may have been a residential or vehicle burglary that was interrupted. One vehicle burglarized was unlocked.
- There was a question last month in reference to the Fireworks law and complaints. A new law was signed by Florida governor, and the Plantation police are going to abide by that law. Several residents are looking into other cities' laws and reaching out to a state representative.
- Police use a ratio of populations to officers. Currently there are enough positions to accommodate the population but the department is requesting 2 additional offices in the incoming budget.
- Remember to consider purchasing a locked mailbox, signing up for "Informed" delivery, as well as locking car doors.
- Compared crime in Plantation Acres from 2020 - 2021.

Community Outreach – Heather Seaman

- PAHA supports two charities – Saving Sage Animal Rescue and Gulfstream Early Learning Center.
- Attendees are encouraged to support these two charities when doing their spring cleanup. Items can be dropped off at Donna McCormack's garage (1201 NW 114th Ave).

Social Committee – Online Photo Contest – Teresa Smith

- Post photos of our Plantation Acres community to photo@pahafl.org before Feb 28. It is free to submit.
- Rules are on pahafl.org.

Community Service Squad - Heather Seaman

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- There are currently 20 students participating.
- Students can earn service hours by:
 - Donating to Saving Sage Animal Rescue and Gulf Stream Learning Center.
 - Allowing squad members to pick up donations at resident's homes if they do not want to drop them off themselves.
 - Entering the PAHA Photo Competition.

John George Scholarship - Garry Kravitz

- Discussed John George Annual Scholarship.
 - Seth and Garry revised the application this year.
 - Residence dues dollars go to contribute to the John George Annual Scholarship where a student or two can be awarded up to \$500. The window is January of each year and it is now open. Applications need to be turned into the Board before the end of April. Applicants will be announced at the May PAHA meeting.
 - Decisions are based on need, academic achievement, and a 300-500-word essay written by the student. A student must be a full-time student at their institution. While need, grades, and quality of essay are important, the student needs community service hours, and more specifically PAHA community service hours.

Membership Update – Jesse

- 56 residents have paid their dues for 2022.
- 21 residents have joined since the last meeting.
- Residents can pay via check or PayPal.
- PAHA is still accepting donations for legal funds for issues that come up to represent the acres in front of legislative bodies.

Business Spotlight – Rob Armstrong (Rob's Help Desk)

Tel: (954) 296-8491 **Email:** rhd4support@ gmail.com

- Jenn introduced Rob and explained that any PAHA member can request to have their business highlighted, or can nominate a business. That business does not have to be a resident in Plantation Acres but is required to pay \$45 for the year if they are highlighted.
- Rob supports Broward county with all computer related issues and will work remotely or will come to your home.
- Charges are \$60 for 1 hour, a flat rate for longer, and will provide the client an estimate up front.

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

- 11 active listings on the market this month, with 5 new 2022 buildings
- 11 pending sales, 7 actives with contract
- 6 closed sales with low price \$820,000, and high price \$2,600,000.
- New houses being built are between 3 mil, and 5.5 mil. All have 4 car garages and they are over 6500 sq. feet. Land on those homes is anywhere from 39,000 to 44,000 sq. feet.

Important Upcoming Dates – Adam Fractenberg

- Food trucks at Volunteer Park, Feb 16
- PAID Meeting – Feb 24 at 7:00 pm
- City Council – Feb 23 and Mar 9 at 6:00 pm
- Planning and Zoning – Mar 1 at 7 pm

New Business – General

- Doc asked for update on legal Representation. Per Jenn, Reflections lawyer said they were starting from scratch and everything is currently on hold, and residents will be notified when there are any updates.
- Nick Sortal gave an update on City Council business.
 - Three items for hearings (Blessing SDR, 11800 NW 8th St, Park Place 11700 NW 8th St, were tabled at last meeting because of a clerical glitch until the next City Council meeting.
 - Approved City storm water plan but since the Acres uses PAID, not sure Plantation Acres come into play. Doc says PAID is involved and will be discussed at next PAID meeting.
 - Increased police presence on 441. Talk about formula for cops is correct. Now down 15 police so as population grows there is a formula Chief Harris shares and we follow that formula.
 - Discussed North Acres park with Teresa and supports it as a park, not development.
 - Will email the Planning and Zoning project status to Jenn monthly.
- Next meeting is March 15.

Meeting Adjourned (9:21 pm) – Jenn

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