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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022

7:00 PM – Virtual Zoom

Board Members

Present:

Donna McCormack (President)
Jennifer Fain
Adam Fractenberg
Michael Roth
Pat Peck
Jesse Varnell
Seth Follansbee
Doc Szerlip

Absent:

Garry Kravit
Richard Gendler
Mark Cameron

Total in Attendance: 52

1. Welcome - 7:12 PM - Jenn Fain

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Doc Szerlip

3. Opening Comments – Jenn Fain

- Donna McCormack has stepped away because of her loss in November and Jenn Fain and Michael Roth will be running the meeting tonight, and Jenn Fain will be taking over temporarily.
- Introduced Danielle Roth who is selling girl scout cookies.
- Gave a shout out to the Rockstars for showing up at the meetings.
- Introduced the keynote speaker, Daryl Radziwon from the Plantation Police Department.

4. Keynote Speaker – Officer Daryl Radziwon – Plantation Police Department Crime Department

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a. Officer Radziwon gave a recap of the crime statistics in the neighborhood last year, from January 1 through December 16, 2021.

- Of the ninety-eight crimes, sixty-nine were either vehicle burglaries or auto thefts. Of the forty-four vehicle burglaries thirty were unlocked autos. four had forced entry, three had forced entry but with property visible. Six were attempts. There were three arrests.
 - There were keys left in sixteen of the twenty-five auto thefts.
- His advice was to make sure residents lock their cars and don't leave property in cars. Criminals talk to each other he said they keep going to the Acres because leaving cars unlocked invites the criminals to keep coming back.
- One of his jobs is to talk to the Homeowners Associations about crimes in the community and giving safety tips. He is also on the Development Review Committee. Donna McCormack asked him to give us a heads up if there was anything coming down the road that would affect the Acres as, for example, there is a lot of construction going on in the city.
- He commented that Plantation Acres is by far the most active Home Owner Association (HOA) in the city and when he talks to other companies or agencies who are trying to find out about HOA's he brings Plantation Acres HOA up because we are so active.
- The Police Department has a program called Extra Watches. By calling (954) 797-2100 you can ask for their service. Examples are when work is being done on your home or you are going out of town or there is a spike in crime in your neighborhood. This non-emergency number above should be programmed into your computer so it is accessed easily if needed.
- Mail theft - Residents should install a locked mailbox and sign up for Informed Delivery through the Post Office. They will contact you via email when you are getting mail.
- No Soliciting - Residents can also purchase No Soliciting Signs. If properly posted solicitors should not come to your home. (City Ordinance 14-136). The ordinance outlines where these signs should be posted.
- Noise Disturbance – Call anytime there is an excessive disturbance but be neighborly and respectful.
- On stealing cars - Criminals can use a program to scan the VIN on your vehicle. He advised residents to cover the VIN with something that can't burn and can be removed to prevent criminals from scanning it.
- He reported crimes from Dec 16, 2021 – Jan 3, 2022. There were four vehicle thefts with keys left in three vehicles. There were two burglaries to vehicles. One was an attempt and one was vandalism with nothing stolen.

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- Several questions were asked by residents and Officer Radziwon will follow up on any unanswered questions.
 - There was a request to have statistics run, comparing to the prior year.
 - There were questions about issues with fireworks and Officer Radziwon will find out the city's stance on fireworks.
 - There was a question regarding speeding on Sunrise Blvd. and Old Hiatus and need for better enforcing the speed. Officer Radziwon said to contact Sgt. Charles Watts.

5. Thank You Message – Donna McCormack

- Thanked everyone who reached out with condolences, offers of help and contributions to the Babson College Scholarship Fund on the unexpected passing of her husband on November 19, 2021.
- Expressed gratitude to Jenn Fain and rest of the Board members for their support.

6. Update on Girl Scout Cookies - Danielle and Michael Roth

- To avoid high service charges and COVID issues, Danielle Roth will deliver cookies locally if you order cookies on the her digital cookie store <https://bit.ly/954cookies>.
- If you don't want cookies, you can support the troops and Danielle by donating by having cookies shipped overseas. Other groups that you can order for are nursing homes, fire stations, dorms for example.
- Delivery will be the first week in February.
- A notice will be put on Facebook and Nextdoor and everyone should tell friends. Reach out to Michael Roth if you have questions.

7. Update on November PAID Meeting – Ric Roth

- PAID is an acronym for Plantation Acres Improvement District but this could be a misnomer and PAID should be called the Plantation Acres Water Management District. Residents found out at the meeting that their sole function and benefit of funding from taxes in Plantation Acres is to oversee water management which includes canals, septic tanks, flooding in the streets, weeding of canals. If the community has complaints about these issues they should reach out to PAID. Other complaints need to be handled by the City of Plantation or Broward County.

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- Comments are only allowed at the start of the meeting which makes it difficult for attendees to ask questions either in person or via their antiquated system throughout the meeting. This is an issue and PAHA is looking into changing their process.
- There was a discussion from many attendees at the meeting questioning whether PAID is working in our best interest. They identified that there are problems with PAID and their process that need to be addressed. Time was provided for members to add comments to the topic.

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

- This month there were twelve active properties on the market. Out of the twelve, four were brand new properties.
- There were eleven closed sales and eleven pending sales, six active sales. One of the six was a new property.
- Brand new sales are running anywhere from \$5,500,000 and up to \$3,400,000.

9. Community Service Squad Update – Heather Seaman

- Plantation Acres Homeowners Association (PAHA) provides Community Service hours to local youth that help us with various projects. To date twelve students have signed up.
- Service hours are required to be eligible for the John George Scholarship and we encourage students to join. Information on opportunities will be sent to you but you can also contact Heather Seaman (heather@pahaf1.org) for additional information.
- There are two Charity related opportunities to earn service hours.
 - Saving Sage Animal Rescue where you can donate new or used animal related items.
 - Gulf Stream Early Learning Center where you can donate new or used clothing, housewares etc.
- Additional service hours will be coming up in the near future.

10. Update on Photography Contest – Michael Roth

- There have been only three submissions between categories of adults and children to date. The contest will be left open for now so residents can still submit. When few more entries are received we will go through with the judging and prizes.

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- To recap, the theme is “What we love about Plantation Acres”. Contestants can use a camera or a smart phone. Judging is based on focus, exposure, composition and creativity. Winners in each category receive an Amazon gift card.
- There is a link on the PAHA website (pahafl.org) to get all the details on entering.

11. Awareness Committee –

Snow Place Like Plantation - Ginger Baker

- Provided an update on the city-wide contest ‘Snow Place like Plantation’. The contest provided a lot of camaraderie in the Acres. The Plantation Acres snowman took second place in our category.

12. 8601 Project - Vicky Gelfund, HOA President of Cross Creek 1 on Sunrise Blvd.

- 8601 Project on the southeast corner of Sunrise Blvd and Pine Island Rd. not only affects the Acres but all Homeowner Associations.
- On finding about this proposed project, which would add 400 rental projects and 1000 cars to the already 3700 apartments that are scheduled be built by the end of 2022, Ms. Gelfund wrote to all members on Plantation City Council and their attorney and she organized a Town Hall meeting to find out more and to express concern. About sixty people attended.
- This topic was also on Planning and Zoning’s agenda but was moved until March because changes were made to the project and they could not be ready to present to City Council until then.
- Ms. Gelfund expressed appreciation to everyone who was involved and emphasized the need to work together to get more cohesiveness in the city and to do what the residents want.

13. Update on Reflections and Flex – Ric Roth

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14. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – Jenn Fain

- Jenn Fain and Teresa Smith went to a Parks and Recreation Meeting in the Plantation Historical Museum. This is an advisory board in which members are nominated by City Council members and Mayor to perhaps vote on Parks issues.

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- There are going to have a “charity” fund for projects, that the City does cannot afford or choose not to budget for, and that people want badly enough that they are willing to donate make it happen.
- Two Rockstars applied for this Board but were not selected possibly because the openings were not known early enough.

15. Important Upcoming Dates – Michael Roth

- a. Plantation City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 26.
- b. PAID Meeting – Thursday, January 27.
- c. Planning and Zoning Meeting – February 1.
- d. Education Advisory Board Meeting – February 7.
- e. PAHA Monthly Meeting February 15 at 7:00 PM

16. Membership Update – Jesse Varnell

- So far thirty-five people have paid their dues for 2022. Residents can pay from the website pahaf1.org or mail a check to P.O Box XXX . We are still taking donations for the legal fund.

17. New Business

- a. PAHA T-shirts - Jenn Fain
 - There are V-neck shirts available for women from Small to Extra Large and regular sizes for men. PAHA is asking for a \$10.00 donation for a T-shirt. Interested members can contact Jenn@pahaf1.org.
- b. Neighbor Shout Out - Lizet Hampton
 - Shout out to neighbor for collecting palm fronds on the Greenway.

18. Adjourn – Jenn Fain

- Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM
- Next meeting is February 15 at 7:00 PM

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