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Monthly Membership Meeting Minute
March 21, 2023
7:00 PM – Virtual Zoom

Board Members

Present:

Jennifer Fain (President)
Donna McCormack (Vice President)
Michael Roth
Seth Follansbee
Adam Fractenberg
Colleen McDonald

Heather Seaman (Volunteer Scribe)

Absent:

Garry Kravit
Jesse Varnell
Edward (Doc) Szerlip

Total in Attendance – 30

Welcome/ Meeting Call to Order - 7:00 PM -Jenn Fain

Pledge of Allegiance – Kathleen Fanjul

Approval of February 21 Meeting Minutes – Jenn Fain

- Unanimously approved .

Opening Comments: - Jenn Fain

- Welcomed Samira Shalon, City of Plantation Engineer, who will provide an update on ways to slow down traffic in the Acres, as well as the progress on the North Acres Park.

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Monthly Guest Speaker - Samira Shalon - City Engineer- City of Plantation

Ms. Shalon updated the residents on the results of the Plantation Acres Traffic Study conducted on 118th Ave. in Plantation Acres, and with the progress on North Acres Park.

Plantation Acres Traffic Study Process:

1. Resident Request Application: The Acres community questioned the effectiveness of the current traffic calming elements and they completed the Resident Request Application for a new traffic study. The City received the application, with an overwhelming number of signatures, on November 21, 2023, and updated the petition.

2. Data Collection and Analysis:

- The City's traffic calming progress is data-driven and to provide consistency across the City of Plantation there are certain requirements the City has to adhere to. The requirements need a minimum of 500 vehicles per day to pass by the roadway. Eighty-five percent need to drive seven miles above the speed limit.
- The traffic study on 118th Ave. was done in two phases. The first phase, December 16 – December 20, was conducted from South Acres to Sunrise Blvd. before school went into winter break. The second phase was done from Sunrise Blvd. to NW 28th Ct. after school went back into session.
- *Findings:* The City put counters at eleven locations and showed the statistical analysis of the results. Ms. Shalon walked through results with the residents confirming there were cut-throughs and speeding, and that the existing traffic calming installed initially needed enhancements or additional traffic calming measures. One example she gave was for the counter installed between NW 8th St. and NW 9th St. The City recorded the speed and volume for five days. 11,000 vehicles passed by on 118th Ave. with the daily volume being 2500 vehicles. Eighty-five percent were driving 45 mph in a 25-mph posted speed. Only thirty-seven (3.8 percent) vehicles travelled at the speed limit. Six percent of vehicles travelled at 30 mph, one vehicle travelled at 90 mph, one vehicle traveled at 75 mph, and six traveled at 65 mph.
- Ms. Shalon said her department works hand in hand with the police department. There needs to be enhancements, enforcement, as well as community engagement to curb the traffic patterns and she encouraged residents to "Say something" if they " See Something".
- If the residents request public records of the results of the study the City can furnish all data to the community.

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3. Conceptual Plan:

- Engineering is currently working on the conceptual plan.
- The calming policy outlines the simplest and most economical and effective way to calm traffic in a residential area. This is with speed cushions and radar signs.
- Based on the data they received, Engineering is recommending an additional six speed cushions with their associated signs at selected locations throughout the 118th Ave. corridor.
 - They plan to install one speed cushion in the South Acres just before Broward Blvd traffic light.
 - They plan to install three speed cushions in the Central Acres between Broward Blvd and Sunrise Blvd. One speed cushion between the first circle on NW 4th St. and the stop sign on NW 5th Ct. A second speed cushion will be installed between the stop sign on NW 5th Ct. and just before NW 11th St. A third will be installed between NW 14th St and Sunrise Blvd.
 - They will install two in the North Acres between Sunrise Blvd and NW 27th Ct.
- Ms. Shalon said locating the speed cushions strategically will achieve the goal of slowing traffic where they found the highest speed numbers and at the same time space them well enough to reduce impact on the Fire and Police Departments.
- Ms. Shalon said the traffic calming committee is comprised of Engineering, Public Works, Planning and Zoning, Police Department and Administration. She discussed the locations with the committee, got feedback and adjusted the plan accordingly.
- The City also did a corridor audit on the existing calming measures. The pavement markings and signage will be enhanced to tell the traffic how to maneuver through the existing circles.
- There were many comments and suggestions from the residents including:
 - Providing 4-way stops instead of circles because they are more enforceable. Ms. Shalon said without enforcement and education engineering doesn't work. More education and enforcement may be required.
 - Impacts on 112th Ave. (Old Hiatus) as there are no speed cushions there. Ms. Shalon said there are no studies at this time but she will take this into consideration. In post construction if there are any other roads that need attention they will come back with a Phase 2 to study them.

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- Erecting signs such as “This is for local traffic only”. Ms. Sharon will have to talk to the police but this would be an advisory sign not easily enforceable. She will look into additional signage for instance at entry and exit points such as “Traffic Calming Ahead” as this would enhance the livability of the community.
- Issue with solar lighting in the traffic circles. Ms. Sharon will work with the Public Works Director to ensure the lights are functioning.
- Timeline for implementing changes. Ms. Sharon estimated two months at maximum. City needs to adhere to the procurement requirement of the government so any change above \$5000 needs three quotes. Any bid over \$3500 has to go to City Council but since there is currently a bid on the street for speed cushions this project can be approved administratively with a letter to the Mayor outlining the application.
- She noted speed cushions and associated signs cost \$2500 and radar including solar panels and data collection cost \$3800. There will only be speed cushions installed on 118th Ave.
- After six months they will do a post analysis to determine if they need additional traffic calming measures.

Progress on the North Acres Park

- Engineering completed a conceptual plan. They received Plantation Acres Improvement District (PAID) approval of drainage in late February, 2023. They then met with representatives of the community to get their feedback and incorporate their suggestions.
- A survey of all the existing trees was conducted and they did a tree disposition plan with the assistance of Public Works. One hundred and eighty-four trees will remain, seventeen trees will be relocated, and forty-two trees will be removed. Cyprus trees will be placed close to the lake.
- The new site plan has two walking loops, two-and one-half acres of lake with a fountain, expanded parking (forty-one parking spaces with two handicapped), a swale area which will, along with the lake, connect to PAID existing structure, benches, trash receptacles, larger playground and a monument sign.
- Park will be open from sunrise to sundown. There will not be restrooms.
- Additions such as a covered pavilion will be evaluated on a yearly basis by the City along with other parks. Feedback from the residents is welcomed.
- Plantation Acres Homeowners Association (PAHA) is meeting with the Mayor in two weeks to discuss the possibility of starting up the “Trees for Tomorrow” program to allow residents to donate trees and add a plaque and a message.

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Business Spotlight – Jean-rey Maerten – Sound Healing and Reiki Practitioner

- Telephone Number: (754) 272-8692.
- Mr. Maerten has experienced the healing benefits of Meditation and Sound Healing for seven years. He is certified in Reiki Levels 1 and 2 , Guided Meditation and beginning breath work. He is currently working on certification in Sound Healing.
- Discussed in detail the background and benefits of these experiences and he is offering interested Plantation Acres residents the free opportunity to come together once a week to experience stress relieving and healing effects of Sound Healing.
- Plans to work with Donna McCormack and Jenn Fain to locate a place for attendees to meet and experience this free opportunity so they can judge the benefits for themselves.
- Jenn Fain will put his information on Facebook. Reach out to Donna McCormack and Jenn Fain if you are interested in this experience.

Updates on Meetings in Plantation

Plantation City Council Meeting (Wednesday February 22, 2023)

- There was nothing Plantation Acres related.
- Of interest was information from Janine Jacobson on the property between PAID and the development she lives in.
- Ms. Jacobson said there was a foreclosure hearing on February 28 regarding the property behind the PAID building. The PAID Board had expressed an interest in this property and her neighborhood was opposed and brought their concerns to the City Council meeting. There is nothing to do prior to the foreclosure but they will attend the PAID meeting on Thursday, March 23 to find out if PAID plans to bid on the foreclosure in May.

PAID Meeting (Thursday, February 23, 2023)

- The Board of Commissioners are still questioning if the NW 2nd Street potential abandonment by the City could benefit the Acres for drainage.
- It would cost \$10,000 to re-survey the land and Attorney Tolces stated there needed to be a motion to move forward. A motion was made by Commissioner Cariffe authorizing Vice-Chairman Fein to do some investigative work with respect to potential cost to have an engineering firm either come up with the scope of work or plan with respect to the potential drainage capabilities as it

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related to the property around NW 2nd St. right-of-way and report back to the board at the next meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Santana and the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Planning and Zoning (Tuesday, March 7, 2023)

- Nothing Plantation Acres related.

Plantation City Council Meeting (Wednesday, March 8, 2023)

- Nothing Plantation Acres related.
- There was a major controversy on a Resolution sponsored by Councilmember Andreu urging the Florida Department of Education to reverse its rejection of advanced placement courses covering African American studies in State high schools. It passed 4:1 with Tim Fadgen dissenting.

Updates on PAHA Committees

Neighborhood Watch – Heather Seaman

- Crime and Traffic Report – (February 17, 2023 to March 14, 2023)
 - Seven vehicle burglaries. Four vehicles were unlocked and the other three were attempts as the vehicles were locked.
 - One domestic battery incident.
 - Three residential burglaries with nothing taken. Two were attempts with no entry. The third was a solicitor who walked into the home of a resident.
 - Two thefts. One theft was a part from a vehicle. The other theft was money by a known person(s).
 - One fraud was by a known person.
 - One vandalism in which a mailbox was damaged.
 - Recommendations to residents: lock car doors, install a locked mailbox, request extra watches, leave outgoing mail at the post office. Report suspicious activity by calling (954) 797-2100.
- Traffic Report – (February 13, 2023 to March 13, 2023)
 - Fifteen speeding tickets were on Old Hiatus Rd. Twenty-three speeding tickets were on 118th Ave.

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- Five incidents of obedience, and failure to obey required traffic control devices. Two were on 118th Ave., one was on Broward and Old Hiatus Rd and one on 118th Ave.
- One child restraint infraction on NW 118th Ave.

Community Outreach - Colleen McDonald

- Contacted Dan Holmes from Planning and Zoning letting him know there were broken links and misinformation on the Short-term Vacation Rental (STVR) website. The City is revising the vacation rental webpage and this should be completed as early as next week.
- Denise Horland said they are proceeding with foreclosure on an STVR on Tara Drive in the South Acres which has fines of over \$100,000. The City confirmed that the foreclosure process can be started once a location has \$40,000 in fines, liens have been implemented, and fines have been confirmed.
- Three additional properties are non-compliant and are under review (NW 114th Ave, NW 4th St, and NW 2nd St.).
- Residents are encouraged express concerns and violations to the City.

Community Service Squad – Heather Seaman

- Service squad members can earn service hours in several ways:
 - Making donations of new or used animal related items to Saving Sage Animal Rescue.
 - Making donations of new or used clothing, toys, linens and housewares to Jay's Donation Center.
 - Items for Jays Donation Center and Saving Sage can be delivered to Donna McCormack's garage at 121 NW 114th Avenue, Plantation.
 - We are going to be asking squad members to help with the Relay for Life event to earn service hours. More information on this event will be sent to each squad member shortly.

Scholarship Program – Seth Follansbee

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- Provided an overview of the program which was set up by the Homeowners Association when John George, a Past President and an active member of the community, passed away. In 2022 Doug McIntosh matched his scholarship and PAHA now has the opportunity to award two \$500 scholarships.
- Scholarship applicants must adhere to the following rules:
 - Applicant must be an active member of the PAHA Community Service Squad.
 - They must have hours logged by Heather Seaman, who is in charge of the Squad.
 - The application must be completed by April 17 at 11:59 PM with all essays and recommendations emailed to Jenn @pahaf1.org. The application is on pahaf1.org and also will be sent out.
- Procedure for Awards:
 - Applications will be reviewed by two to three scholarship committee members.
 - Committee members will not know the identification of the student writing the essay for fairness.
 - The winners will be announced at the May 16th meeting.

PAHA Women's Club – Colleen McDonald and Tracy Rubens

- Colleen McDonald extended an invitation to a fun wine event at her home on March 30th which will include wine tasting with a sommelier and light food. Cost is \$25.00. A donation will be made to the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life).
- Tracy Rubens spoke about the upcoming flower arranging event at Field of Flowers on April 20th. There is a \$50.00 charge and donations will go to two charities, Sweet Dream Makers and Building a Better World for Women and Girls. Email tracyrubens@gmail.com with questions.

Social Committee Relay for Life - Jenn Fain

- Captains for the "Acres for Life" are Penny Brill, Kathleen Fanjul and Jenn Fain.
- To raise money the Acres will be selling
 - Miniature cacti and the Community Service Squad will be able to paint the terra cotta planters for service hours.

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- To raise money, PAHA will hold raffles. To date, a kitty box, a doggie box, a luxury women's beauty box have been donated to raffle. Any new boxed donations from the Acres residents are encouraged. Contact is Jenn@pahaf1.org.

Membership Update – Jesse Varnell

- To date this year 119 residents have paid their 2023 dues.
- Fifty-nine residents have paid their dues since the last meeting.
- PAHA is talking to the bank about residents being able to pay via Zelle. They are also considering recurring annual payments.
- Jenn Fain said Jesse is going to be moving away from Plantation Acres and if anyone is interested in his job contact her at Jenn@pahaf1.org.

Real Estate Corner – Heather Seaman for PJ Jacobs

- PJ was unable to attend.
- There were nineteen active listings, five active with contract.
- There were five closed sales.
- There are five pending sales.
- The high sale so far for 2023 is \$3,495,00.

Important Upcoming Dates – Seth Follansbee

- Food Trucks every Wednesday at Volunteer Park from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.
- PAID Meeting: Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM. Attend in person, by telephone or via WebEx. Location: 1701 NW 112th Ave., Plantation.
- Senior Expo: Thursday March 23rd from 9:00 AM – 12 PM.
- Plantation City Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00 PM. Location is 400 NW 73rd Avenue, Plantation. Attend in person or via Zoom.
- Community Garage Sale: Saturday, April 1st from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Volunteer Park.
- Planning and Zoning: April 4th at 7:00 PM.
- Rock the Park at Central Park: April 7 at 7:00 PM – The Original Studio 54 Band Rock Show Band. Location is 600 Central Park Drive. Call (954) 452-2510 for more information.

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- Plantation City Council Meeting: Wednesday April 12 AT 6:00 PM. For more information go to www.plantation.org.
- Relay for Life Saturday April 29 from 3:00 PM -10:00 PM at Central Park. Google Relay for Life for more information.

New Business – Open to All

- No new business from the residents.

Meeting Adjourned (9:02 PM) – Jenn Fain

- Next PAHA Meeting is April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Meeting minutes were prepared by Heather Seaman

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