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PAHA Membership Meeting

Date: **December 15th, 2020**

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting call to order 7 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

President: Doc (Ed) Szerlip
Treasurer: Jesse Varnell
Secretary: Renee Feller

Board Members:

Jennifer Fain
Rick Gendler
Adam Fractenberg,
Seth Follansbee
Donna McCormack
Patrick Peck
Gary Kravit
Michael Roth
Ted Crespi

Total in Attendance: 41

- I. **Welcome and Pledge** – *Doc*
- II. **A Few Moments from Doc Szerlip**
- III. **Board Introduction** - *Ted*
- IV. **Update on Enclave** – *Guest Speaker David Weiss from Hawks Landing*
- V. **Plantation Acres Parks Issues - Sierra Club** - *Seth*
- VI. **Neighborhood Watch** -*Donna*
- VII. **Community Service Update** – *Donna*
- VIII. **Girl Scout Cookies** - *Michael*
- IX. **Real Estate corner** - *PJ*
- X. **Updates from Doc**
- XI. **PAHA Holiday Events** – *Sheila and Donna*



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Minutes:

Welcome and Thoughts from Doc

Doc welcomed all Board Members and provided a special thank you to VP Mark Cameron and Treasurer Jesse Varnell. Doc mentioned also that we are starting a new phase with 15 people on the board with new executive leadership. The President position will be divided into two positions. The administrative part will be led by Ted Crespi and the social part will be led by Donna McCormack.

Board Introduction and Updates led - Ted

Ted communicated to the Board Members that he is interim President and Donna will be Vice President in a Co Directorship until formal appointments next month. He pointed out that Donna and he have different strengths that will benefit everyone in the organization. Ted thanked Doc for all he has done and looks forward to working by his side with him on the Executive Board. There will be changes administratively. We are trying to become more proactive on a political agenda with the city's landscape. Over the past six weeks we all worked together on the Reflections project along with the "Save Our Acres" group of homeowners where we secured over 5000 signatures and secured a "no vote" from Plantation Planning and Zoning. We also worked on an issue on the South East corner of Broward and Hiatus where Lennar was looking to build 110 homes behind Hawks Landing. Ted introduced David Weiss from Hawks Landing that we will be working together with to form an alliance of many different homeowners' organizations in West Broward so that we can have a voice and come together to work on our common interests. PAHA has also been fighting to save the parks within the Acres including North Acres Park and Middle Acres Park from the City, so they are not bid out to developers. Ted asked the members to come to us if they need assistance with the City so that we can use PAHA's resources to help. He also asked members to assist in securing additional memberships so more people join and the more people we have and the more money we earn, the better success we will have at stopping these things. In 2016 there was a vote for a bond and the \$500,000 from the bond was diverted to another park and funds dried up so that now the easiest solution is to sell a park, but this is not acceptable. We need to keep our green space. We have consulted the Sierra Club. Ted will be trying to influence the City politicians to work with us on these issues. Ted also said that we serve a social function as well with fun things that we do for the community and introduced Donna.

Donna said that she has worked to increase the value proposition and membership. We will continue to do Neighborhood Watch that is Co-Chaired with Jenn Fain and engagement with the local police. We will also continue to have the Business Spotlight and working with the youth in the community. We engage our youth. We offer a scholarship whereby community service is a prerequisite. We sponsor Saving Sage and help them grow their organization. We are partnering with Hope South Florida. We will also continue with our Holiday decorating contest. Ted and Donna will continue to bring in speakers. Please let Donna or Ted know if there is a topic that you would like to know more about.

Update from David Weiss

David said that it has been a joy to have friends in the Acres and he thanked members of PAHA for their assistance. He thanked Donna, Rick, and Nathaniel. He said that they found out that we have a lot in common. The charter is written at the City by design to not allow time to sit down with the residents and this needs to change. There needs to be an open dashboard that every resident has access to and should be able to review. Projects can proceed with the right developer including the residents from the beginning. David looks forward to working with PAHA in the future. If Enclave or Reflections are not stopped, this type of attitude



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and ways of doing things will continue. David said that they want to continue to work with us to ensure that this does not happen, and we can put a stop to the current way of doing things.

Plantation Acres Parks Issues and Meeting with Sierra Club Update - Seth

Seth discussed that Plantation Acres parks are being threatened. Specifically, North Acres Park and Middle Acres Park as being used for surplus land and sold by the Mayor. The March 18th, 2020 City meeting that never took place displayed on the agenda that the Mayor was going to use the Middle Acres Park as surplus land and that an interested buyer was found to further residential development. It is not clear why the sale did not go through. The pandemic may have played a part in why this has not yet happened and when it was given to the City, it was given with the condition that the land be used for public use. Seth provided the history of the North Acres Park and that the past Mayor was going to sell the North Acres Park in 2013 but the community joined together then and spoke out against the sale along with our current Mayor, a City Council member then, that supported transparency and listening to the residents. The Park was saved. In November of 2016, the residents secured \$500,000 in City bond money to improve the North Acres Park. Improvements including resurfacing the parking lot, meandering exercise trail and stations with sodding and irrigation. This would have made the park more usable and was to be done by City staff. We are told that this money was relocated to other projects. We now have no idea as to what will be done with North Acres Park. PAHA believes in saving our parks. We need to educate, communicate, and organize to spread the word that we need to save our parks. We need to all join planning and zoning meetings that are now open on Zoom. We need to stay on top of this. We have met with the local Sierra club to strategize what we can do as a community to save our parks. We will also join with other communities outside of PAHA to ensure saving these parks.

Neighborhood Watch - Donna

In December, we have had 5 crimes including 4 car break ins and one home that was unoccupied that was broken into. Through Nextdoor and Facebook, we have communicated that it is important to share your experiences with crime to your neighbors. A number of people leave their keys in the car and key fobs within access that signal extenders are able to reach. Please make sure that you do not leave your garage door opener in your car. Be aware of crime and if you see something that does not seem right, report it. If you are victimized, make sure that your neighbors are aware of it as well so that they can check their property and their cameras.

Traffic issues occur on 118th and Old Hiatus. We have been working with the Plantation Police Department. Not as many tickets have been issued due to Covid. A traffic calming device was requested. This has been on 118th. It was in Central Acres and also the North Acres. We had 51 tickets that were written in the Acres. 43 tickets were for speeding and the rest for other issues such as an open beer container in the vehicle.

To avoid solicitors coming to your home, you should have two no soliciting signs posted. One that you can view from the street and one by your front door, these should prohibit individuals approaching your door without permission. Please make sure that you call the Plantation non-emergency number with any suspicious activity reports. [\(954\) 797-2100](tel:9547972100)

Community Service Update – Donna



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Students need to have community service hours to be eligible for the Bright Futures Scholarship. PAHA has implemented a community service program by which we have reached out to the public schools, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and American Heritage. Students will earn community service hours by assessing the LED lights in our community and reporting those that are out. The crime in the community has decreased since these lights were installed. They will also look at street signs and will report what is missing. They will identify those homeowners that do not have locked mailboxes and will let them know how to get one. The students will also leave the PAHA brochures at every homeowner's doorstep along with providing a copy of our business spotlight registry.

Girl Scout Cookies - Michael

Please place preorders. They have started now. You can get them shipped to your home. If you are in the area, please place your preorders. They will come in at the end of January. Danielle, Michael's daughter presented. If you do not want to buy cookies for yourself, you can buy from the military. Danielle can deliver them with social distancing in place, or you can have them delivered by mail. The website for ordering is bit.ly/954cookies

Real Estate corner - PJ

PJ provided the real estate report. There are 31 houses for sale in the Acres. 7 closed sales and 14 pending sales currently in the Acres in the last month. There is a low for the holidays, but it is busy. The prices are ranging from 3 million to 490 thousand dollars in active listings. The sales are 935 to 445 thousand dollars. There are 6 new homes in the Acres. 4 are coming in 2021 and 2 that are presently available. If you have any questions, please call PJ at (954)478-3000.

Updates from Doc

Doc spoke to Tom Hunter, the Pastor and some of the police officers regarding the activity at the church in North Acres. There is direction for traffic. There are cone barriers and litter being picked up. The lighting event at the church is going on through December 30th.

There is nothing going on with the City Planning and Zoning until January 5th and there is no agenda currently for that. The Secretary, Pam at the Mayors office called Doc and said that their will be a walkthrough in the North Acres Park and that the Mayor is open to suggestions. Doc will keep us updated on this.

PAHA Holiday Events – Sheila and Donna

We have had 22 homes that have registered for the Holiday Home decorating contest. Also, we have decorated the entrance walls to Plantation Acres with a red ribbon. Next year we will work on doing more.

In November, we received donations for Saving Sage. People donated old and new items. Pet food was also donated. Saving Sage is located at 2875 West Broward Blvd. They are very appreciative of our donations. Donations are tax-deductible.

We adopted families through Hope South Florida. Jay Weintraub collects items for the homeless via this group. If anyone has need or would like to help, they can go to Hope South Florida. Please contact Donna for more information and she will also accept the donations for both charitable organizations.

It was suggested by the members and the board to add illegal dumping in the Acres to our agenda for discussion with the City. Ted agreed to follow up on this.



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Please pay your 2021 dues. 164 households have paid their dues through 2020 to 2021 and 57 for their 2021 dues.

Next Meeting is January 19, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.