



PLANTATION ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2021

7:00 PM EST – Virtual Zoom

Board Members

Present (10): Mark Cameron; Renee Feller, Secretary; Seth Follansbee; Adam Fractenberg; Richard Gendler; Garry Kravit; Donna McCormack, Vice President; Sheila Rockley; Ed (Doc) Szerlip; Jesse Varnell, Treasurer

Absent (4): Ted Crespi, President; Jennifer Fain; Patrick Peck; and Michael Roth

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present

Guest Speakers (3): Jennifer Andreu, City of Plantation Council Member; Phyllis PJ Jacobs, Real Estate Agent; Bryce Pierce, Biologist, FWC South Region Wildlife Assistance

Total in attendance: 31

Proceedings

1. Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 PM, by Donna McCormack, Vice President
2. Pledge of Allegiance: 7:07 PM, led by Ed (Doc) Szerlip
3. Guest Speaker: 7:10 PM Donna introduced guest speaker, Plantation City Council Member, representing Group 3, Jennifer Andreu

Contact info: JAndreu@plantation.org and (954) 654-1694; open-door policy for any questions or concerns. City of Plantation info: [Contact City Council Link](#); [Bio Link](#)

Presentation: Jennifer Andreu (JA) indicated would not be speaking about development tonight, to avoid any potential issues with Sunshine Law violations or future voting recusal concerns; JA discussed topics she campaigned on:

Scholarship for Seniors: Offering 5 scholarships each year for each of the 4 years in her term (application available on Facebook and from High School Counselors); one scholarship per high school for 1) South Plantation High School; 2) Plantation High School; 3) American Heritage High School; 4) Any other school including home school; 5) For a high school senior who wants to attend Barry University, JA's alma mater.

Ban on single use plastic & Styrofoam: started a discussion to potentially propose a city ordinance.



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Start potentially new Advisory Committees: Such as: a Sustainability Committee; Equity and Diversity Committee, to plan multicultural events in the City, among other proposals.

2021 Legislative Updates, News & Noteworthy

Home Rule and Senate Bill 522 - Short-Term Rental Preemption: If Senate Bill 522 passes it would undo our local City registration inspection and licensing requirements that the City already has as passed ordinances and prevent the City from instituting new ordinances planned to control noise, parking, trash, hoarders, vacation rentals (e.g., AirBNBs), etc.; JA encourages sharing Senate Bill 522 info with Home Owner Associations (e.g., Westport, Hawks Landing, PAHA, etc.) and for residents to write to their Senators to ask them to vote down Senate Bill 522 if they agree

Charter Review & Strong Mayor: Council Member Nick Sortal wants to start a discussion that may lead to a referendum, depending on the voters/residents, on if the City continues with a Strong Mayor or change to a City Manager instead; only about 2* other cities left in Broward County that still have Strong Mayors; need to look at and analyze all the data to see what works best for Plantation.

(*Florida League of Cities as of 11/2018 only Broward cities to have Strong Mayors: 1. Sea Ranch Lakes, pop 692, and 2. Plantation, pop 88,619; Lazy Lake, pop 26, has a Council-Weak Mayor, all other Broward cities have a Council-Manager structure.)

Legislative Session Begins March 2nd; some of the topics circulating around at the State capital are: COVID-19 is a top priority, including the CARES Act funding; Liability Protections for Health Care Providers; Fraud Protection - HB 9, relates to protection of seniors and the elderly (e.g., fake websites); Building Design - HB 55, relates to specific materials and colors, etc. used in building; Environment - Flooding & Sea Level Rise, in Plantation relates to flood events and the resulting rise in insurance rates; Education - Governor wants to allocate additional funds for Mental Health & Teacher Salaries, including an increase in the FEFP fee (Florida Education Finance Program) per student to \$8,000, recommending another \$10 Million for mental health; Transportation, 5 year work plan rolled out by the Florida Department of Transportation; Criminal Justice & Public Safety Acts to come, including a juvenile diversion program that would allow minors to have their records expunged for minor offences, etc.

Presentation Concluded; Open to Questions: 7:25 PM

Comment from PAHA Member Beth-Ann Krinsky: Regarding last City Council Meeting she appreciates Mrs. Andreu asking good questions and encourages her to continue



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reading everything, questioning everything and keep asking questions, and to keep her door open to hear from residents.

Question from Donna McCormack's: As an HOA what can PAHA do to better support Jennifer Andreu and her initiatives?

Answer from Jennifer Andreu: Be actively engaged in the process, attend meetings, ask questions, challenge something you don't agree with or need more information about; the biggest thing all the residents and HOAs can do is to stay actively engaged in what's happening. Local politics can be more important for all of us than what is happening at the State or Federal levels, especially for the City of Plantation, which is going through a major transition right now. City Council Meetings are recorded so residents can go back and watch them if they miss a meeting. The Zoom option will continue even when meetings resume in person, which is a great option for staying informed.

4. Neighborhood Watch: 7:30 PM presented by Donna McCormack
 - a. Plantation Police Department Update: Crime statistics from 01/19/21 – 02/16/21; total of 7 crimes - 1 larceny (mail theft); 4 auto break-ins (3 unlocked; 1 broken window); 2 auto thefts (1 with key in vehicle); total of 17 traffic citations - 8 for speeding, 1 leaving scene (struck mailbox), 4 improper turns/passing; 4 insurance/tags/licenses; reminder to remove car keys, lock doors, install cameras, remain vigilant.
 - b. PA Community Service Update: Neighborhood Watch Safety Assessment being conducted by student volunteers (currently 22) who walk streets to identify broken street lights, missing street signs, visually checking for locked mailboxes and where vegetation needs to be trimmed back near utility wires; leaving PAHA info packets; approximately 1,600 visual home surveys, about 200 informational packets being mailed to others (e.g., townhouses); assignments have all been distributed, except about 200 packets yet to be assembled; 422 surveys completed/returned; 14 of the student volunteers have attended at least 1 park clean up event
 - c. PA John George Scholarship: will be publishing guidelines shortly via NextDoor, Facebook and email; completed applications due by close of April's Member Meeting; recipient(s) announced at May's Member Meeting
 - d. PA Equestrian Park: Notice on Facebook and NextDoor regarding feedback from equestrian owners that gates into the Equestrian Center and into riding rings have been locked; PAHA is seeking additional info from homeowners on these or similar issues and will then work to clarify access hours for the Equestrian Center
5. Community Outreach: 7:35 PM
 - a. Love Our Acres: Presented by Sheila Rockley



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Heart Scavenger Hunt just completed; 4 residents fully completed, found all 8 hearts posted throughout PA, including North, Middle and South parks; 4 gift cards prize being awarded to Riley Hilbert, Madisyn Urquhart, Laura Rivero-Ruano, and Wendy Bellack (spelling of names need to be double checked).

Wildlife Photography: goal is to document with pictures any wildlife (e.g., ant, owl, fox, bird, etc.) in any of the 3 PA parks (North, Middle or South) through the end of February – submit entries to (Sheila@pahaf1.org).

Park Bird Watch: stay tuned for our next event starting last week in February and going through all of March to watch their migratory period

- b. 4-H: Presented by Donna McCormack
Starting a 4-H Club in PA; 4-H Programs are in science, healthy living and civic engagement, backed by a network of over 100 public universities and a community of volunteers and professionals; received 13 responses of interest from a NextDoor poll; will be working on next steps to starting a 4-H Club with the President of the Plantation Acres Women's Club, Amy Reilly, and the 4-H Extension Office; stay tuned for additional info.
 - c. Charity Updates: Presented by Donna McCormack
Saving Sage Animal Rescue Foundation - accepting donations of new and used animal supplies.
Hope South Florida - accepting donations for homeless families - please think about donations while spring-cleaning.
 - d. Membership Update: Presented by Jesse Varnell
Year to date paid memberships are up 18% compared to the same time last year; recent increase attributed to student volunteer efforts
6. Real Estate Corner: 7:42 PM Presented by Phyllis PJ Jacobs, Real Estate Agent
Only 28 active listings in PA (usually 45-50); our area is 1 of the top 8 areas in the country people are moving to; 11 under \$1M, 8 over \$1 M, 8 over \$2M, 1 \$3.3M; 22 pending sales; 14 closed sales; 23 vacant properties on market; property sales in PA are communicated to PAHA
7. Guest Speaker: 7:45 PM Presented by Bryce Pierce, Biologist

Contact Information:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Regional Office: (561) 625-5122; 8535 Northlake Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33412

Wildlife Alert Hotline: (888) 404-3922

Wildlife Assistance Biologist Email: Bryce.Pierce@myfwc.com

Coyote Facts in Florida: Adult coyotes weigh 25-40 pounds; coyotes live in every state and nearly every large city in the U.S.; attacks by coyotes on humans are exceedingly



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rare; coyotes will kill cats and small dogs; coyotes can carry rabies, but it is rare, as well as other canine diseases.

Coyote Advice in Florida: Never feed coyotes or any wild animal – it is illegal to feed coyotes in Florida; prevent access to garbage and pet food; keep cats indoors, have small dogs on a short leash or in a well fenced yard; follow hazing recommendations to consistently frighten coyotes away (e.g., scarecrow sprinklers, loud noises, etc.); if a coyote approaches, lift small pets and children off ground and be prepared to defend yourself (never run).

Questions/Comments: 8:03 PM

Question: Loni & David Padden have lost chickens to coyotes in broad daylight, what can be done? Coming from wooded area adjacent to their property.

Answer from Bryce Pierce: Keep chickens in secure fenced area during the day and in a secure coop at night; use hazing and scare tactics to keep coyotes away, e.g., scarecrow sprinklers and loud noises.

Question from Mark Cameron: Was attacked by pack of coyotes and dogs in California. Could this happen in Florida?

Answer from Bryce Pierce: Coy-dogs, a mix of a coyote and dog, is possible, but exceedingly rare in Florida, where breeding times for dogs and coyotes do not overlap and where laws against feeding coyotes have been in existence and consistent, which has helped to discourage interactions and domestication of wild coyotes.

Question from Phyllis PJ Jacobs: How do coyotes shelter, do they burrow?

Answer from Bryce Pierce: Coyotes do not burrow they shelter in thick vegetation.

Question from Teresa Smith: Can the iguana population be addressed?

Answer from Bryce Pierce: Call regional office for information on iguanas, a non-native species.

8. New Business: 8:17 PM Moderated by Donna McCormack

Comment from Gregg Goldstein: Received the PAHA info packet dropped off by student volunteers; very nice surprise, well done; interested in joining Business Spotlight.

Garry Kravit asked about continuing meetings with Zoom post covid-19. PAHA to consider Zoom and/or Facebook live streaming once in person PAHA meetings resume.

Ed (Doc) Szerlip clarified for the Wildlife Photos to note date, time and location for each. Sheila Rockley confirmed to notate which PA park and date each photo was taken; photos will be displayed on PAHA website, Facebook page, NextDoor, as well as a goal to display the pictures in shadow-boxes to be setup at each park.



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Donna McCormack next PAHA meeting planning to have other Council Members speak; a Plantation Police Department officer to be back for police presentation; any suggestions to improve meetings or have speakers?

Ed (Doc) Szerlip: Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser

Kathleen Fanjul: Dan Holmes, City of Plantation Planning, Zoning and Economic Director

Lori Bernardi (Elizabeth Fedellim): Asked about removal of the double utility poles on her street? Donna McCormack to address this with FPL.

Beth-Ann Krinsky: Can street reflectors on some streets be duplicated on others, such as NW 8th St.? Beth-Ann to send email to Donna with additional info.

David Padden: Can flashing solar lights can be added to stop signs?

9. Ongoing Business: 8:35 PM Presented by Donna McCormack

- a. Reflections Proposed Development Update (NW 4th St. & Old Hiatus Rd.)
No update as of now; PAHA Board continuing discussions; welcome/value feedback from all residents
- b. Enclave Proposed Development by Lennar (Broward Blvd. & Hiatus Rd.)
Proclamation detailing PAHA's unanimous opposition to Enclave Project, as proposed, being drafted by Ted and Board and will be shared and submitted to city shortly
- c. PAHA Student Volunteers
Recognition and appreciation to all student volunteers; Donna McCormack is accepting recommendations for new tasks for the Community Service Volunteers
- d. Committee Appointments
Sheila Rockley who has been named Chair of the Parks & Rec Committee and is heading up the Love Our Acres efforts. The P&R Committee will be reaching out to the City regarding funding for park signage for North, Middle and South parks in the Acres; strategy and plan to be developed based on available funds; Love Our Acres efforts continue with outreach, education, meeting neighbors, park clean ups, gathering info, which will be shared with Members/residents.

Info on vehicles allowed on roadways, e.g., golf carts to be reviewed and shared.

Next Monthly Membership Meeting: Tuesday March 16th, 2021 at 7:00 PM EST via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM EST

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Seth Follansbee, Board Member