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HOA Annual Membership Meeting
March 29, 2023
6:00 PM - check in, pick up Air Show Passes
6:30 PM - Annual Meeting
Beach Community Center

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Brian Donaldson, President, called the meeting to order. In attendance: Gustavo Sorgente, Kim Couto, Robert Eldredge, Brian Donaldson, Sharon Tiberio, Jeff Scholes and Jorge Werlang. Absent: Dean Myerow and Donna Greene.
- II. **Roll Call:** Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Gustavo to approve the Meeting Minutes of the Board's March 23, 2023 meeting. In a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Opening Comments:** Brian welcomed everyone to the Annual HOA Meeting and thanked them for coming.
- V. **Treasurer's Report - Sharon Tiberio:**

Treasury Balance	\$33,803.64
Expenses over the past 12 months	
Air & Sea Show	\$125.23
Website	\$132.00
Corporate Annual Report Filing	\$ 61.25
Post Office Box Renewal	\$194.00

155 lots in our neighborhood
104 member properties
17 lots empty and/or under construction
- VI. **District 2 Updates - City Commissioner Steven Glassman:**
Mr. Glassman's opening remarks included thanking Brian D for his contributions, his effective approach in getting things accomplished, and for being a great HOA President to work with. Commissioner Glassman has been involved with the Central Beach Alliance for 7 years. District 2 is very important to him and he acknowledged some of our unique needs.
Commissioner Glassman's welcome message started with a thank you to the attending Community Service Unit Police Officers for their service. He also acknowledged Katrina Johnson Jordan, Code Compliance Manager, and Mr. Glassman's Executive Assistant, Erica Franceschi, noting he is blessed with a great team.

Commissioner Glassman then provided updates on the following:

- **Fire Stations:** 5 year old Station #54 has significant HVAC and mold issues so improvements slated for Stations #13 and #49 are being delayed.
- **War Memorial Auditorium:** War Memorial is undergoing a major overhaul with an enhanced concert venue.
- **Parker Playhouse:** The Parker underwent extensive upgrades to sound, lighting, HVAC and electrical, as well as expansion to include a new and renovated lobby.
- **Holiday Park:** The 2018 approved park renovation will include an indoor ice rink, new lighting, updated playgrounds and pickle ball courts.
- **Water Treatment Plant:** The City Commission adopted a resolution for the development, construction and operation of a new state-of-the-art water treatment facility.
- **Sea Turtle Lights:** The State is working with beachfront businesses to address compliance with Sea Turtle amber light regulations.
 - One HOA member complained about the crosswalk street lights and intermittent lack of crosswalk signal coordination.
 - Commissioner Glassman shared that the City does not control lighting but FDOT does.
 - Commissioner Glassman suggested that Board and HOA members write to Florida House Representative Chip LeMarca and Florida Senator Jason Pizzo to express these general concerns.
 - Board member Rob E interjected that he has volunteered to form a committee to communicate with FDOT, the City and the County regarding lighting and traffic on our section of A1A.
- **Aquatic Center:** Improvements have been a huge success and attract visitors for both competitive and recreational swimming and diving. We have the highest professional diving platform in the western hemisphere.
- **Homelessness:** Homelessness continues to be a major concern in Fort Lauderdale. Resources (police substations, police presence, beach sweeps, etc.), have been committed to assist, however the homeless cannot be forced to utilize readily available services and shelters. The City passed an ordinance that panhandling is not allowed at intersections or on medians. An HOA member asked if there are any loitering laws that would apply; there is no city ordinance which does.

VII. Police Department - Sgt. Eric Pekrol and Community Service Unit:

Sgt. Pekrol introduced his Community Service Unit which is composed of a small team of 7 officers and a canine unit noting that they are solution based. They are committed to responding quickly, following up on all calls, and they partner with the Ocean Rescue team to keep our beaches as clean as possible. During Spring Break they handled a high volume of calls, routinely supervised the beaches, assisted cleaning crews, and the horse patrol was an extremely effective measure as well.

VIII. City Code Compliance Manager - Katrina Johnson Jordan:

Katrina is the City Code Compliance Manager for all Community Enhancement departments with 7 years Code Enforcement experience and 6 months as Manager. Recently there have not been as many complaints regarding vacation rentals as there have been with exterior property maintenance issues. As of now, there are 20 properties in our neighborhood not meeting City standards. Katrina has personally reviewed all open code violations and has a new dedicated Code Enforcement Officer supporting her, Mr. Bernstein Saimbert.



IX. New Website Launch - Jeff Scholes:

Jeff provided an overview of the website and highlighted several pages and resources available.

X. Vacation Rentals Committee - Donna Greene:

Donna was unable to attend the meeting so Brian D addressed the vacation rental update information for her. Brian shared with the members that we have a designated committee and have compiled standards and guidelines for these rentals.

XI. President's Update - Brian Donaldson:

- **Air Show 2023:** This year's show will be April 29th and 30th. We will have an HOA tent. Yellow wristbands to provide access are only for property owners who are HOA members (and their guests) for both days. There will be no public access from the Palms south to the Bonnet House.
- **New 2-year Term Election May 25, 2023:** Our current Board members all have an interest in running again and we have a new Election Chair nominee, Dr. George Heuser. A motion was made by Rob E, seconded by Jeff S, to approve George as the new Election Chair. In a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.
- **100 Year Anniversary:** The Birch Park Beach neighborhood will celebrate our 100 year anniversary this year after being established in 1923. We are the oldest Fort Lauderdale neighborhood and our HOA is recognized by the City. We plan to hold an HOA member street party sometime in the early winter months.

XII. Adjourn: 7:50pm

Submitted by Kimberly Couto, Secretary

2022-2023 Board Members & Positions

14th Court: Gustavo Sorgente
15th Street: Kimberly Couto, *Secretary*
15th Court: Dean Myerow
16th Street: Brian Donaldson, *President*
16th Court: Sharon Tiberio, *Treasurer*
16th Place: Donna Greene, *Vacation Rentals Chair*
17th Street: Jeff Scholes, *Website Chair*
17th Court: Jorge Werlang, *Vice President*
18th Street: Robert Eldredge, *Social/Membership Chair*