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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022
7:00 PM – Virtual Zoom

Board Members

Present:

Jennifer Fain (Acting President)
Donna McCormack (President)
Garry Kravit
Michael Roth
Ed (Doc) Szerlip
Jesse Varnell
Richard Gendler
Mark Cameron
Seth Follansbee

Heather Seaman (Volunteer Scribe)

Absent:

Garry Kravit
Adam Fractenberg

Total in Attendance - 36

Welcome/ Meeting Call to Order - 7:07 PM Jenn Fain

Pledge of Allegiance - Ed (Doc) Szerlip

Approval of October 18 Meeting Minutes - No Objections – Unanimous

Opening Comments: - Jenn Fain

- Elections were held on November 8, 2022. The New City Council is Erik Anderson, Tim Fadgen, Denise Horland, Jennifer Andreu, and Louis Reinstein. Nick Sortal is the new Mayor.
- There is the potential for changing Plantation Acres and improving Plantation Acres Improvement District (PAID) with two new additions, Jorge Santana and Jeff Munshek. They will sit with Lance Fein who was reelected, and Christopher Cariffe and Stephen Nieset. Doc Szerlip was thanked for his many years as a commissioner in PAID.

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- Plantation Acres will need to keep an eye on two items and Plantation Acres Homeowners Association (PAHA) will keep residents apprised as to what is going on with these two large areas for development:
 - The 8601 Project – This project was up for sale as of November 1 (old AT&T building at the corner of Pine Island Road and Sunrise Boulevard).
 - Property on south east corner of Hiatus Road and Broward Boulevard. Lennar just pulled out of agreement to build 33 single family homes instead of 111. The property is still not up for bid.

Guest Speaker – Joey Callahan (Senior Saints Director, Plantation Baptist Church)

- Church plan is to turn lights on after Thanksgiving.
- There will be two signs staged on NW 28th Ct, one on NW 27th Ct and one on the corner of old Hiatus Road and NW 24th Ct.
- Attendees will need a reservation and will pick a particular time, as they did last year. This helped the traffic situation in North Acres.
- There are guest passes for everyone who lives in Plantation Acres. They can be picked up at the church showing an ID. The pass will say member pass and residents can come as many times as they would like, or residents can just come by the event at any time with a driver's license.
- There are 275 spots reserved with 75 guest passes so they won't overbook. They have also hired 4 police officers to help with control.

Guest Speaker – Ric Roth – Update on Save Our Acres

- Save Our Acres was formed a little over two years ago to create awareness for a particular development project, Reflections in the Acres. They realized how the community of Plantation Acres loves the community and wants to keep a check on what development exists today and what is allowed by zoning. Save Our Acres then took on a larger role, taking up other development projects such as Flex, and the 8601 project. The goal was to educate the Plantation Acres community and beyond as to what is going on with developers getting things approved without citizens being aware.
- During election a decision was made to make sure those candidates that were felt to be most understanding of the over development issues versus the proper development got elected. As a result, the three candidates endorsed were elected.
- Thanked the 20 plus volunteers who manned the polls and assisted at Volunteer Park from 7 AM until 7 PM and also for those who have volunteered over the last two years.

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- To get word out Save Our Acres sent out over 100 email blasts on social media posts to people in our community.
- Future job is to make sure the candidates that were elected, as well as Jennifer Andreu and Tim Fadgen, live up to their promises to stop over development.
- Thanked the volunteers for learning what the issues are getting the message out and for the partnership with Plantation Acres Homeowners Association, Donna McCormack, Jenn Fain and the rest of the Board.
- Jenn Fain commented that over 2000 people voted at Volunteer Park and probably that was the greatest voting percentage of any neighborhood in Plantation. If Plantation Acres has the numbers politicians will understand they are accountable and being watched.

Updates on Meetings in Plantation – Heather Seaman

Plantation City Council Meeting (October 26, 2022)

- Only one item concerning Plantation Acres is the approval of the palm fronds disposal change.
- Michael Roth added that the City voted to modify trash collection ordinance for the use of the carts we have in the Acres. There were too many problems with yard waste and fronds etc. being put out too early and too often. For the three-and one-half weeks of the month that are not residents bulk pickup days only your automated cart can be put at the street. If palm fronds, coconuts, leaf clippings etc. will not fit in the cart they need to be stored in your yard and only put out by the street the Saturday before the resident's bulk pickup day. City should be educating people first before enforcing it. PAHA will try to distribute information on the PAHA website, on email blasts and on Facebook and Next-door.

PAID Meeting (October 2, 2022)

- Developer petitioning PAID for approval of the City's abandonment of their interest in the 2nd Street Right of Way for the purposes of disposing of the property. Several residents spoke in opposition and after much discussion Lance Fein made a motion to table the item until the new PAID commissioners are in place.

Planning and Zoning (November 1, 2022)

- Nothing Plantation Acres related.

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Plantation City Council Meeting (November 9, 2022)

- The election results were discussed. The new code amnesty program was proposed and approved. This is a new program where residents with code fines can petition the City for a reduction, The discussion regarding Short Term Vacation rentals was tables for a future meeting.

Updates on PAHA Committees

Neighborhood Watch – Michael Roth

- Crime and Traffic Report – (October 13 – November 10)
 - One vehicle burglary. The vehicle was a lawn trailer and was left unlocked.
 - One theft by a known person at a party.
- Traffic Report – (October 13 – November 10)
 - Seven speeding violations on 900 and 1000 block of NW 118th Avenue and nine speeding violations on 1900 block of Old Hiatus Road.
 - One violation for driving without a license, one for careless driving, one for parking on the street swales, two for failure to abide by traffic-controlled devices.

Community Outreach – Jenn Fain

- Toy Drives – There are two annual Toy Drives PAHA is helping with:
 - Jay Weintraub's Toy Drive which helps out children in need. PAHA also supports Gulfstream Early Learning Center all year supporting it with clothing and household goods to people who are in desperate need. The name of this charity has recently been changed from Gulfstream Early Learning Center to Jay's Donation Center.
 - The second Toys for Tots Drive is run by one of our neighbors Robin Fractenberg.
 - All donations to both can be delivered to Donna McCormack's garage at 1201 NW 114th Avenue. If residents want toys to go to a specific drive let Donna know or put a note on it. Otherwise toys will be split between the two drives.
- Snowman Contest
 - Plantation Acres Snowman entry is headed by Ginger Baker.
 - "There's Snow Place Like Plantation" contest is part of the festival held during the Light Up City Hall celebration at City Hall.

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- Anyone can participate and if interested contact Ginger Baker, Donna McCormack, or Jenn Fain.

Social Committee – Jenn Fain / Kathleen Fanjul

- A new Plantation Acres social club came about from Rockstars doing activities together. It is separate from Plantation Acres Women's Club and Plantation Women's Club.
- Liz Wallick and Kathleen Fanjul with the assistance of Donna McCormack set out started to find out if anyone was interested in a social club.
- The first meeting was at Liz Wallick's house to throw around ideas and to get together with neighbors on a social level. About 20 women attended.
- The club called PAHA Women's Club will formally start in the new year, with a couple of women being in charge of and planning each monthly program.
- Anyone interested can get in touch with Jenn Fain, Donna McCormack, Liz Wallick or Kathleen Fanjul.

Community Service Squad – Heather Seaman

- There are currently 12 participating squad members. Many of the squad have been busy participating in the PAHA events, such as Trunk or Treat, Fall Festival and the Elections to earn their service hours.
- As a reminder, in order to be eligible for the two John George Scholarships students need to join the Service Squad and earn hours. Each scholarship is \$500.
- Students can earn these service hours by providing donations or items to Saving Sage Animal Rescue and Jays Donation Center (previously Gulfstream Early Learning Center).
- As well squad members can donate toys or gift cards to "Toys for Tots" which is an annual Toy Drive where Jay Weintraub works with other Broward County social workers as well as other organizations to identify children and families in need. They can also donate toys to the program run by Robin Fractenberg.

Park Updates – Jenn Fain / Teresa Smith

- North Acres Park is moving forward. Survey is complete. On October 31 Jenn Fein met with Samira Shalan and the District Engineer.
- Plans are 60% complete. An email was sent to Samira Shalan about giving us other details on the next steps which involve permitting and additional resident participation, and as we find out more we will let everyone know.
- Central Acres Park project is not forgotten and is being led by Lizet Hampton and Ivy Roth.

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- Teresa Smith met with Jason Nunemaker, the CAO for the City of Plantation, and Samira Shalan for her usual park updates. Jason Nunemaker said he is keeping his foot on the pedal to see it finished as soon as possible.
- The focus has been the conveyance of the property. They are working very hard and collaboratively with PAID to ensure that they can move rainwater as quickly as possible from the residential area and the higher levels of the park to the pond. The water will then be pumped from the pond through an underground pipe to the neighboring "L" canal. That being said there will be times during major storms when there will be flooding, but with the new plan, it will drain much quicker than before.
- The City is funding the cost of the park because PAID has financial limitation and it will leave them with funds for other projects and possibly replacing of one of the pumps.
- Winningham and Fradley is working collaboratively with Samira Shalan and will be asked to approve the drawings. As per the drawings that are still early in the process, the pond will have a maximum depth of 10 feet and surface area of 2.6 acres. Littoral shelves will be created along the pond's edge as a habitat for wading birds and small fish.
- Enhancements will come later depending on the park budget and resident needs.
- Nothing new on the Playground. They will be speaking to Phil Goodrich, the Park and Recreation Director regarding park equipment.
- Samira Shalan said they will allow for safe space for pedestrians to walk between the park fence and 118th Avenue and NW 21st Court.
- Once the drawings are finalized the project goes for bid. The City Council will vote on the project hopefully by February and Samira Shalan hopes to break ground by spring while the water tables are low.

Membership Update – Jesse Varnell

- There are 219 supporting members to date.
- 12 new residents paid dues this month. 15 members have paid their 2023 dues already.
- Check with any Board Member to see if you have paid 2022 dues. You can pay \$90 for both 2022 and 2023 dues for both.

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

- Inventory is going up and sales are slowing.
- Two years ago, there were 45 active homes. Active homes went down to 15. Now there are 30 active homes.

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- Closed sales – two in the North Acres, one in the South Acres, and two in the Central Acres, with the price ranging from \$765,000 to \$5 Million.
- There are three pending sales and there are six sales active with contract.

Business Spotlight – Phillip Kittell (AAA Homeowner and Automobile Insurance Agent)

- Direct Line is (954) 377-6656. Email address is Pkittell@acg.aaa.com
- Shared a presentation on the value of AAA. Additional information will be posted on the Plantation Acres Website (pahafl.org). He will be the exclusive agent for Plantation Acres, and any special discounts and specials discussed at this meeting must go through him.
- There are 60 million members of AAA between United States and Canada today. They have been around for over 100 years. Services have been expanded to include Tow Service, Travel Service, Home and Auto Insurance, Life Insurance. AAA has its own bank and offer annuities and credit cards. AAA have their own paper products and write their policies.
- The presentation at the meeting concentrated on protecting your home with Home and Auto Insurance, and included information on Florida Homeowners Insurance Market Conditions, Companies in Rehabilitation and in Liquidation, Flood Insurance, Package Policies, coverage features and discounts available.
- Mr. Kittell also offered a \$25 gift card for a quote on Home and Auto Insurance.

Important Upcoming Dates – Jenn Fain

- Food Trucks every Wednesday at Volunteer Park from 5:00 PM. – 9:00 PM.
- Movies in the Park at Volunteer Park: November 18 from 5:30 PM -10:30 PM.
- City of Plantation Holiday Parade: November 19 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.
- Plantation City Council Meeting: November 30 at 6 PM.
- Rock the Park: Central Park: December 2 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- Light Up City Hall: December 3 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.
- Paid Meeting: December 5 at 7:00 PM.
- Planning and Zoning Board Meeting: December 6 at 7:00 PM.
- Plantation City Council Meeting: December 7 at 6:00 PM.
- Plantation Acres Homeowners Association: December 20 at 7:00 PM.
- Santa's Visit: Plantation and the Acres: December 24 from 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM.

New Business – Jenn Fain

- PAHA is working with Samira Shalan on getting a traffic speed survey done on 118th Avenue from South Acres through North Acres because of speeding. PAHA

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is still waiting for the form needed for residents to sign in order to be eligible for the study.

Meeting Adjourned (9:10 PM) – Jenn Fain

Meeting minutes were prepared by Heather Seaman

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