



MIDDLE RIVER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

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Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY December 9th, 2019 6:30 p.m.

The Park at Middle River, 1405 NE 7th Avenue, Unit 6

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Colleen Lockwood, President

Carlton Smith, Vice President

Yelka Mikolji, Secretary

TJ Fiori, Treasurer

William Haas, Board Member

Nancy Meegan, Board Member

Officer Levin, Neighborhood Action officer for Fort Lauderdale Police Department

Steve Bisch – Code Enforcement

Celia Gisleson – Outreach coordinator for Commissioner Glassman

Abby Laughlin

Jeff Jackard

Bud Beehler

Roger Lopez

Linda Fleischman

John Sparzerini

Vera Da Rosa Cowler

Heather and Ashley

Thank you to our hosts. The Park at Middle River: Townhomes are 2479 sq ft interior, over 3K with outside - live work space, different color themes in different units but all finishes/appliances standard. \$208 per square foot is very good price compared to similar townhomes in the area. Mixed use zoning. 70 parking spaces for 26 units. \$240 per month HOA. Apartments - \$1500-\$1900 per unit. Rentals are 98% occupied.

3. OFFICERS REPORTS:

-Treasurer Report:

November 30, 2019: \$6,398.91

-Police Report -

NAT Officer Levin covered low crime stats, advised residents to lock car doors, not to put out boxes of new TVs or Apple equipment (don't advertise you have new devices in your home)

We had six vehicle burglaries for the month of November. Had windows broken, leaving their purses in sight.

Two vehicles stolen (scooter & moped). Lock scooters onto something.

Cell phone stolen. It's a theft, not burglary, because you voluntarily give it to them. Don't give them your phone.

Packages stolen from front of house. Typical this time of year.

MRT has less crime than Victoria Park.

The park is closed dusk to dawn. People can be arrested for trespassing if they are there during those hours.

Also please don't leave your home windows open around a tree with gifts underneath.

-GYR Report –

Our GYR work yielded money for MRTNA. Check received; volunteer opportunities to be communicated by Chris Dillon. (He is at GYR meeting tonight.).

-Code Report: Steve Bisch – 954-828-6331

Data department is in transition, so no code reports this month. Question re: Swingers club code complaint - doing work without permit. That has been handed to building inspection department, George Oliva is chief building inspector. We are to get an update next month.

Bud interested in details of code process; got Steve's contact info.

Celia Gesleson said any issues please email her at cgisleson@fortlauderdale.gov.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Announcements:

- Moshe DDA Art Project
- Holiday lights have been added to 13th St. thanks to Abby Laughlin.
- Bud Beekler volunteered to be in a neighborhood safety committee after January.
- **-MRT Walkabout with Assistant City Manager Hal Barnes** Did a neighborhood walkabout to find out what needs repair. Looked specifically at sidewalk repairs. Residents are responsible for the sidewalk. The city will finance sidewalk repairs for residents, over 10 years. Send an email to pres@middleriverterrace.org if you are aware of any other neighborhood repairs needed. Stormwater problems is already on the radar of the city. There will be a stormwater fee as the money is being spent.

- **Dixie Highway swale irrigation** - –also the responsibility of the home owner - request clarification from Hal Barnes – Colleen
- **13th Street median solar lights** – Motion made by Abby Laughlin and seconded by Yelka Mikolji and unanimously approved to request solar uplighting of Parks.
- **Meeting with Parks** – set up meeting with Parks to discuss our Park needs – in addition to piloting solar lights on NE 13th, canopy over playground equipment in the park, more lights in the Park, more park programming for adults and children, possible pickleball court, swimming pool not a good idea.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **12/10 5:30pm - CFLCA Holiday Party** City Hall 8th Floor. Pot luck dinner, speakers: Commissioner Ben Sorenson and Oakland Park Commissioner Jane Bolin on 'Mastering the Business of Your Association'
- **12/13 4pm - Miracle on 13th Street** -Ribbon Cutting of 5 new businesses; Mayor Trantalis and Commissioner Glassman will attend.
- **12/29 3pm - Neighborhood Party at NSU Art Museum.** Multiple neighborhoods will gather at the art museum to celebrate community, for light bites and to tour the Happy art exhibit.

-MRTNA Meetings:

- Set 2020 Meeting dates
- Rotating meeting locations
- Quarterly community forums:
 - **2/9/20 - 2-5pm, Art in the Park with Moshe combined with Black History Month.**
- Set 2020 Meeting dates – 4 board meetings, 4 community events, planning meetings in between.
- Board meeting proposed dates moving to 2nd Monday to avoid conflict with Commissioner Glassman's pre-agenda meeting: March 9th, June 8th, September 14th, December 14th -
Rotating meeting locations
- **PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 4TH:** to discuss 1) crime and safety committee – patrolling the park, neighborhood, Bud expressed interest. 2) Feb Art in the Park event, 3) Membership strategy – post cards, etc.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:00PM