

# Imperial Point

## — Civic Association —

### ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

On Monday, January 15, 2024, we were able to hold our General Meeting thanks to the hospitality of FLFD Station 35.

In attendance had a total of 37 attendees. 28 members; 9 non-members.  
10 member/resident were speakers

At the meeting was held with the following agenda

1. Report of and confirmation of Officers
  - a. President Betty Shelley
  - b. Vice President John Watt
  - c. Treasurer Lorraine Verano
  - d. Recording secretary Sue Fuhr
2. Treasurer's report
3. Request for volunteers to fill Recording Secretary Board position Donna West graciously volunteered. We will vote to approve next meeting
4. Request for members to join our Board of Directors. Laura Evans volunteered, vote to approve next meeting
5. Special Order Dottie Mancini Park closure
  - Speakers
  - Mayor Dean Trantalis
  - City Manager Greg Chavarria
  - Broward Health Commissioner Stacy Angier
  - Broward County Commissioner District 4 Lamar Fisher
  - Notably absent District 1 Commissioner John C. Herbst

Mayor Trantalis gave a history of events that led to the closure of the park. There was a lease between City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward health for \$1 per year that expired. Broward Health has asked for land to build a medical facility in exchange for the land that was "leased" to The City for the creation of Dottie Mancini Park. A deal fell apart that was made to satisfy this request. In the absence of another option, Broward Health locked the park citing a lack of agreement to allow the park to be open.

The City and Broward Health are exploring other options such as leasing the Park land to the City at fair market value and/or another land option.

We tried to get an exact date for the park to reopen and all parties stated that this is an important priority and it will happen soon. When pressed on what does soon mean, they were not willing to commit.

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We expressed our extreme disappointment with our elected officials and Broward Health for holding our Imperial Point residents and families hostage while negotiations are ongoing for something that should have been solved before the lease expired.

Many members and resident spoke about the park and other City / County issues such as Short Term Rentals – The City's has no authority other than code/noise violations. We need to take this issue to our State officials, Chip LaMarca and higher.

Broward Health lack of response to resident inquiries – Stacy Angier asked for details to resolve.

Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) noise complaints – We will request FXE and FAA at a meeting dedicated to FXE Airport. Date and details to follow

Condition of roads, depressed areas in multiple locations. City Manager Chavarria requested code to be notified and that he would follow-up.

While we may have some optimism that the park will reopen, I think that it is in our best interests to continue to get residents and locals to sign the petition and continue our pressure on all parties involved. Community solidarity and action are key. Imperial Point is a very large voting block of the city and County. Let's make our voices heard! Additionally, involvement of local media to help our cause will be pursued.

### **What you can do to help:**

1. Sign the petition. Here is link: <https://imperialpoint.org/dottie-mancini-park-petition/>
2. Contact local and state official to voice your outrage of closing our park
  - a. Mayor Dean Trantalis [dtrantalis@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:dtrantalis@fortlauderdale.gov)
  - b. Commissioner District 1 John Herbst [JHerbst@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:JHerbst@fortlauderdale.gov)
  - c. City Manager Greg Chavarria [city.manager@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:city.manager@fortlauderdale.gov)
  - d. Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher [lfisher@broward.org](mailto:lfisher@broward.org)
  - e. Broward Health Commissioner Stacy Angier [sangier@browardhealth.org](mailto:sangier@browardhealth.org)

Regarding the governance of Short Term Rental Dwellings (AirBNB's)

- f. State Representative Chip LaMarca
  - g. Florida Governor Ron Desantis
3. Get your neighbors to take action as well! 1480 Imperial Point Homes with almost 5000 residents can make a difference!