

Imperial Point Association

A Beautiful Imperial Point Is Our Responsibility

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2024

Meeting convened at 6:30 and adjourned at 8:15.

Present:

Officers: Betty Shelley
John Watt
Lorraine Verano
Donna West

Absent: Sue Fuhr

Directors: Drew Pickens
Ediany Carbon
Terry Deloney
Laura Evans

Absent: Ralph Zeltman
James Weber
Carolyn Mariani
Jim Redington
Dave Ash

CALL TO ORDER

Betty Shelley called the meeting to order at 6:30.

PRESENTATIONS:

City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department –

Victoria Rodriguez, Operations Support Officer, accompanied by Judy Schiller, PSA, presented 8 “Where’s Your Fob” signs which Ediany Carbon volunteered to post at visible intersections within our area.

Ms. Rodriguez gave the March crime report for our area of 4 total incidents of which only 1 was a real crime.

City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement –

Edward Eason provided a report of the violations in our area within the last 90 days in which there were 48 pending violations, 11 complied, and 14 closed. A discussion followed regarding short term vacation rentals not being allowed to park in the street while full-time homeowners are allowed to do so.

DISCUSSIONS:

Block Party –

- Bonnie Posh, an Imperial Point resident and event planner, and Shane Lamar, an event planner, presented a discussion of a proposed Block Party that they had been discussing with John Watt in order to raise funds and membership for the Association.
 - The discussion included possible locations (Imperial Point entrance or along Imperial Point Drive), food options (food trucks, free hot dogs and drinks for Association members, pot luck desserts), dates and time of day (early evening in the middle of June), sponsors, and coupon books for members.
 - The event name could be “Party at the Point”.
 - **MOTION:** by Laura Evans; seconded by Terry Deloney
To create a committee to plan the Block Party event.
 - **ACTION:** passed unanimously
 - A kickoff meeting will be held at Betty’s house on April 23rd at 6:30pm. (Note: An email was subsequently distributed on 4/11/24 to the board members moving the meeting to April 30th at 6:30pm at Betty’s house due to a scheduling conflict.)

Open Position - Director of Membership –

- Betty had planned to introduce Elka Kimmel to the board as she had expressed interest in joining the board as Director of Membership.
 - As Elka was unable to attend the meeting, a discussion was had regarding providing welcome baskets, opportunities for realtors and whether their businesses could interact with board position responsibilities, and how the absence of descriptions of most of the board positions has and continues to be problematic.
 - **It was agreed** (without a motion) **that each Director will prepare and provide a description of what they feel the responsibilities of their position are for the next board meeting** for discussion.

Meet and Greet –

- Discussion regarding having another “Meet and Greet” at Black Rock Bar & Grill, that a sponsor is needed, and that Betty and John would introduce Bonnie Posh to the owner as Bonnie may know some potential sponsors. The cost to sponsor the event has been \$650, and the Association gets profits from it.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Recording Secretary** – Donna West for Susan Fuhr (absent)
 - Agenda item : Reading of the March 13, 2024 Board Meeting minutes
 - **MOTION:** by Donna West; seconded by Laura Evans
To now and in the future dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the 3/13/24 minutes as presented.
 - **ACTION:** passed unanimously
- **Corresponding Secretary** – Donna West
 - Prepared and emailed a letter objecting to the proposed state legislation regarding the state taking over authority of vacation rentals, sent at the request of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations via Betty Shelley.
 - Prepared mailing labels for Betty to send newsletters to advertisers and governmental representatives.
- **Vice President** and **Public Relations** – John Watt
 - No report other than prior Block Party discussion.
- **Treasurer** – Lorraine Verano
 - We currently have only \$10,000± in the operating budget which is only enough to publish one more newsletter at the current costs.
 - Discussion was had regarding options to address the situation.
 - **It was agreed** (without a motion) **that a Newsletter Committee be established with Carolyn Mariani as the chairperson** to address changes to the newsletter to accommodate the motion approved at the last meeting that the cost of the newsletter may no longer exceed the revenue brought in for that issue from the advertisers. The initial committee members will be Carolyn, Betty, Drew, Lorraine, and Donna. Betty will set up the initial meeting. (Note: The meeting has been scheduled for April 24th at 6:30pm at Betty’s house.)
 - Current newsletter costs include \$1300 delivery and setup.
- **Newsletter Editor** – Carolyn Mariani
 - No report (absent) – see Treasurer’s report above for discussion.
- **Green Your Routine & Celebration Brick Program** – Terry Deloney
 - The city has a recycle presentation that they can provide with 1 month’s notice.

- Two brick orders have come in and the next order will be placed once there are 5 orders.
- **Neighborhood Improvements/Infrastructure** – Ralph Zeltman
 - No report (absent).
- **Neighborhood Issues** – Drew Pickens
 - FPL’s updating of street lights to LED is in progress with about 1/2 of the south side of the neighborhood and 2/3 of the north side completed.
 - Discussion was had of the increased brightness being problematic when outside a window and that light shields may be an option.
 - Bougainvillea is being installed (by Drew?) in the Imperial Point Drive medians.
- **Volunteers at Events** – Ediany Carbon
 - Discussion was had of Ediany’s directorship title and “Events” was changed to “Volunteers at Events” as that better describes what she would like to do.
 - Ediany will contact Vera, owner of Black Rock, to discuss future “Meet and Greet” sponsors.
- **Legislative Affairs** – Laura Evans
 - The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations is considering a proposed revised noise ordinance.
 - The Riverside Association’s presented to the Council their proposed resolution regarding commercial dumpster trash issues for support.
 - The Community Court is looking for volunteers for serving hot lunches each Wednesday. Our Association could donate \$70 which would provide for showers and hot meals for those in need.
 - Flex Units are being transferred from Broward County to Fort Lauderdale in order to allow for more residential units along Federal Highway in addition to those allowed by the current Land Use Plan.
 - The state vacation rentals bill is likely to be vetoed.
- **Web Site and Social Media** – Jim Redington
 - No report (absent).
- **Home of the Month** – James Weber
 - No report (absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna West

Corresponding Secretary

Acting for: Susan Fuhr, Recording Secretary