



## River Oaks Civic Association Inc.

General Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:00.

**Attendance:** Ted Inserra (President), Fran Antonelli (Vice President), Jane Kish (Treasurer), Bianca Bryant (Secretary), Shirlee Sandler (Secretary) were present. There were 75 attendees on the sign-in sheets.

**Police Report:** Officer Jackson presented the Police Report. There was one attempted auto theft. No guns were stolen.

**Code Compliance:** Senior Inspector Bernstein presented the Code Compliance Report. For the period February 15, 2024 to May 2024, there were 176 cases: 6 complied, 77 closed, 32 no violation found, and 61 pending compliance. The most common violations were bulk trash, driveway maintenance/parking on lawns, exterior maintenance, overgrowth & trash, and public nuisance/general complaints.

**Ted's Tidbits:** Tom Jenkins BBQ, Las Olas Pizza, and Slackers generously provided the food for our meeting.

The Youth Biodiversity Club will help MangroLife with the Creek Cleanup. We are looking for more volunteers to help plant mangroves along Coconut Drive.

We will have additional landscaping at the lift stations in the neighborhood. Paid members can vote on the style of wraps for the lift stations.

The church is accepting donations for their Mission Xperience 2024.

**Green Your Routine:** Jane presented the volunteer opportunities.

- 5/18 **Creek Cleanup** with MangroLife, SW 20<sup>th</sup> St & Coconut Drive 2:00-4:00
- 5/25 **Adopt A Street**, Motel 6 on 18<sup>th</sup> Terrace 9:00-10:00
- Varies **Take Five Door Hangers**



**Guest Speaker:** Dean Tantralis, mayor, discussed flooding issues in the city. He met with FEMA, the SBA and Congress after the April flood to obtain relief for the city. We had up to 36 trucks pumping water from the neighborhoods. City Hall is being dismantled due to the flood. A discussion ensued regarding the need for pump stations and keeping the canals/culverts clear for the drainage system.

The mayor is against cutting the trees on Las Olas Blvd. Regarding public safety, the city has hired 19 police officers (recruited during spring break) and 15 firefighters.

There was a discussion regarding concurrency laws to stop overdevelopment. There is a state law that reduces the ability of municipalities to restrict development.

There is a new state law effective October 1, 2024 that homeless people can't sleep in public places. They must be placed in temporary shelters. The mayor would like to use the old BSO jail (stockade) as a homeless shelter but the county is opposed.

Meeting adjourned.