

## MINUTES OF THE CORAL RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES

### HOMEOWNERS'S ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2015

Cardinal Gibbons, Media Room

Attending: Peter Cooper, President, Debby Sanderson, Vice President, Jinny Shearer, Secretary, Bill Ferraro, Treasurer, Tim Hernandez, Bruce Qualey, Judy High, see Sign-in Sheet (great Representation from the community), Mayor Jack Seiler, Commissioner Bruce Roberts, County Commissioner Chip La Marca, George Bratner from the Neighborhood Action Team, Greg Stewart, Representation from the City Mobility and Transportation Dept. Jessica Joslin and staff, and Police Representation

President Peter Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:45pm and welcomed the BOD and guests.

County Commissioner Chip LaMarca explained the progress and plans for Broward County. Broward County is growing, therefore, the expansion of the airport and the port are in order. Port Everglades will be deepened and a hotel at the Convention Center will be built.

Officer George Brattner, Neighborhood Action Team reported that the vehicle break-ins are mostly from unlocked doors. Four residential break-ins is a crew from Gainesville and include crimes of opportunity. Most criminals have been apprehended. On-line website for statistics is available at [raidsonline.com](http://raidsonline.com) Other contact numbers include 911 for suspicious persons and 764-HELP for non-emergencies.

City Commissioner Bruce Roberts and his assistant Robbie Updegrave can be reached at 954-828-5033 Ft Lauderdale growth equals an increase in jobs, we are fiscally sound, there is a five year strategic plan in place, the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) grants are a long process including traffic studies which are now in place. A conversation about All Aboard Florida continued with input from the Mayor.

Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler clarified the bridge openings for long and short trains and the marine industry who are working together. Broward County now has the largest quite zone in the State of Florida. Greg Stewart also addressed concerns with the Mayor on transportation issues and the plans to alleviate most of the problems facing residents. Crime was addressed by the Mayor. The Sheriff's Office Reports that the biggest problem is with juveniles from 10am to 2pm and they are not in the school system. Four juvenile judges enforce state laws that need enhancement and this has got to be changed. This is going back to Tallahassee for changes to be included in legislature's agenda. City 4.11 millage rate is one of the lowest in the State, the present 4.8 % unemployment rate is low and currently the 6.9% property tax maybe increasing-it's on the agenda. Robert Wolfe, Community Outreach Specialist from Lori Parrish's office was available for any questions or concerns.

The Traffic and Mobility committee presented a comprehensive plan for the traffic grant master program. Jessica Joselin, Consultant and Alia Awad from the City identified problem issues. They provided an enlarged Coral Ridge Country Club map and sticky notes for community input. They are collecting data, re: street traffic speed, volume, destination and safety issues. They will then prioritize and present their findings in March/April with a recommendation plan with the community's

priorities. They provided letters for feedback and were available for questions.

Bill Ferraro, Treasurer gave a report. We have \$41,000 in net assets with no liability. \$16,000 in the bank and \$25,000 in a CD. Our income is 33% from the magazine reimbursement, 33% from membership (\$4600.00) and 33% from reimbursement.

The NCIP Fund grants was presented by President Peter Cooper. It includes \$25,000 in matching funds from the City.

Tim Hernandez explained the dependent district. A Florida statute assessment non-advalorem tax where the community decides the needs, *i.e.* public safety, beautification, etc. passed by City Council with a majority of 60-70% to pass. One vote, one house, to raise \$400,000/year with a \$50,000 yearly cost for administration to the dependent district. There will be a five member board with staggered positions. He also explained the over-riding issues and a loan source of \$400,000 for immediate concerns. An in-depth conversation ensued with many concerns...senior citizens, possible impact on home owners, etc. There were many concerns on how to handle and take the vote. A show of hands was requested to look at other ways to go to get the funding for community needs or to drop it all together. At present the majority disliked the creation of a dependent district.

President Peter Cooper thanked everyone for their input and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
**Jinny Shearer, Recording Secretary**