

Hammocks Community Association Inc.

Minutes of the Neighborhood Committee Meeting
October 11, 2023, at 7:00PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Neighborhoods Committee was called to order by Kristen Gurucharri at 7:02pm.

2. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Anthony Serrone advised that Management posted notice for the meeting on all the bulletin boards throughout the community and on the association website on Monday, October 9th, 2023.

3. Approval of the prior meeting minutes

- Kristen Gurucharri - I have reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and I don't see any issues. I approve the minutes of the previous meeting and they will be posted to the website.

4. Old Business

- Selection of committee – This committee is a bit different from the others because I do not want three people representing all the communities. We are figuring out the best way to get the volunteers from each community.
- Businesses - There was an issue that we had with houses where they were running body shops out of their houses. That issue seems to have been resolved by sending violations to the homeowners. Let FirstService Residential know if they come back. I have been driving around to ensure that it is getting resolved.
- Poop and waste stations – We all have to be good neighbors and make sure that we pick up after our animals. I bring extra bags to help and give them to people to encourage them to pick up their dogs. It is a tough job and there is only so much we can do regarding this situation.
- Peacocks and Iguana removal - We will have to work with the Finance Committee and see if there is any money we can allocate to the removal of the peacocks.
 - Anthony Serrone – They are a protected species and we have been trying to find an agency that can pick them up from the community and safely relocate them but we have yet to find one.
 - Jaime Staton – There are many complaints about the peacocks scratching the cars when they jump on top of them.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – I bought a sprinkler on amazon that deters wildlife from my home.
 - Anthony Serrone – We have “Owner comments” on the agenda at the end of the meeting. Please hold all questions and comments until then so we can accurately record the minutes.
- AT&T – Needs to be contacted to fix what they have done. FirstService Residential is working on the issue.

5. New Business

- Ongoing contracts – All of these will be posted on the website regarding fencing, lights, asphalt repairs, painting, etc. This was addressed at the Advisory Board meeting. Once we get the contracts they will be posted for transparency on the website.

6. Owner's comments on agenda items.

- **Guillermo Roldan - Live Oak** – We would like dog waste stations installed. There are people who brings dogs out without a leash, as well.

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- Suggestion for Kristen, select two or three people to go to other communities and recruit their members for the committee from each neighborhood.
 - Kristin Gurucharri – That is a good idea and we will take that into consideration.
- **Andrea Hall – Sunflower** - At the last meeting there was a discussion about sending each of the eighteen neighborhoods a survey as to the colors of the roof, paint color, etc.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – That is the responsibility of the ACC.
 - Anthony Serrone – It is in the process of being done. We will have to make some adjustments to the survey in relation to the decisions made by Judge Gersten at the Advisory Board of Directors meeting last night.
 - Andrea Hall – Does that mean that everyone before then was grandfathered in?
 - Anthony Serrone – That are some great questions to bring to the ACC meeting.
- **Fernando Figueroa – Haciendas** - Thank you Kristen for all you're doing. My phone number is 3059707068. I have been here since 1986 and I would like to be a volunteer for Haciendas. I have a picture of a person on my street that has many trailers, recreational vehicles, etc. There is also someone who has a torn-up yard in Haciendas that looks like a junk yard. As far as the dog poo I found that the best thing do to is to tell neighbors to pick up after their animals if you see them leaving the waste there. Is there a procedure to tell someone about violations or is there someone who goes out and looks for them?
 - Anthony Serrone – We do have someone that can go out. We have specific violations that we have been given to look for recently but until the Fining Committee is formed there is no way to penalize the rule breakers through a hearing process.
- **Marisol Marie – Sunflower** - Have an olive tree that I love but it stains the ground. I know in Coral Gables they were able to fumigate the trees for \$25 to mitigate this problem.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – I will look into that.
- **Karen Henry – Sunflower**- My question is more about process. How do we see the contracts before the work is done to make sure that the work is what we want done? Who gets to look at that?
 - Kristen Gurucharri – know that the ACC are looking at the signs.
 - Anthony Serrone – The Advisory Board of Directors and committees see the contract and give their opinion to the judge who then makes the final decision. The property management company is responsible for making sure the work is carried out correctly. The Judge has approved the posting of some of the contracts to be put online.
 - Karen Henry – AT&T was mentioned earlier regarding the damage they did to the streets. They should be held liable.
 - Anthony Serrone – We are trying to get them out here to fix the damage they caused.
- **Marisol Marie – Sunflower** – What is it that the Neighborhood Committee actually does? Does it take the suggestions and then forward it to the ACC?
 - Kristen Gurucharri – Anything that is architectural will be referred to the ACC.
 - Marisol Marie – So what is under this committee's purview?
 - Kristen Gurucharri – Things such as potholes, mirrors for blindspots, etc. that pertain to your neighborhood.
 - Anthony Serrone – Essentially, the committee members will be a mouthpiece for every neighborhood to bring certain issues in each neighborhood to the Advisory Board to discuss and give an opinion to judge Gersten.
- **Griselle Velasco – Paseos II** – The trees on 112 street have seedpods that fall into pools depending on how close the trees are to the pool. I personally have trimmed them twice.
 - Anthony Serrone – We can look at the tree to see if it is the Association's responsibility to trim the tree. There is also a consultation being done by Gene Sherwood for free to give us for the trees going forward.

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- **Juan Ordonez – paseos I** – I would like to represent Paseos I. I am here to learn how this works and give input. I know there are a lot of big projects to be done and I would like to learn how they are done and how to help.
- **Jaime Staton – Pelican Point** – Tree trimming there are trees that are blocking the light at the entrance of the community. One of the circles in Pelican Point there are no lights. There are trees that are in bad shape that need to be looked at on Hammocks Blvd and 96th St.
- **Andrea Hall - Sunflower**
 - I am trying to understand what this committee is going to do. My understanding is that we are going to have a budget to make changes in our community. All we have talked about at this meeting are the same things. We need guidance in what we are doing here. There needs to be governance on what needs to be done, how it is reported, time frames, what gets posted on the website, etc.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – This is what the committee does. You bring concerns here and then they are brought to First Service Residential, the Advisory Board, etc. We have mostly big-ticket items as the main complaints right now. 2024 budget has allotments for each neighborhood for the maintenance of that neighborhood.
 - Andrea hall – What can we do in the meantime, while the big items are being resolved so that we can feel like something is being done?
 - Kristen Gurucharri -Do you have any suggestions?
 - Andrea Hall – A beautification project, debris removal, and something for community involvement we can all do.
- **Kristen Gurucharri - Chair**
 - I would like to select four people tonight, per Guillermo’s suggestion, to go out to the other neighborhoods and recruit committee members.
- **Guillermo Roldan – Live Oak** – I think that we should have two representatives from each community instead of one.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – We cannot even get one per community at this time but I agree with that idea.
- **Andrea Hall – Sunflower** - In the past, there were things such as community barbeques that would bring the community together. If we could do something like that it might help.
- **Karen Henry – Sunflower-** Part of the issue is that we don’t feel like our concerns are not being heard on the processes for our communities. For example, why are we not making the decisions on the aesthetics of the communities instead of the ACC.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – The reason it has to go to the ACC is because we are not individual neighborhoods is because we are a community, so we need to make sure that everything is decided properly.
 - Anthony Serrone – That is what the survey for the neighborhood from the ACC is for.
 - Marisol Marie – Where is our involvement if the ACC is deciding everything?
 - Kristen Gurucharri – Your involvement is from the survey from coming to the meetings. I cannot speak on the ACC committee.
- **Fernando Figueroa – Haciendas** – You can go throughout your neighborhood and have petitions signed to bring to the Advisory Board.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – All of this is ACC recommendations.
 - Marisol Marie – The Neighborhoods Committee has a voice for in what the ACC is determining.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – I will have to get back to you on that and how we can move forward.
- **Guillermo Roldan – Live Oak** - All these ladies are asking to have their opinions brought to the ACC.
 - Kristen Gurucharri – I understand, and I have stated that I will get back to you on a process for that.

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- **Kristen Gurucharri** – I want to come back to getting volunteers that will recruit committee members from all neighborhoods that don't have a representative yet.
 - **Marisol Marie** – Can you use email to try to reach out to them.
 - **Anthony Serrone** – We can only send information to the people for whom we have their information.
 - **Kristen Gurucharri** – People also need to opt in to receive emails, we cannot just email blast people without their consent.
- **Volunteers to recruit committee members from all neighborhoods**
 - Janine Manzano
 - Guillermo Roldan
 - Jaime Staton
 - Fernando Figueroa

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.