

OAK RUN HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
September 11, 2023 – ORCHID CLUB

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Mickey Hoey who also led the Pledge of Allegiance and read ORHA's Mission Statement.

Roll Call: Director's attendance was conducted with all directors present. A quorum was established.

Agenda: Larry Brewer made a motion to accept today's agenda. Doug Fawley seconded and the motion was carried.

Minutes: Doug Fawley made a motion to accept the minutes of August's General Meeting. Larry Brewer seconded the motion and it was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Due to computer issues no report was presented.

Guest Speaker:

First: Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner, District 2. Kathy spoke on several issues, the following are some of the topics she discussed:

- State Road 200 issues come under the purview of the Florida Department of Transportation
- School tax comes under the purview of the school board. Working to re-establish impact fees with the school board.
- Tourism:
 - > the county received \$3.6M with the tourism tax
 - > 8.9M visitors spending money on Marion County Services
 - > FAST provides free swimming lessons to all third graders
 - > Blue Run Park, around Rainbow River, has a 220 Mile Trail Loop
 - > Silver Springs is one of our busiest Parks providing kayaking Etc. More information about parks can be found at www.marion.fl.org/parks.
 - > currently there's an average of 220 people moving to Marion County per week.
- Budget:
 - > Public Safety: wages have been increased for Marion County fire rescue personnel and the Sheriff's office has added 82 positions. Looking for more Sheriff's position and a higher fire department budget.
- One cent sales tax is up for renewal in 2024 which will provide for:
 - > ambulances and Sheriff's vehicles for Public Safety and transportation. More information can be found at www.mariansalestax.org.

> Animal Services Shelter which is currently antiquated. Looking to spend \$9m to build new facilities which will have a horse complex, better space for animals and will be a no-kill shelter.

> 30% of our Revenue comes from visitors passing through Marion County.

- Road Projects:

> 75 miles of new/improved roads in Marion County

> 24 more projects projected through 2024

> four lanes at the Southwest 80th Avenue corridor going north south around Ocala to connect to 326/27 Buckee's, currently 14,500 cars daily expect to serve 40,000 when complete.

- Legislative Priorities for 23/24:

> \$4M already approved for Florida Department of Transportation for the I-75 interchange

> \$6M scheduled for the next location for veterans nursing home; there are 650,000 veterans within 75 miles

> created a Litter Task Force which involves crews, inmates, and volunteers picking up trash throughout Marion County. Last year 4000 hours and 150k pounds of litter was picked up last year. Forty groups have been created and have adopted 80 miles around Marion County for cleanup.

> Created a mascot, a raccoon named Rubbish, to educate Elementary age children about litter.

To learn more about the commissioners and the counties happenings, there is a podcast, on Facebook, Instagram, and every first and third Tuesday of the month you can attend meetings or watch online.

Some residents ask the following questions:

- senior waiver for school tax would be covered by the school board
- issue about Duke Energy needs to be presented to Duke Energy
- concerns about infrastructure with the current Construction cannot be addressed as the approvals have already been given and cannot be taken back.

Second, Carol Kines, ORHA Board Elections

- election will be held the second Saturday in January, the 13th, from 8 AM to 12 noon.

- half of the board seats are up for election

- those interested in running for a position must submit a brief bio to the aura nomination chair. Bios will be accepted from October 1st 12 am through November 30th 5pm. Bio should be submitted to ORHANominees@yahoo.com, be approximately 200 words, and will be published in the January newsletter.

- Candidates for neighborhood Representatives are also under the same time frame

- Candidates will be listed on the ballots in the order their bio was received.

Security Report (Brian Fisher): provided the following statistics:

- 7 reports (Baker Act, simple battery, domestic violence, some with arrests)
- 103 service calls
- 25 911 hangups (police must attend)
- 22 traffic stops one golf cart

Old Business: The issue regarding Pickle ball, Tennis, Boccie, and Horseshoe has been tabled temporarily.

New Business: None

Committee Reports: None.

Residents Comments:

- a. Joseph Bernard, NBHD 4, asked about having a tool shed. He was told sheds are not allowed however he still can submit an ARB requesting same.
- b. Sally Barclay from Woodside, asked about removing vines, mentioned trash trucks, and issues landscaping issues.
- c. Edge one, neighborhood 4, discuss the damage done to his yard by an underground contractor. He contacted the contractor but with little result. Ali will take for action
- d. Betsy Duffy noted there is a tool shed on property in neighborhood 3; Ali suggested turning in an ARB.
- e. three residents spoke about lawn maintenance, edging, etc. not being done properly by the contractors/ORAL Landscaping.
- f. Marie Govan discussed issues regarding sprinklers, red ants, pest control, fertilizer, etc. and provided a letter to Ali.
- g. Two residents discussed an issue regarding the pond and noted they believe it should be lowered when strong storms are expected.

Comments From Neighborhood Reps:

- Jean Hedrick noted two issues that had not been done and Malcolm will meet with her.
- Marie Govan discussed a new resident who had issues with cable, landscaping not done at 6750 SW 112th Street.

Comment From Directors:

- a. Rich Winter: noted where the DoD schedules can be found.

b. Terry Miller: Noted the schedule is now open on line.

c. Jan Plaisted: Bingo has increased their prizes to \$2K, there are new meals being provided through the kitchen, and some games have been brought back.

d. Joann Keane/Ambassadors:

- Craft sale will be on November 4th from 9am to 1pm. Set up will be November 3rd from 6pm to 9pm.

- Halloween event on October 28th, \$10 per person; theme is "Out of This World".

e. Doug Fawley - Donut drop in and pancake breakfast are on Saturday mornings September and October from 8am to 10am. There are no reservations needed.

f. Ali Inman:

- thanked all the visitors to the Oak Run Bar and Grill and hope everybody is enjoying the new menus that feature three specials each week

- still working on the farmer's market which should begin on October 18th at Bella Cucina. Hours will be from 9 am to 2 pm. If parking seems to be an issue, this event may move to the Palm Grove fitness parking area.

- the Island Club music has been adjusted to be a little bit louder during the day and turned off at 9 pm.

The next NBHD Rep meeting will be October 2nd at 9 am, at the Orchid Club.

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With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Skowronski
