



**MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Marilyn Maleckas, President
Malcolm Hay, Vice President
Jan Lazar, Treasurer

Bob Clark, Secretary
Dr. Bart Levenson, Director
Tom Pound, Director
Fernando Viteri, Director
Bruce Ferretti, Director

Mike Mazur, Assembly Chair
(Non-Voting)

EXCUSED: Jay Solomon, Aviva CEO, Amy MacDougall, Director

STAFF PRESENT: Frances Rippondi, MCA General Manager, Mike Mazur, MCA Administrative Manager

President Maleckas called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Maleckas welcomed Board members and guests. She invited those from the audience who wished to speak to a matter to indicate such on the public comment sign-up sheet.

She announced that the Board of Directors of The Meadows Country Club (TMCC) has approved a change in management. A contract has been signed with ICON Management Services, Inc., a Bradenton, FL based management company. In addition, the readers of Sarasota Magazine have voted The Meadows Country Club as the second-best country club in the area.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

On a motion by Ms. Lazar, seconded by Mr. Clark, the Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors were unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Maleckas reviewed the sign-up list for public comment and the following attendees spoke:

Claire Coyle: 4419 Glebe Farm Road – Ms. Coyle reported on the progress to date of the Dog Park project. She advised that the location under consideration has changed due to water, shade and FPL issues. The proposed location is adjacent to the south side of the MCA Community Center building. This location provides reduced costs including ready availability of water, natural shades, and no limitations imposed by FPL.

Robert Drescher: 5654 Sheffield Greene – Mr. Drescher expressed concern about the profitability of the country club. He additionally questioned if Club Corp was considered for management services. As the MCA does not operate the country club, Mr. Drescher was referred to the TMCC Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Dog Park Relocation - On a motion by Mr. Hay, seconded by Dr. Levenson, the Board approved the south side of the MCA Community Center building as the location of the Dog Park.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Rippondi reported that a credit card number was provided in payment of the \$1,500 fine levied by the Board on 4604 Highland Oaks Court for a political sign violation. The payor failed to provide an expiration date and security code required to process the payment. Efforts are underway to obtain this information.

She reported that efforts are underway to secure an agreement with Sarasota County to provide police enforcement on Longmeadow. This was previously in place but expired. The adequacy of signage and road markings will be evaluated by the county.

In the Lifestyles area, Ms. Rippondi reported the upcoming events and activities: Health Expo including multiple health-related providers, Photo Show, Concert in the Park, Car Show and Spring Fling.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Standards – Bob Clark, Chair – Mr. Clark reported that he has held individual meetings with most of the residents who have chronic violations.

Best Kept – Lesley Totten – Ms. Totten reported that Jan Clark did a very professional job for the Holiday Decoration awards.

Finance – Jan Lazar, Chair – Ms. Lazar reported that financial matters including receipt of 2020 Assessments are on track. Centennial Bank has approved the capital improvement loan but for a dollar amount less than requested.

Communications – Frances Rippondi reporting for Ms. Calomeris – Ms. Rippondi reported that development of an update of the website and Facebook presence are underway.

Community Activities/Involvement – Mr. Pound reported that the group continues to move forward with a wealth of activities and new ideas.

Maintenance – Jo Evans, Chair – Ms. Evans’ reported on the maintenance results of the MCA staff. She advised that a very productive meeting was held with Llomel Llorca, the owner of TruScapes. Lastly, she advised that she is stepping down as Chair of the Maintenance Committee. A round of applause and thanks for her efforts over the years was provided.

Safety – Chair Vacancy –Ms. Rippondi reported that a committee meeting was held.

Emergency Preparedness – Mike Mazur – Mr. Mazur reported that the committee is on hiatus until May. It was noted that there are some changes to the CERT program that have been distributed to Meadows CERT members.

Long-Range Planning – Malcolm Hay, Chair – Mr. Hay reported the committee is drafting a community survey with a goal of having it live in April 2020. He distributed an updated copy of the MCA Strategic Objectives.

Assembly Report – Mike Mazur, Chair – Mr. Mazur reported that the March 18, 2020 meeting will feature attorney Mary Hawk who will address topics related to conflict management and dealing with difficult situations and people. The Assembly delegates will be certifying the MCA Board election balloting and results.

Water and Wildlife – Malcom Hay, Liaison – Mr. Hay reported that the committee continues its work with a student from New College of Florida who is doing a study of pollutants, pharmaceuticals, etc. in our ponds. Spring plantings will be underway soon. He also gave a brief alligator panel update.

Liaisons -

- *TMCC – Marilyn Maleckas* – Ms. Maleckas reported that regular meetings of the MCA/TMCC Strategic Planning Committee continue on a weekly basis.
- *Aviva and Tarpon Point – Jan Lazar* – Ms. Lazar reported that both entities continue to increase their exposure within the community. Aviva has enacted a relationship with a hospice provider. In development are physician services for the homebound. Lastly, Rachel Watson and Tia Calomeris have established a wellness interface with Aviva.
- *Meadows Shopping Village – Dr. Bart Levenson* – Dr. Levenson updated the Board on the status of the Shopping Village.

RECOGNITION

President Maleckas was presented with a gift from the MCA for her dedicated service as President.

ADJOURNMENT

President Maleckas asked if there were any further questions or new business. Hearing none, the next meeting was set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020 and this meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mike Mazur, MCA Staff

Minutes submitted by Bob Clark, MCA Secretary