

**MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, February 12, 2026 AT 2:00 PM**

**PLACE OF MEETING: Meadows Community Lifestyle & Wellness Facility – NEST  
3350 Longmeadow, Sarasota Florida 34235**

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**PLEASE NOTE: BOARD MEETINGS ARE ONLY OPEN TO MEMBERS  
(PARCEL OWNERS) OF THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chris Perone

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Chris Perone

- Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2026  
– Special January 16, 2026

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

Chris Perone

**FINANCE**

Financial Report

Jan Lazar

**OWNER COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS ONLY**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Vote on Resolution to enter into the MCA Benderson Ground Lease Agreement with Amendments - MCA Benderson Ground Lease – Final  
- MCA Benderson Promissory Note – Final  
Chris Perone
- Resolution for Prepayment of Debt  
Jan Lazar
- Vote on Resolution to establish date, time and place for 2026 Annual Meeting  
Chris Perone

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- General and Project update

Frances Rippondi

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- STANDARDS (Tom Bondur) – Report Attached
- COMMUNICATIONS (Marilyn Maleckas)
- COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/INVOLVEMENT (Michelle Johnston) – Report Attached
- MAINTENANCE (Jo Evans)
- SAFETY (Michelle Johnston) – Report Attached
- PRESIDENTS COUNCIL (Michelle Johnston)
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Bob Clark and Alex Peake) - on hiatus
- ASSEMBLY (Ned Boston and Alex Peake)
- WATER AND WILDLIFE (Mark Pienkos)

## **OWNER COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

\* IF YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEMS OR GENERAL COMMENTS, YOU MUST SIGN UP PRIOR TO MEETING CALL TO ORDER. OWNER COMMENT IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON. ONLY MEMBERS, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, ARE PERMITTED TO COMMENT.



MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Chris Perone, President  
Tom Bondur, Vice President  
Alex Peake, Secretary  
Jan Lazar, Treasurer

Don Breece, Director  
Susan Chapman, Director  
Michelle Johnston, Director  
Marilyn Maleckas, Director  
Mark Pienkos, Director

STAFF PRESENT: Frances Rippondi - MCA General Manager and Mike Mazur – MCA Director of Administration.

President Perone called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. It was noted that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present, and the required notice was provided.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Ms. Maleckas moved, seconded by Ms. Johnston that the Minutes of the December 11, 2025, Board of Directors meeting be approved. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Ms. Johnston moved, seconded by Ms. Maleckas that the Minutes of the December 18, 2025, Board of Directors meeting be approved. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Perone noted that the draft contract with Benderson and related reports have been provided to the community via website posting. He further indicated that the attorneys engaged by the MCA will be participating in a meeting to provide information on concerns about water flow, the Benderson Special District, and other contract matters. He urged owners to read the documents provided.

OWNER COMMENT ON ACTION ITEM

Comments on the action item were offered by Dora Laumer, Jim Laidley and Mary Breece.

HISTORICAL MARKER

Mr. Pienkos noted that the historical marker for The Meadows will be placed in a county ceremony on February 12, 2026 at 10:00 am.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Maleckas moved the adoption of the Resolution on Suspension of Ownership Rights. Mr. Breece moved to table this motion pending additional information concerning any requirement for a member rather than a Board vote. Motion to table died for lack of a second. Ms. Lazar called the question. A Roll Call vote was requested and the votes and results were:

Chris Perone	Yes
Tom Bondur	Yes
Alex Peake	No
Jan Lazar	Yes
Don Breece	No
Susan Chapman	No
Michelle Johnston	Yes
Marilyn Maleckas	Yes
Mark Pienkos	Yes

The Motion carried by a vote of six “Yes and three “No”.

Mr. Peake offered an amendment to establish a floor of \$3,000 before owner rights are suspended. The amendment requires notice to the members and posting on the agenda as it is a change to the Declaration. The amendment was withdrawn.

OWNER COMMENT ON APPROVED ACTION ITEM

Comments were heard from Keith Peaton, David Beth, Steven Silber, Gary Robby, Brent Monchin, and Mary Breece.

MANAGER’S REPORT

**Amenities/Fitness Program** - Our year has been off to a busy start as we rolled out the new hybrid recreational user program. Over 273 residents signed up for open gym passes, 42 for pool/spa access, 49 for Open Gym/Pool pack and Fitness class sign-ups vary. The new roll out prompted a number of residents to sign up for their Renaissance Access Card.

**Pickleball** - The pickleball rollout has been smooth so far.  
125 total programs purchased: 70 seasonal, 43 Annual, 4 Monthly, 8 Daily

**Tennis** - The Welcome Back Round Robin in December was very successful. 40 players played and stayed for “the bring a dish lunch” social afterwards. The tennis committee will meet soon and discuss adding additional tennis events to the calendar soon.

305 Total programs purchased (registered players)

About half of these are Pay-Per-Play.

Total Resident Pay Per Play's...91 (\$15 before 4:00 and \$12.00 after 4:00)

Total Non-Resident Pay Per Plays...70 (\$20.00 before 4:00, 16 after 4:00)

We have replaced 4 halide court lights. The electrician was out yesterday assessing two lights that recently failed. The defective LED lights are in the process of being sent back to the manufacturer.

**Golf Maintenance** - Due to the cooler temperatures the roughs will brown; it is not uncommon this time of year. Maintenance successfully finished their plan to attack on weeds on the golf courses, focusing their attention on the Meadows and Groves golf courses. The reduction in the weed population has been significant.

This week they started to pencil TINE the greens. Next week they will be applying sand to the greens to try to accomplish a smoother quicker roll of the golf ball. They have had a number of irrigation issues, H15 and H18 with a 4" main line break being the most notable.

**Golf** - Golf's maintenance efforts led to a successful and busy December as there were:

621 - League Rounds

384 - Resident Rounds

550 - 9 Hole Rounds

Making it a total of 1,555 rounds

These rounds generated December total golf revenue = \$99,669.95 (closed Christmas, so 30 days of operation). Daily avg revenue = \$3,322.33

January has started off incredibly well. 2nd-4th we've done \$17,050 (\$5683 daily average)

Tee sheets are booked nearly solid most days of the week prompting an increase in operating hours.

Golf has also been doing well on the Driving Range which brought in \$2,310 in December.

**Pro Shop** - Out of concern for safety, new stair stringers and steps were installed at the East entry to the Pro Shop (main steps that golfers access)

**Pool** - The automatic chlorine feed for the spa failed, we replaced with a new Spa-ORP Controller (Oxidation Reduction Potential).

**Assessments** - MCA is preparing materials for the mailing of assessments and ballots – mailing will occur at the end of the month and Assessments due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Trees** - All recently planted trees are doing well. New trees will be scheduled the end of the month beginning of February at the Longmeadow and Honore entry into the community.

**New Hire** - Rob Sanders who had been with us for 4 years has decided to go into business for himself, we wish him well, but I am happy to report his replacement, Tremon Finch, has started as of this week. Please welcome him if you see him on site.

#### **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

*Standards – Tom Bondur, Liaison* – Mr. Bondur reported 20 architectural reviews for the past month and violations were minimal and resolved.

*Communications – Marilyn Maleckas, Liaison* – Ms. Maleckas noted that additional members have joined the Communications Committee.

*Community Activities – Michelle Johnston, Liaison* – At the February 2026 Board meeting, the Craft Group will present checks to several local charities from the proceeds of their Craft & Bake Sale.

*Maintenance Committee – Jo Evans, Chair* – *Written report submitted.*

*Safety Committee – Michelle Johnston, Liaison* – Ms. Johnson related instances of car break-ins with small items taken. She urged residents to lock their cars.

*Presidents Council – Michelle Johnston, Liaison* – Ms. Johnston reported that the group will be meeting in February.

*Emergency Preparedness – Bob Clark and Alex Peake, Co-Chairs* – Mr. Peake reported that the committee is on hiatus.

*Assembly – Ned Boston and Alex Peake, Co-Chairs* – The Assembly Executive Committee is working on a new date for a candidate forum.

*Water and Wildlife – Mark Pienkos, Liaison* – It was noted that the committee has not yet met this month so there is no report.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Maleckas, seconded by Ms. Johnston, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mike Mazur, MCA Staff.



MCA SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

MEMBERS	Chris Perone, President	Don Breece, Director
PRESENT:	Tom Bondur, Vice President	Susan Chapman, Director
	Alex Peake, Secretary	Michelle Johnston, Director
	Jan Lazar, Treasurer	Marilyn Maleckas, Director
		Mark Pienkos, Director

STAFF PRESENT: Frances Rippondi - MCA General Manager and Mike Mazur – MCA Director of Administration.

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

Byrony G. Swift – Shareholder, Becker & Poliakoff – Sarasota – In Person  
Jennifer Bales Drake – Shareholder, Becker & Poliakoff – Fort Lauderdale – Via Zoom  
Lisa A. Reves – Senior Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff – West Palm Beach – Via Zoom

President Perone called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. It was noted that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present, and the required notice was provided.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Mr. Perone noted that there are no action items for this meeting. It is designed to provide an overview of the proposed contract with Benderson, to allow for the attorneys that have been engaged by the MCA for this negotiation to provide background on the contract elements, and to answer Board and property owner questions.

Mr. Bondur, assisted by Ms. Swift, Ms. Drake and Ms. Reves, provided an overview presentation of the proposed agreement.

OWNER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Comments were offered or questions were asked by:

Debra Ruppert	Sandy Gilbert	Susan Blumenthal
Tim Thomas	Bob Schaal	Elizabeth Gaudet
Samir Ansary	Geoff Bridges	Erich Laumer
Jim Laidley	Susan McGuire	Dora Laumer
Laura Casey	Sean Casey	Edward Zawacki
Melissa Francola	Steven Silver	Keith Peaton

Scott Beachy  
Shelley Nudi  
Steven Diaz  
Caren Eliezer  
Jason Stutzman

Sandra Strauss  
Laura Spears  
Doreen D'Amico  
Ana Alexander  
Jan Murray

Mary Breece  
Robert Zepik  
Doug Gleed

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Maleckas, seconded by Mr. Breece, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 3:29 pm.

Minutes recorded by Mike Mazur, MCA Staff.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR  
THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**WHEREAS**, The Meadows Community Association, Incorporated (“Association”) is the successor master property owners association, under the terms of the Declaration of Maintenance Covenants and Restrictions on the Commons for the Meadows (the "Declaration"), as recorded in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, Official Records Book 1113, pages 715 *et seq.* and as amended from time to time, together with the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association and all subsequent amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Meadows Community Association, Article III, grants the Association the power to lease property as may be deemed necessary or desirable in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Association, and the power to enter into contracts of every kind and nature with any person, firm, corporation or association;

**WHEREAS**, the purposes and objectives of the Association include, but are not limited to preserving open space, ambiance, recreational amenities and golf courses, as provided under Paragraph 29 of the Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association grant the Board of Directors the authority to act for the MCA, and, in Bylaws Article VII, grant The Board of Directors the power to enter into contracts to discharge the Association’s responsibilities and obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibilities and obligations of the Association include, but are not limited to operating, maintaining, managing and improving the common areas of The Meadows, as provided in Paragraph 13 of the Declaration;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in furtherance of its lawful authority to lease property as may be deemed necessary or desirable in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Association, and in accordance with its lawful authority to enter into contracts to discharge the Association’s responsibilities and obligations, the Board of Directors of The Meadows Community Association Inc. authorizes the Association President to sign the MCA Benderson Ground Lease Agreement (“Lease”) for preservation and operation of the Association’s golf course property, to undertake the duties and obligations as the Landlord under the terms of the Lease, including but not limited to the granting of conservation easements as provided therein.

Dated December \_\_\_\_, 2026

The Meadows Community Association, Inc.

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By Chris Perone, as its President.

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Attest: Alexander Peake as its Secretary

There are 9 total Board members. The number of Board members who voted in favor of this Resolution is \_\_\_\_\_. The number of Board members who voted against this Resolution is \_\_\_\_\_. The vote of each Director is reflected in the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.

## Resolution

Whereas the Board deferred additional prepayment on loan principal following the unexpected termination and subsequent bankruptcy of the former country club, and

Whereas a severe financial drain was projected to occur in order to keep the MCA property leased by the club in decent condition and keep the operations running to the degree possible, and

Whereas the actions taken to accomplish this were successful, and

Whereas the Board leadership simultaneously took additional steps to stabilize the financial drain and maintain reserves without any need for a special assessment, and

Whereas these efforts have enabled the Board leadership with the hard work of the staff to make financially feasible and prudent the release of the hold on the prepayment on debt, and whereas the following actions will not touch reserve funds and will save approximately \$50,000 on the \$2 million loan,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board authorizes the immediate prepayment of \$350,000 to further reduce debt balance to approximately \$4,850,000 and

Be it further resolved that further prepayment of the \$100,000 budgeted in Fy 2026-2027 for prepayment be advanced and paid immediately from available funds, and be it finally resolved that the \$288,000 budgeted for payment on the \$2,000,000 loan be moved forward and paid immediately from available funds, reducing the balance to \$4,462,000.

**THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATE, TIME AND PLACE  
OF THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING**

Whereas Article IV, Section 1 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Meadows Community Association, Inc., as amended June 12, 2003, provides for the Board of Directors to designate the time, place, and date during March for the Annual Meeting of the members,

Be it resolved that the 2026 Annual Meeting of The Meadows Community Association, Inc. shall be conducted on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm at The Meadows Community Lifestyle & Wellness Facility located at 3350 Longmeadow, Sarasota, FL 34235.

Adopted on 02/12/2026

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Date

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Chris Perone, President

STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

**Roll Call:** The regular meeting of the Standards Committee was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The group met at a location in the Shopping Village for an offsite adventure instead of The Meadows Community Lifestyle & Wellness Facility. The call to order was at 3:00 p.m. by Tom Bondur, Standards Chair.

**Present:** Committee Members: Paul Soentgen, Paul Easley, Adele Roth, Jennifer Lynn, Jo Evans, Geoffrey Bridges, Brent Scrimshaw and Brett Norton, Support Specialist.

**Excused:**

**Approval of minutes:** Mr. Bondur asked if the members had reviewed the December meeting minutes. Ms. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2025, as written. Mr. Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Open to Residents:** None present.

**Chair Comments:** Mr. Bondur welcomed everyone. The December stats were as follows: Complied 1, Post cards sent 18, ARC's 20, total to date was 400, last year at this time 440. Mainly due to less tree removal.

**Staff Comments:** Mr. Truman presented the list of violations.

**Member Comments:** Discussion on giving kudos to homes well maintained or continued improvements in each zone. Appreciation post cards will go out to any address committee would like to recognize. Two were selected during this meeting. Committee enjoyed the off-site adventures but due to the increase of season and high volume of noise in restaurant it has been decided to go back to MCLWF meeting room in February.

Next scheduled meeting, **Tuesday February 3, 2026.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Truman  
MCA Community Standards Administrator

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Tom Bondur, Chairman

**The Meadows Activity Committee**  
**January 8, 2026**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Liz Barnett (Crafts, Memori, and Meadowlarks), Joni Cohen (Shalom), Pat Webster (Games), Melinda Gordan (Art), Agnes Rutushni (Bingo), and Michelle Johnston (Cindy Rubin Excused) No Quorum.

**Approval of December Minutes**—There was no vote. However, there was a discussion about the Game Night days in the Meadoword.

**Chair's Comments**

- Help with reopening ideas (Tiki Bar, bathrooms, kitchen, food truck as interim solution, etc.)
- Health Fair January 27, 2026

**Reports from Club/Activities**

1. Pop-up Art started today with four new people and one from last year. It needs more opportunities to get information to the residents beyond the Bulletin Board on Facebook. The Meadoword needs to say that Pop-up Art is seasonal.
2. Shalom Club has an expert on Klezmer music coming to the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Forty people signed up.
3. Memoir, Meadoword, and Crafts are back to their regular schedules this week, and Crafts will have another sale in March. At the February MCA Board meeting, the Crafts Group will give three \$2500 checks to three local charities, including SPARK, Mothers Helping Mothers and a homeless shelter.
4. Game night participation was small because the miscommunication about dates in the Meadoword. Pat is personally working on that problem.
5. Mah Jongg is starting a class for beginners today. Nine people at three tables with three instructors.
6. Bingo has an email problem. It is getting emails for Mah Jongg. Bingo had a successful night on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
7. Chorus has its first practice on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The Chorus has more people and more visibility.

**Comment:** At the morning coffees, we share event fliers. For example, we shared the fliers for the December Chorus Concert at the UU and Klezmer program.

**Action Items:**

- Write articles about activities for the Meadoword.
- Check on Meadows residential portal all of the activities information and pages are out-of-date.

- Not everyone is on Constant Contact. Send Constant Contact sign-up forms to the Presidents' Council.
- Michelle to check on logistics for March Garage Sale, March Pop-Art Show, and March Crafts and Bake Sale.

**Next meeting: February 5, 2026, in the Sun Room at the MCA Building**

# MCA MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

**Roll Call:** The regular monthly meeting of the Maintenance Committee was held on Wednesday, January, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair, Jo Evans.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jo Evans, Chair, Dorothy Anderson, Bob Clark, Mike Venz, Tom Bondur, Martina Venz, Roz Pezze and Geoffrey Bridges.

**EXCUSED:**

**CHAIR COMMENTS:** Ms. Evans welcomed the committee with a Happy New Year. She informed the committee that Bob Finlay has resigned due to some health issues. Mark and Sue Harrington have resigned as well. Ms. Evans welcomed new member Geoffrey Bridges to the committee.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:** Mr. Bondur moved to approve November 12, 2025, minutes. Mr. Venz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting will be on February 11, 2026.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Subject: Significant work performed for December 2025 to date:

The MCA Maintenance trimmed up and mulched golf crossings. Trimmed shrubbery at MCLWF roundabout. Repaired small foot bridge boards on Nature Trail, fence at Turtle bridge. Placed stop signs a pool/tennis exit, and Trebor Lane. Replace back board and straighten Hidden Drive sign. Pressure washed MCA sidewalks and curbs. Washed maintenance trucks and cleaned office bathrooms. Fixed office sign at MCA. Charged the MCA/MCLWF cameras. The preventative maintenance on AC units performed. Cut up and hauled off limb at fitness trail location 4& 5. Replaced breaker at Devonshire Island for holiday lights. Continual watering of new trees and trees in non-irrigation areas. The cleanup of maintenance area.

TruScapes mowing schedule averaged a 16 day mowing cycle. 3-member crew.

TruScapes applied fertilizer, disease control and insect control to turf.

Quarterly inspections for December included Dog Stations, Fountain Inspections and Sidewalks.

**Zone 1:** Dorothy Anderson-Ms. Anderson stated that with the exception of a malfunction in the sprinkler system at 17<sup>th</sup> Street entrance Zone one is in quite good condition. Paths are clear and debris is mostly cleaned up and looks good.

**Zone 2:** Bob Clark –Mr. Clark report included that the shoreline of the lake could be cleared of dead brush and dead vegetation. The fence around the pump station is in serious need of repair. There is a small dead tree behind the pump station. There is a dead tree behind the MCA building that Sandy can see from her office.

**Zone 3:** Mike Venz- Mr. Venz observed that all items were in order, The turn arounds look good. Sighted a small gator in pond south of Chatsworth. Hedges are trimmed and look very good. The bird house is at half-mast and the county ditch is clear and clean.

**Zone 4&6:** Tom Bondur -Mr. Bondur reported that all roads, curbs, sewers, signs light poles, paths, utility boxes are in good repair. (6H) All Zone 4 & 6 common areas show signs of recent mowing and edging. Ponds levels normal and relatively free of debris/algae; littoral shelves, ditches, culverts are clear. No ground litter other than organic debris anywhere in Zone #4 & 6. Trash and animal waste bins contain minimal debris. (4B)

**Zone 5:** Martina Venz- Ms. Venz informed committee that the sidewalk along Trebor Lane needs attention. The tulip tree is gone. Fire ants-lake along Longmeadow at Hadfield near where landscape debris dumped 2 years ago. Ditch (county ditch) behind Trebor Lane is very clean, except one lonely pumpkin. Alongside Longmeadow, just east of Trebor Lane-landscape debris-thrown into saw palmetto between sidewalk and Longmeadow (pictures were provided).

**Zone 7:** Roz Pezze- Ms. Pezze- Harvest Bend sidewalk breaking up. Somerset walkway sidewalk defects have red dots. Harvest Bend has debris from storm on right side. Richwood Links one dead shrub across from white fence. Some large branches on the ground. Geraniums look sad at Taywood/Honore. Somerset walkway ditch is deeper than most. Culvert to lake may be blocked. Taywood Meadow has moderate garbage- lots of banana peels, food wrappers, resident thinks workers are tossing these. Several cigarette butts. It would be nice if flags from service work were picked up instead of let to rot.

Zone 9: Fitness Trail & North Lakes

**Zone 8 & 10:** Geoffrey Bridges- Mr. Bridges had no report since this was his first meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** No issues at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:40p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Truman  
Community Standards Administrator

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Jo Evans, Co-Chair  
Maintenance Committee

**Safety Committee**  
**January 5, 2025**  
**2:00 PM Minutes**

**Attendees:** Charlie Mericle, Joe Miller, John Gartner, Toni Gartner, Eleanor White, Bob Clark, Officer Rick Gorman, Deputy Cathy Duff, Sandy Truman, and Michelle Johnston (Fran Vitiello and Adam Talaat—excused)

**Minutes of November 3, 2024, approval**—Charlie Mericle moved to approve, seconded by Bob Clark. Unanimously approved.

**Comments of the Chair**—This past month, there appears to be an inordinate amount of dog-related incidents. The Chair will write an article for the Meadoword about dog regulations.

### **Safety Reports**

- Officer Gorman—In December 2025, there were seven (7) incident free days, two (2) more than in November 2025. There were forty-six (46) reported incidents, which were 7 more than in November 2025. There were sixty-eight (68) reported citations, which were three (3) more than November 2025.
- Deputy Duff—Residents need to be aware of their surroundings, lock their cars, and put valuables in the car trunk. Residents need to continue to be vigilant about scammers.

**Old Business**—Speeding on Longmeadow and Ringwood Meadow. The greatest number of cars on Longmeadow is between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Average speed 32 mph, but some drivers were speeding often after 5:00. On Ringwood Meadow, the radar signs need checking. However, 85% of the drivers were at the appropriate speed.

Some lights are still out on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**—Dog regulations are not only from The Meadows. There are State of Florida and Sarasota County regulations, which also in place in the Meadows. Dogs must be on leashes.

**Adjournment**—Charlie moved to adjourn, and Eleanor seconded.  
Unanimous vote to adjourn at 2:40 PM.

Next meeting Monday, February 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM in the Lifestyles Bldg.