



**Gulf Harbors Civic Association Inc.
General Meeting Minutes 11/02/2023**

Paris Tsirnikas Presiding

Call to order

A meeting of The Gulf Harbors Civic Association General Session Meeting was held at Gulf Harbors Civic Association by Board of Directors President on 11/02/2023 at 7:30 pm EST.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Attendees 45 Households – We have a Quorum**

Board Member Attendees included:

President Paris Tsirnikas
Vice President Bill Longstreet
Treasurer Larry Williams
Secretary Joan Thrailkill
Director of Ways and Means Diane Alesci
Director of Hall Debbie Demars-Clark
Director of Public Relations Mitchell Kobernick
Director of IT and Security Todd Cummings

Board Member Absent included:

Director of Membership Juanita Kurkechian
Director of Maintenance Craig Thiesen

Approval of The Minutes:

Motion made to accept the minutes from the October 5th and the Special October 19th General Membership Meetings. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Presentation of The GHCA Charitable Fund Charitable Donations by President:

- Friends of The New Port Richey Library. Working on raising \$50,000 for a Mobile Library.

- Hero to a Children – serves children in the foster system.
- Operation Stand Down – Serves homeless Veterans.
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Florida Disaster Fund – for hurricane relief

Nominating Committee Chair Katy Geiger

Presentation of Board Nominations for 2024

Vice President – NA

Secretary – Lonnie Shoff

Ways and Means – NA

Director of IT and Security – Alex Marcano

Director of Public Relations – Mitchell Kobernick

Membership was addressed and asked three times if there were any additional candidates standing from the floor. No one stood and the nominations are closed.

Lonnie will be the Secretary for the 2024 Board of Directors

Alex Marcano will be the Director of IT and Security for the 2024 Board of Directors

Mitchel Kobernick will be the Director of Public Relations for the 2024 Board of Directors

Nominating Committee:

Roger Parker

Al Alberti

Donna Wisnieski

Doug Traub

John Maulder

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President

- Introduction of Michelle who is running the South Channel Boat Parade. Asking for additional support and entrants. A raffle and additional prizes available for entrants. Boat parade will be December 16th.
- Introduction of Judi Pobst and staff to announce the Holiday decorating contest. Small entry fee and the grand prize is \$1000.00. Voting 12/1-12/22. Winner announced 12/23. The website will have an interactive map. www.Lightupgulfharbors.com.
- 11/18 at 10:00 am will be the day for holiday decorating. Asking for volunteers.
- Metropolitan Ministries food drive boxes are in the library until 12/1.
- Toy drive box is in the library for ages 2-17.
- Presented the results of quotes for getting the seawall, behind the civic association hall, repaired. The board approved going forward with Strongholds quote. Introduction of Ed Weaver an engineer that was hired to review the quotes and to explain the repairs and handle Q and A.
- Motion was made to accept Strongholds proposal to repair the seawall. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
- Contractors will be out to fix and repair fencing at the boat ramps.

Vice President

- Flag pole base has been repaired. Will be painting shortly.
- Will be decorating the outside of the building please come help out.
- Battery charger for speed sign is in and will be installed.
- Please consider taking on the Vice President position. I am willing to help out.

Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

- Asked membership to review the proposed budget for 2024. Please review and contact me with any questions you have prior to the vote at the December meeting.
- Met with Investment bankers and renewed the two T-Bills we had and added a third. The rate on the T-Bills went from 4.25 to 5.20 for 6 months term.
- Commitment was made to add \$8500.00 to the reserves for Wind and we were able to add \$10,00.00.
- Presentation of balance sheet and P&L. Over budget on income and below budget on expenses. We just converted from quick books 2015 to 2023 so some line items may be off.

Director of Ways and Mean

- Fish Fry – want to thank Donna for doing a great job. Thank you to Scott Murano and Chief Brian and all of the volunteers. Raised \$572.31.
- November 11th is the Harbors Market. We have over 40 vendors registered and will have a BBQ food truck
- December 2nd is the Childrens Christmas Party.
- February 10th Is the Casino night please join it is our largest fundraiser.
- Concert May 31st. Cross Fire Creek.
- Harbors Market dates have been scheduled for next year.
- Wonderful refreshments for tonight’s meeting have been provided by The Women’s Club.

Director of IT

- Doing some cross functional training with the office staff so they can update content on the Website, thank you to the Office Managers.
- Have been preparing things for the 2024 Membership data base.

Director of Hall

- Decorating the Hall 11/18 at 10:00 AM, also asking for Volunteers to help out.
- November two rentals and working on a third.
- December 6 rentals so far.
- Presented a check for \$8700.00.

Director of Public Relations

- Past year people have been calling office to report that boats will be in driveway temporarily and that has been very helpful so please continue to do so.
- House on the corner of Blue Heron and Topsail: Still working with building department and as of now they are stating it is not eligible for demolition. Working with code enforcement on it as well.

Club Announcements

Women’s Club

- We had a fun time at the Witches Brew and then rolled LOTG.
- Next Thursday the 9th we have a guest speaker coming in to talk about women’s health issues.

- Annual Cookie Sale on the 19th asking for those to donate as well as join.
- December will be going on the Cottee River holiday boat ride.

Card Club

- Mondays at noon. Tuesday men’s poker 5:30 and Women’s cards at 6:00.
- 2nd Tuesday of the month is Bunco.

Pancake Breakfast Club –

- November we will continue with our pumpkin pancakes. Bring your own Champagne and we will provide the OJ for Mimosa’s.
- November Veteran’s will get free breakfast.

Calusa Club

- Will team with Social Club to have a New Years Eve party. Was asked if it was open to all members of Gulf Harbors or just those that belong to the Social Club and or the Calusa Club? Response was not sure yet more to follow.

Shag/Swing Dance Club

Will be changing to Friday nights.

Nominating Committee Chair stood and ask for a motion be made to close the nominating committee and board nominations for 2024. Motion made to close the nominations for 2024 nominating committee and board of directors. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Tonight’s Refreshments provided by The Women’s Club

Adjournment

Motion that the meeting be adjourned, Motion seconded and this was agreed upon at 8:40 PM EST.

Summary of Motions:

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- Motion was made to accept Strongholds proposal to repair the seawall. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion made to close the nominations for 2024 nominating committee and board of directors. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

(via electronic signature) *Jean Thraillhill*

Secretary

Date of approval