

# **BMHOA Meeting - April 10, 2018 - Legion Park**

## **Meeting minutes**

### **Directors present:**

Adam Wolfson  
Walt Allen  
Jaime Acosta  
Matthew Atkatz  
Larry Babor  
Anne Bao  
Olga Ramos  
Adam Trachtenberg

### **Meeting convened 7pm**

#### **Police update by Commander Carroll:**

- No crime reported
- New initiatives to reduce speeding and running stop signs:
  - Pulling over residents speeding in the neighborhood and at stop signs during the last few weeks to introduce himself and remind them of traffic laws
- Group discussion regarding a potential new traffic study to propose stop sign or speed bump on 76th
  - TBD in future, but proposals need to go through the city commissioner, City of Miami (no longer county)
- Group discussion about recent installment of cameras on traffic lights along Biscayne
  - Not red light cameras, likely FDOT project to monitor traffic
- Barbara Sweet (crime prevention specialist) shared information on the Citizens on Patrol Class. Flyer is attached to email.

#### **Marta Martinez-Alemán, Community Affairs/Press Liaison**

- No updates

#### **New Business**

- 2 children from neighborhood offered to clean up drains after storms and pick up trash at pedestrian entrances into the neighborhood
  - First major clean up will be April 22nd in honor of Earth Day
  - Will announce on Google group and NextDoor so more neighbors can help

- Olga Ramos gave the monthly Financial Update
  - \$4754.25 balance as of 4/10/18
  - ~20 new members since last meeting
  - 3 payments
    - Walt re: PO box - \$70.00 (yearly)
    - Alex Riera re: Easter Egg Hunt - \$116.00
    - Landscaping Guard House - \$120.00 (monthly)
  - HOA now has Square for Credit Card payments, and a Debit Card
  - Current recurring expenses are ~ \$180/month (landscaping, PO box, digital expenses)
- The group discussed ideas for increasing HOA funds:
  - Consider selling the "I Love Belle Meade" T-Shirts (Walt's daughter has info on shirts)
  - **TASK:** Walt to share information on the shirts at May meeting
  
- Events planned for 2018
  - Taste of Upper East Side Event - TBD
  - Possible Spring Event in May/June - TBD
  - Dog Halloween Parade - Date proposed 10/28, approved
  - Holiday party - Date deferred to next meeting
  - Motion to spend \$500 per event, \$1500 total for 3 events in 2018 (Taste of Upper East Side, Holiday Party, Dog Parade)
    - Voted unanimously in favor
  - Attending/tabling at Arbor day on 4/28 - decision not to attend as it was not successful in the past for increasing membership
  
- Infrastructure Update
  - Matthew Atkatz documented streetlights that are out in the community reported them to FPL.
  - Attempt to update sprinkler system for Belle Meade Mini Park
    - **TASK:** (Public works, Walt Allen)
  - Drainage issues on 6th court and 77th street
    - Volunteers with legal expertise have been requested to help deal with City of Miami regarding drainage issues from Biscayne Blvd
      - No one has volunteered to help as of yet
    - Alex Riera and Jaime Acosta have been in email contact with Director of Public Works, Juvenal Santana, who wrote: *"The proposed drainage work along NE 76 Street and 6 Ct will be sent to DERM for permit no later than next week. It will be constructed under our citywide drainage contract sometime this summer. The Belle Meade pump station is already operational. The Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) is working with our Department to finalize the completion of minor details of the repair project."*
    - **TASK:** Alex Riera to follow up and ensure that all of 6th court will be studied for the drainage permit and work
  
  - Trimming trees in preparation for hurricane season
    - City of Miami will trim trees for free, in swale only
    - FPL may trim trees in backyard to protect power lines

- **TASK:** Walt Allen will contact Director of Public works to get the neighborhood swale trees trimmed
- **TASK:** Anne Bao to email out to members, Google group, NextDoor to inform neighbors on how to go about this process to have trees trimmed on their swale
  
- Digital Update
  - Official HOA email address: [hoa@bellemeademiami.com](mailto:hoa@bellemeademiami.com)
  - Decision was made to go forward with website but may need either company to build website or recruit neighborhood volunteer; for further discussion
  - Recurring charges for digital efforts have been linked to HOA bank account
  
- Other topics
  - The group discussed updating the sign for HOA meeting announcements
    - **TASK:** Anne Bao - costs for A-frame type signs will be shared at next meeting in order to make a decision for purchase
  - Follow up from prior meeting discussion of areas of Belle Meade that have no designated mail carrier and inconsistent delivery
    - Walt Allen contacted postal service - due to union rules the position must be assigned by seniority bidding. Supervisor said she will try to expedite assignments.

**Meeting adjourned 9pm**