

**Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**April 11, 2012**  
**Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building**

President Bari Schanerman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Bari welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 11, 2011 general membership meeting were approved after a motion by Glen Gopman and second by Brenda Aurbach.

Finance: Bari gave a financial report - we have \$20,500 in the bank. There is a website payment due. Bari asked for input on making the site better.

Park: We are trying to get the playground replaced. Follow up is scheduled for November.

DOT Improvements: The Ives Dairy project is nearing completion and traffic movement there will get better. Traffic around the schools is an ongoing issue. Bari is trying to get all of the partners together to discuss solutions for 23rd Ave. and 26th Ave. The last meeting was postponed.

Security:

- There was a petition to have the gates in Highland Gardens removed. Some residents who are opposed to the removal went to a County meeting yesterday to speak about keeping them. The gates will stay.
- There was a proposal that from 12M to 6 AM everyone going thru some of the gates be required to use the visitor lane to increase security during that time. No decision has been made.
- A section south of Ives Dairy has been having some break in problems. It was suggested that the residents in the immediate area form a committee to come up with some ideas for solutions.
- There was some general discussion on guard problems and cameras.

Incorporation/Annexation: Lenny Feldman, VP for Public Affairs for the HOA, spoke with the intention of giving information, not to persuade anyone. He distributed the slides used at the special September 5th meeting on this subject. He reviewed the various terms: incorporation, annexation, UMSA, MAC, BCC. There are approximately 19,000 people in our unincorporated area. Currently all electricity franchise fees and utility taxes stay with the County and would remain that way if our area was annexed. If we incorporate, those monies would go to the newly formed city/town/village. This ordinance is not likely to change soon, but there has been some County discussion in this item. This was the problem some years ago when the possibility of annexation by Aventura arose. Even if it went to a vote now, Aventura residents are not likely to vote for annexation. If we became a municipality it is possible we could merge with Aventura down the line. The fees would no longer be an issue. There is also a possibility that we could remain status quo as an unincorporated area. Lenny reviewed the history of the process and went over the initial figures then and now, as well as some of the possible tax and cost implications. What's next? The Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Eventually the issue will come to a vote by the whole community, possibly at the end of 2013. The County is still deciding if all areas must be incorporated (like Broward) or if it wants to stay in the business of providing municipal services to unincorporated areas. If we incorporate, initially we could hire the County to police the area. Discussion with questions and answers followed.

Education: There are several ballot issues related to education. Everyone was urged to read the ballot carefully and to VOTE!

NextDoor: Mark Greenspan explained this computer networking system as a means of communicating with neighbors. He is looking to expand south of Ives Dairy and is encouraging members to join in. If used properly the system can help with communication, security and membership.

Announcements of future meetings were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm after President Bari thanked everyone again for coming.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.