

**Property Owners Association of The Villages  
General Membership Meeting  
March 16, 2021**

**Called to order:** by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- Board members present: All except Dan Warren and Andrew Curtis, excused.
- Members present: Approximately 85 (COVID protocols in place).
- Organizations present: Seniors vs Crime and UF Health Auxiliary Foundation.
- December membership meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by members present.
- Treasurer Report (Donna Kempa): Stated February income: \$37,811; expenses: \$14,846; net gain: \$22,965; operating funds: \$154,762; total funds: \$415,547.
- Raffle: Did not run.

**Announcements:**

- Cliff mentioned the Vials for Life Program, hoping all will participate.
- Cliff mentioned if anyone would like a POA presentation to let him know or an AED presentation (POA partners with Public Safety on this) to let him or Sal Torname know.
- Cliff mentioned the shredding event on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Wildwood Community Center and that members can get tickets online or let him know and he will mail them one; about 200 slots left.
- Cliff mentioned the POA involvement with the Hospital Foundation and that he will participate in a scholarship committee meeting next week.
- Cliff commented that the Sumter County Commissioners will probably make a decision on impact fees at next week's meeting and will address the fire assessment cap at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Encouraged members to attend and provide input. He explained the fire assessment is to raise the cap from \$125 to \$360, not to raise the current assessment of \$124, though that doesn't mean the assessment might not go up some in the next budget.

**Questions:**

- What can be done about the bumpy Buena Vista multi-modal path between Bailey Trail and Laurel Manor Recreation Center? **Ans:** Jerry Ferlisi said he'd bring this up at the next PWAC meeting he attends since he is on that committee.
- Is the Daily Sun owned by the developer as the recent Bulletin stated? **Ans:** Yes.
- Do we know when District 12 will come under District control, we were told by 2021? **Ans:** Depends on a few factors (such as number of homes sold and length of time from that point) with final date usually not known until it's about to happen. In reference to Deed Restrictions, there is no capability to modify those, that is a contract at sale between buyer and developer.
- Is the Spanish Springs movie theater opening soon? **Ans:** Not sure, understand work continues and suspect it will open once that is done and it makes sense given restrictions and movie availability.

**Speaker:** Mr. Ed Jimenez, CEO University of Florida (UF) Central Florida provided a presentation on current and future health plans for The Villages and answered submitted member questions.

- Mentioned he was from New Jersey and went to school in Boston and New York and came to Gainesville, Florida 11 years ago. He will never tell you something he cannot deliver on. Needs our help in making health care better for all; but will not deal in hypothetical situations, needs specifics.
- UF Gainesville hospital is 30% local and 70% outside care and noticed many patients were from Marion and Sumter County; creating the incentive to partner with The Villages Regional Hospital (TVRH) to help address fragmentation.
- Started about six years ago, focused on one item: stroke patients. Now addressing protocols then education & training and facilitating care. Intent was that UF would handle quality and TVRH administration, but it was clear UF's role had to be bigger to ensure a high-level of quality.
- Started looking at emergency care improvement in January 2020. In April the anesthesiologists came under UF (provided good insight).

- By summer started “electronic ICU” where all UF physicians reviewed records, resulting in good repetition, expertise and gained balance.
- Began search in October for full-time Chief Medical Officer with UF pedigree and TVRH CEO Don Henderson moving to a new role.
- This January assigned two emergency room personnel from UF Gainesville to TVRH to help improve things. Will address housekeeping and food services in April.
- Biggest issue for emergency and hospital care is “queuing theory” problem (available beds). Trying to find “moments” to create more beds...such has decrease fragmented communication.
- No final decision on building a teaching hospital, but the plan would be to build a 200-bed facility (just west of the Turnpike in the next Village area) that can expand to over 600 beds.
- Mentioned that United Medicare doesn’t want to be involved with teaching hospitals like UF.
- Questions, some pertinent ones:
  - Specialty medical services available to all? **Ans:** Yes, only primary care is under Villages Health.
  - Would more doctors in ER help? **Ans:** Yes, but not as well as more beds and communications.
  - What are the quality improvement ratings? **Ans:** UF is a two-star, but CMS is not a good comparison. Will focus on items like surgical infections, etc. and peer group comparisons.
  - Will new teaching hospital have residents or students? **Ans:** Will have residents in Leesburg, TVRH and new hospital but it will be a 3-year process.
  - Will the same surgical process in Gainesville be followed here? **Ans:** Yes, over time for those procedures that will be performed here.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary