

**Property Owners Association of The Villages  
General Membership Meeting  
March 18, 2025**

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

- Board members present: Reb Benson, Ken Knodel, Tita Dumagsa and Gary Search; excused: Dan Warren and Jerry Ferlisi.
- Members present: Approximately 85.
- Organizations present: Sun Kool, Seniors vs Crime and Danielle Rosier on Hearing.
- Membership meeting minutes for January and February read by Reb Benson and unanimously approved.
- Treasurer Report: Cliff mentioned POA revenue of about \$69,000 over the last couple months mainly from ad renewals.
- Raffle: Deferred.

**Announcements:**

- Cliff introduced the various representatives in the room: Mark Hayes, Gary Kadow and himself as District Supervisors and Reb Benson as Amenity Authority Committee member.
- Cliff mentioned the annual Shredding Event will be on March 29, 2025 from 9am-12pm at the New Covenant United Methodist Church; stating there were still a few tickets left if members (with dues current) needed one. He added that if anyone would like to help out at the event to show up at 8:30am on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Cliff mentioned POA meetings are live streamed and available the next day on the website.
- Cliff mentioned the Vial of Life program by Sumter County Sheriff's office and that we had them in the back for anyone to take home.
- Cliff recommended that if you have not signed up for e-notifications at DistrictGov.Org, that you should, especially with hurricane season approaching.
- Member Meetings at Laurel Manor. Cliff mentioned Lisa Honka on Your Key to Senior Living in April; and, Dr. Curtis on Alzheimer's research in May - adding there is a new vaccine being tested.
- Member Meetings at Everglades. Cliff mentioned Lisa Honka on Your Key to Senior Living in April (adding it will be two different topics than the two at Laurel Manor in April).

**Questions:**

- Are there any plans to improve the multimodal path over the Lake Sumter bridge? **Ans:** Cliff said it has been looked at before, but nothing done mainly because of costs.
- Why is the light at the intersection in Lake Sumter Landing still flashing? **Ans:** Cliff said he'd look into why the light is not under normal operation.

**Speaker:** Ms. Cheryl Chestnut, Site Administrator, UF Health Spanish Plaines (formerly Villages Hospital), provided an annual update. The main areas of her presentation were:

- One UF Health.
  - Strategic focus...vision/culture bringing academic & community together as one model.
  - Strive for clinical excellence.
- Our Quality Care Journey.
  - We are improving...ratings are up (Leapfrog rating of C (.5 from a B) in 2024, Medicare rating of 1 in 2024 and will be a 2 in 2025 (higher in the future since this rating lags by a couple years)...but we must remain on a path of continued improvement.

- Mortality...in top 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of lives saved.
- Readmissions...out performing like hospitals.
- Door-to-door discharge...40-minute reduction in 2024.
- Safety...in top 70<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- Expanding Our Footprint.
  - More hospital capacity...48 more beds in Leesburg and 9 more (dedicated) in The Villages.
  - Freestanding Emergency Department (ED)...Brownwood.
  - Urgent Care (UR) Center...Summerfield.
  - Hybrid model Freestanding ED and UR center...2 so far and 3 more planned.
  - Medical Group Clinics...6 across Sumter and Lake Counties.
  - Connecting top talent (specialized primary care physicians) with exceptional care.
    - Elevating cardiovascular program.
    - Launching: neuro-stroke program, comprehensive breast program and, women's services.
    - Expanding minimally-invasive total joint services.
    - Building comprehensive spine program.
- On The Horizon.
  - Hospital at home...need care but not at the hospital.
  - Provide more free-standing ED's and UR Care facilities.
  - Mobile Stroke Unit...July 2025.
  - Expansion strategy.
  - NaviGATOR...personalized care coordinator...link between you and your healthcare team.
- Questions, pertinent one:
  - What is the nurse-to-patient ratio? **Ans:** Ms. Chestnut said Covid and flu hit hard this winter, resulting in a 1 to 5-7 patient ration under general care.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm that was seconded and unanimously approved. Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary