

South Shores Community Association

Minutes of March 18, 2025

Call to Order – President Richard Scandaliato called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Welcome given to attendees, Pledge led by Vern Hall, Thanks given for participation.

- **Introduction of Board Members** – Richard Scandaliato (President), Dave Billings (Vice President), Jerry Gaines (Secretary), Tym Tymczyszyn (Treasurer), Gordon Thomas, Richard Welsch, Vern Hall, John Lang, August Caimi, Terri Pearce, Erin Sato, Brian Ward.
- **Introduction of Neighborhood Advocates** – Bob Genest (CyberWatch), Anita Mannila (Socialbles), Ed and JoAnne Storti (Welcome Wagon)
- **Treasurer's Report** – Tym described the budget process for supporting annual association activities. An array of events is offered throughout the year.
- **Membership** – Gordon described the “joinit” data process enabling renewal of membership automatically on an annual basis.
- **Election of the 2025 Board** – Secretary Jerry Gaines conducted the annual election of board members (All existing board members reelected unanimously except Vern Hall (retired after 27 years of service)).
- **Public Safety Speakers** -LAFD Cpt. Carlos Calvillo and LAPD Lead Officer Melody Shortie discussed key issues associated with Public Safety. Contact emails were provided to address specific issues. They were recognized for their efforts with the recent Pacific Palisades and Eaton Fires. CERT volunteers are sought for classes. Neighbors are encouraged to collaborate on emergency care when necessary.
- **Elected Officials** – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Los Angeles City Councilman Tim McOske shared efforts being made in each of their jurisdictions. Supervisor Hahn noted goals of (1) addressing homelessness (2) supporting service for mental illness issues, and (3) focusing on safety using our public transportation system. Councilman McOske discussed issues related to recent arson in the area, security at Bogdanovich Park, planning landscaping near Royal Palms Beach, City Policies on Immigration, and the closure in June 2026 for 16 months for repairs of the Vincent Thoms Bridge. He also suggested that residents communicate with the new citizens **Starbucks advisory members** (Jerry Gaines – SSCA, Tahira Levels – CSPNC, and Faltin Sharyn – South Shores Resident) who are monitoring the observation of the developer following the conditions the city included in the recently approved Conditional

Use Permit. (Estimate six months to demolish the existing bank building and six months for building the new store),

- **Clearwater Project Update** – Maria Rosales Ramirez of the LA County Sanitation District presented slides on the nature and progress of the on-going tunnel being built from Carson to Royal Palms Beach. The drill is some 300 feet below Avera Park by Dodson Street at Mile 5 of the planned 7-mile tunnel. Tunneling continues back under Western Ave. to the beach. There will be construction activity near the end of 2025 on Royal Palms Beach with most work done by 2027 and finishing in 2029.
- **Cyberwatch** – Bob Genest discussed this program using charts to highlight noted activity in the area. He encouraged residents to continue to be diligent in their security behavior, given the area remains attractive to criminals, especially auto thefts and break ins .
- **SSCA Annual Reception** – Richard Welsh noted the event will be on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at the Elks Club.
- **Award** – The SSCA presented Vern Hall with a special Plaque to recognize his 27 years of service to the association and the community. Earlier at this meeting both Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Los Angeles City Councilman Tim McOsker presented Vern with congratulation *Scrolls* for his service to the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jerry Gaines, Secretary