

**TO:** All Members of the Lockhart Community  
**FROM:** People of Lockhart Community Association  
**DATE:** February 4, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** **ACTION NEEDED - PLEASE TAKE 5 MINUTES THIS WEEKEND**



**We will be getting a better and safer OBT in Lockhart in 2024.  
But we need street lights for those improvements to do the most good.**

**Background:**

The Lockhart portion of OBT (441) will get a much-needed upgrade from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in 2024. This will include road resurfacing, auto and pedestrian safety improvements and median landscaping.

However, FDOT's current plans are missing one key element needed to improve safety and security along OBT in Lockhart: Street lights running from Clarcona-Ocoee Road to Rose Avenue are **not** included.

Our County Commissioner Christine Moore and others are pushing in an effort to get this urgent need addressed, but the Lockhart community also needs to push.

**Requested Action:**

**Please take 3-5 minutes right now to submit a written comment to FDOT.**

Your comment can be 2 sentences: 1) support the road improvements, and 2) make them count by adding street lights through Lockhart.

You can send in a comment from this webpage: <https://www.cflroads.com/project/447104-1> or send an email directly to [Derek.Dean@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Derek.Dean@dot.state.fl.us)

**Thank you** for supporting a better Lockhart! Email [peopleoflockhart1@gmail.com](mailto:peopleoflockhart1@gmail.com) with questions.

**People of Lockhart Community Association**  
**MINUTES from General Member Meeting**

January 3, 2023

President David Smith convened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

**President's Report:** Mr. Smith reported on his meeting with the Director of Operations of Florida Energy & Air as part of our ongoing effort to build relationships with business partners. They discussed a potential response to ongoing community concerns about unmanaged trash.

**Vice President's Report:** Bill Archer introduced himself as the new Vice President of the People of Lockhart. His plan is to meet with different committees in order to provide input and support. One major responsibility will be helping advance our efforts in the Corridor of the Year competition.

**Consideration of the Minutes:** See \*\*\* below.

**Treasurer's Report: Susan Branam provided the financial report for the previous month:**

Opening Balance	\$1,299.49	Deposits	\$ 13.94
Payments	\$ 29.54	Ending Balance	\$1,284.49

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Lucy Barnes had invited a new member, who was at the meeting and was welcomed.

**Social Media:** No report available

**Crime Prevention and Safety:** No report available

**Beautification:** The McClungs reported that the groundwork is already being laid for the effort to bring Corridor of the Year honors to Lockhart for a second year in a row. They and Danny Moran have already examined the full length of Eden Park/Beggs Road/Mott Avenue and have been formulating plans and contacting neighborhoods. The effort to engage neighborhoods along the corridor and generate resources and support will be particularly important.

Another issue to be addressed is the continuing problem of litter. PoL volunteers were scheduled to meet the following Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Edgewater and Mott to both continue work on the lot at that corner as well as pick up trash along Edgewater. A note was made that litter left unchecked on the properties of Lockhart businesses and residences is particularly concerning, as they have a vested interest in upkeep. Danny Moran mentioned plans for grass roots "No Littering" encouragement signs as well as a potential community information bulletin board. Our aim is to show continuous improvement.

**Guest Speaker:**

Patricia Rumph introduced herself as a newly appointed Orange County Community Ambassador, and reminded the group that she has been involved with the PoL since its inception. Although a resident of Pine Hills, she recognizes Lockhart's interests as important & commended the organization for its efforts.

Orange County's Community Development Division created these Ambassador positions in 2021 because of increased crime rates, particularly the youth crime rate. Lockhart (32810) is one of the zip codes within the program's target area. One of the Ambassador's key responsibilities is to lead town hall meetings as a non-law-enforcement representative, collecting ideas and input for consideration and implementation by the Citizens Safety Task Force. These ideas can extend beyond issues that are directly crime-related. For example, improving the look and feel of the neighborhood may also support crime prevention.

Other issues were discussed, such as campgrounds occupied by homeless persons and the need to ensure synchronicity between law enforcement and code enforcement. Finally, Ms. Rumph discussed the benefits of submitting 311 requests as a single submitter to promote tracking and increase responsiveness. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to Ms. Rumph for her informative presentation.

**Committee Reports (continued):**

**Governmental:** Greg Mellowe provided an update on several external issues and invited members interested in updates to sign off for the committee listserv: 1) The proposed rezoning of the Robbins Lumber property to industrial has been continuously postponed, likely pending resolution of the question of whether pressure treatment historically performed on the property can continue regardless.

2) The flurry of interest around the approval of the Sable Village subdivision plan came too late, even though no community meeting was held. County staff had worked extensively with the developer to address concerns such as traffic impact and runoff, and so the project is moving forward. County Engineer Diana Almodovar had been scheduled to review the improvements with PoL, but could not attend.

3) Our application for a State Historical Marker is almost complete; the marker text is under review by the Director of the Orange County History Center.

4) Extension of the 414 Expressway is moving into the design phase, and impacted neighborhoods will have an opportunities able to discuss potential mitigation activities with CFX this spring.

[ \*\*\* **Consideration of the Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the December General Meeting as presented passed unanimously.]

**Events:** Lindsey Smestead presented plans for Lockhart special events in 2023. We want to celebrate Lockhart's 150th anniversary as well as have a "holiday in the park" at Riverside Park. She is in the process of forming a broader committee to help plan and implement these events. She believes these Lockhart-themed events will also be a helpful way to generate some revenue for PoL. In closing, Ms. Smestead urged members to share their ideas, get involved and help accomplish something stellar.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

- Riley from State Representative Bracy-Davis' office was in attendance and reminded attendees that her office is available to assist constituents.
- Alex from County Commissioner Moore's office was in attendance, and shared her request that folks review the 2022 Lockhart Strategic Plan, recall the emphasis on corridor chiefs, and attend the quarterly meeting of District 2 Neighborhood Leaders at Wekiva High School the following week.

As time available for the meeting had been exhausted, a motion to adjourn passed without objection.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Mellowe