

Meeting Protocols

July 1, 2004 marked the beginning of a new chapter for homeowner associations. Effective July 1, the State of Florida has specified new rules for homeowner associations, based on recommendations by the Homeowner Association Task Force commissioned by Governor Jeb Bush in 2003, with other provisions provided by the state legislature. The law places new restrictions on the authority of neighborhood developers and associations, and allows homeowners a greater voice in the governance of their neighborhoods.

Cypress Isles is pleased to embrace this new direction, consistent with Florida State statutes. Homeowners attending our meetings are asked to abide by the following rules of conduct, which are designed to ensure that we conduct our meetings fairly, openly, and without the kinds of distracting behaviors that cause tensions.

1. Since homeowner participation has become a more integral part of the Association meetings, the former "Open Forum" segment of the agenda will be discontinued. Any homeowner or Board member may address the attendants at any point during the meeting after first requesting and being recognized by the Chair (presiding Board member). The recognized speaker will be allowed the full 3 minutes without interruption, with the exception that the Chair may interrupt to maintain order.
2. Discussions and decisions during a meeting are limited to the items on the agenda that is approved at the start of the meeting. New topics introduced during a meeting will be assigned to agendas for future meetings.
3. Only agenda business will be discussed during a meeting. No personal differences or personal issues will be allowed as part of the discussions. Anyone airing individual differences will forfeit their right to complete their statements.

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