



**General Meeting
January 13, 2015**

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 7:25 PM
- 2) **Roll Call:** Ron Centamore, First VP called attendance and declared a quorum.
- 3) **Remembrance:** Please remember in your thoughts and prayers to two members that have passed recently, Ted Fling and Don Zimmer.
- 4) **Motion to accept Minutes:** A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Brucie to accept the minutes from the December 12th general meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Deferred.
- 6) **Police Report:** Lt. Shultz, 1st Police District Evening Shift Commander introduced Lt. Lynette Falzone, 2nd Police District Evening Shift Commander who will be attending some of our meetings. Lt. Shultz reported that crime is down in 2014, but the statistics have not been finalized yet to report exact numbers. He will present the 2014 statistics at our March meeting. Chief Adderly issued two initiatives that we have hit hard, effective policing a joint project with the IBM Corp. and intelligence lead policing which tracks criminal activities and indicates where crimes have the potential for happening. He met with the US Navy today and we expect a large contingent including the USS Cole and they will be working two days on community projects and will be one of the largest we have seen in some time. The dates are May 4th to May 10th. If you have contact with the Navy personnel, welcome them to our city. Steve Cook asked about the procedures being used for traffic reporting and Lt. Shultz said he would investigate and give him a call concerning his incident after he views the information that was turned in. Fred Carlson asked if the beach police are being deployed to other areas of the city and Lt. Shultz stated they were not, and there is a new Community Resource Unit that is trained as a unit in all aspects of policing downtown and the beach that was created by Chief Adderley and the City Manager to work as a unit on events instead of drawing persons from various areas of the city to cover events and tourists. They are not on patrol, the regular beach patrol will remain the same.
- 7) **For the good of the community:** Jorg Hruschka, Neighbor Volunteer Office asked that we take advantage of the Hands Only CPR training that as of now 6,000 citizens and over 600 employees trained. They will come to your association or business to do training. Also upcoming, Fort Lauderdale United Day, six Associations are participating to clean up the neighborhoods on January 19th from 9:00 to 11:30. Meet at the YMCA on 14th Terrace.

- 8) Nominating Committee Report:** Doug Sterner, President of the Nominating Committee reported that the nominating committee is tasked with presenting a slate to the membership. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. He announced that all the present Board Members have accepted to have their names placed as willing to serve another two year term. In addition, Lester Williams has agreed to come back on the board. The members at the meeting were asked if they had anyone to nominate for any of the board positions and there were none. Doug asked everyone to think about it and since there is no February meeting, there is another opportunity to nominate someone for any position at the March meeting and that the actual election will be held at that time.
- 9) Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan:** Marilyn stated that the vision plan was adopted by the City Commission in April, 2013 and the City is implementing the plan in a very organized and strategic way. Tonight we are going to discuss with City Staff concerning the vision plan and specifically how does the vision plan impact you and your neighborhood. The plan is a 30 year plan and details what is going to happen 2 - 5 - 10 years from now. The plan has real-world consequences and one of the issues that is important is that we are a sustainable city. We need to be sure that we, our neighborhoods, and the city continue to work toward being a sustainable city.

Susan Torente, Assistant City Manager stated that on her last visit she spoke concerning Attitudes and Actionnaires, that helps prioritize funding which has been passed by the state and is not part of the plan and is a model for other cities and we have received requests from other cities for assistance on how to create their plan. Amy Knowels, Social Innovation Office will discuss the big picture and drill down to exactly how the plan works from the strategic plan to a commission item and how it affects the Community Investment Plan. Hardeep Anand, Public Works Director will discuss what is being done strategically and comprehensively and investing of dollars in a very wise way. Nancy Gassman, Division Director of Sustainability, and will discuss the hard work that they are doing to meet expectations on becoming a sustainable city. Jenni Morejon, the new Director of Sustainable Development will discuss the Master Plan and how it comes together with the Vision Plan and how she is working to make it come to life in the Sustainable Development Department.

Marilyn stated that there used to be a "wish list" of projects that have now become part of the Vision Plan and if you do not see your project listed in the 5 year capital plan it is not likely to be funded, all projects are being looked at a different way and being prioritized and we will need to learn how to navigate the new system. Brucie stated that the projects deemed co-benefit, like downtown and the beach which generate a lot of funds for the city receive priority treatment over other neighborhoods that do not have a large input of funds for the city but have a lot of people who do care. There are areas in the Northwest that have been waiting for years, and now it looks like they will be put off again since they don't produce a lot of income for the city. Shirley stated that she worked on the Master Plan in 2000 and served on many committees remembers the state was giving the city \$14 million for the beach and the funds were lost since it was not done in time. In front of the Hall of Fame they tweaked for 6 months and said they were going to make it two ways and 15 years later, it is still one way. And since 2000, and presently, we have asked for a street sign on Las Olas Circle, and it is still not done. The bridge was being built using old plans? It's a mess and they are fixing it now. There is a lot of talk and plans made, they just don't seem to get finished. Marilyn stated that the days of calling up Public Works and ask an engineer how a project is

going are over. There are many plans and procedures to follow and we must adapt to the new procedures and make sure that the projects that we deem important are being addressed. Fred stated that there are 3 major projects going on in the beach area now and those projects take high priority over fixing the basic infrastructure items. Why are we still complaining about flooding when the tide comes in, why haven't the concerns that tourists are afraid to come to the area because it is too dark and dangerous due to no lighting for the turtles? Companies not coming to town due to our schools aren't up to standards? Jenai Williams asked how one of the slides shown referred to plans that are completed, on track to be worked on and future things to be done and not specific. Jenni Morejon replied that the slide is intended to show how the public works now addresses their work.

We are going through a process of being actual specific engineers to being project managers that oversee projects and are being educated to successfully performing that function. We have assessed the need for street paving, working on assessing sidewalks, and also storm water, dredging, etc. and will know what items will be addressed in the next 5 years. Edna Elijah stated that she would like to know the criteria for junk yards, storage and scrap yards and if the city monitors activity for infractions such as overflow, blocking traffic, etc. in the NW area? She was advised that the city code enforcement would follow up on her requests and make sure that the businesses are operating on property designated for that purpose, make sure they have proper licensing for operating in the city and the state, and have no parking in the city swale and proper fencing to shield the activity from the street.

10) State Representative: Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed who represents some of the Association's members in Tallahassee, stated that they are now in committee week and reviewing legislation and that they have passed amendment 1 which has to do with conservation lands and cities having property that meets the criteria for conservation land need to have the county come in and square off the property to be eligible for dollars set aside for that purpose. The next legislative session will begin on March 3rd and if anyone has a problem or has a concern should get it to their legislator now. Luis Costello stated that a lot of us have concerns with juvenile crime. Ms. Reed stated that it is important that the statute that needs to be addressed be stated with your request to the representative.

11) Announcements: Neighbor Support Night, Feb. 12th be sure to sign in at the Civic Association booth. Neighborhoods with the most signatures will receive a prize. At noon on January 21st a workshop is being held to determine where density will go. The Civic Association is sending out renewal notices for renewal of membership for March 1, 2015 to March 1, 2016. It is now even more important to also be recognized by the city and turn in the necessary paperwork yearly especially since in the new public participation ordinance, if you are not officially recognized by the city, your neighborhood will not be advised by developers of projects projected to be done in your neighborhood.

12) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Recording Secretary