



## Executive Board Meeting January 26, 2015

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 5:45 PM
- 2) **Present:** Marilyn Mammano, Ron Centamore, Rochelle Gollub, Betty Shelley, Cathy Stubbs, Jackson Boren, Brucie Cummings, Lester Williams, Steve Stahl.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes from our December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and they were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Rochelle reported that the current CD - (est.) \$5154.93 and the checking account - \$3551.82.
- 5) **St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Marilyn has sent an e-mail to all participants last year concerning their participation this year and she will be sending out a blast e-mail to everyone requesting for them to come and participate with us.
- 6) **Public Participation Ordinance:** Passed even with the unanimous objection of the Planning and Zoning Board. There have been issues where site level 3 projects have proceeded without the community being shown a site plan. Rochelle pointed out that now that a report has to be turned in 30 days prior to making an appointment for review. Marilyn stated that the meetings are being manipulated by sorting speakers by objecting and approving with the developer having an opportunity to speak in the middle and there is never enough time for a reasonable rebuttal due to lack of time. Ron suggested that to state neutral on the card that is turned in to speak.
- 7) **Commission Density Workshop:** Brucie brought up the terrible problem of not being able to hear what is going on at the meeting and made it necessary to bring it to the attention of the mayor more than once. Marilyn said she will contact Johnda concerning the problem. Rochelle stated that Economic Development goes hand in hand with re-zoning. If that is not done and large buildings are built with large businesses it will drive out all of the small businesses and downtown low density and put all of the development on the water because they see that as where the money is. Marilyn stated that is correct and it is in line with their vision. Ron stated that more will be apparent in the upcoming meetings and that in his opinion, the RAC needs to be extended. Marilyn questioned where the magical flex units are coming from and they are handed out like candy to developers on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis and now there is an application to the county for 5,000 more flex units. Rochelle stated that the county wants Fort Lauderdale to be the downtown of Broward County. Marilyn stated that the consultant that spoke at the workshop only brought up the development downtown, nothing about 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Galleria or Sunrise.

- 8) Membership:** Ron has sent out renewal e-mail letters to not only active members, but to all neighborhoods. There have been 6 renewals in the last week alone. Marilyn has contacted everyone on the red list with the city and notified them that they will not be involved with the public participation for their neighborhoods if they are not recognized by the city.
- 9) Bond Issue Oversight Committee:** Betty reported that the list looks better, there are now retired teachers, and principals and the Education Advisory Board is satisfied how the progress is going. Superintendent Runcie is frustrated in that he feels he is doing a good job, but is getting beat up from all directions. Marilyn said that he has offered to have someone come to the Council meetings and give us the same report that is given to the committee. Everyone agreed and Marilyn is going to contact him and let him know. Betty stated that he turned people's negativity concerning the bond issue when he spoke to us at our meeting. There are banners showing what is being done at every school. She said it is important that we focus not only on Fort Lauderdale Schools but also the schools that serve Fort Lauderdale students. Marilyn stated that she already notice exorbitant expenditures - \$3000 to replace 5 light fixtures, \$2000 to put up 5 hooks for hanging clothes.
- 10) Neighbor Support Night:** The District Reps need to make phone calls to ask for participation. Neighborhoods will not be able to set up tables. This is not a venue for membership, but for the public's information about the inner workings of the city government. Marilyn will call Crime Stoppers concerning some more of the magnets that have little pads attached.
- 11) Elections:** The mayor has 3 opponents, there is a concern if Mr. McKinzie is really eligible or not. There is an upcoming meeting in Riverland with Mr. Mckinzie and Lester will be getting the information to Marilyn.
- 12) New Business:** Brucie brought up the problem that the Food Truck Vendors are having. The Downtown Development Authority is indicating to the vendors that they are the city and are restricting use of electricity and placing of tables, etc. She informed them that the DDA is not the city.
- 13) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Recording Secretary