



Executive Board Meeting February 23, 2015

- 1) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 5:35 PM
- 2) Present:** Barbara Magill, Chuck Black, Betty Shelley, Doug Sterner, Marilyn Mammano, Ron Centamore, Lester Williams, Rochelle Golub, Jackson Boren.
- 3) Density Workshop:** Marilyn stated that the workshop focused mostly on the development downtown by the real estate consultant and nothing concerning the neighborhoods. His main focus was explaining how great Fort Lauderdale is. The usage of flex units was discussed and the expansion of downtown Fort Lauderdale. There is a lot of discussion taking place concerning the One Stop Shop to turn it into a Central Park. Rochelle stated we should go back to the white pages – the more parks, the better. Marilyn stated that we should support the Parks Advisory Board just as we have supported the Education Advisory Board. We should push the words back at the city that we are a sustainable city, we are a green city.
- 4) Membership:** We have 20 renewals to date. A discussion took place concerning changes to the annual renewal form for membership. The agreed upon changes were given to Ron to make the changes and e-mail distribute to all board members for input.
- 5) Minutes Approval:** A motion was made by Rochelle to accept the January 26th Executive Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Betty. All approved unanimously.
- 6) Treasurer's Report:** Rochelle reported currently, CD – Approximately \$5,158.53, Checking Account: \$3,876.82.
- 7) School Board Oversight Committee:** They will send a representative to our meeting quarterly and give the same report that they give to the school board.
- 8) Airport & Train Noise:** Barbara Magill reported that in addition to the problem of the South runway, the North runway flight pattern has changed and now the planes are making sharp turns and turning into neighborhoods at low altitudes and creating noise levels greater than 70 decibels. The neighborhoods that are dealing with the noise are Harbordale, Harbor Beach, Harbor Inlet, Fort Lauderdale Beach, Lauderdale Harbors and Rio Vista. She suggested that we present this problem to the County Representatives Chip LaMarca and Tim Ryan to work on the solution to the problems. Betty stated that she has worked for a long time with problems at the Executive Airport and that problems that involve the FAA are difficult to resolve since the FAA is difficult to work with. She has resorted to having meetings and tours at the airport in an attempt to work with neighbors and help them to better understand the necessities of the airport. Barbara stated that the brochure that was sent out that stated that

there would be no changes to the north runway. They have stated that the noise study would be done during February, 2016 when the north runway will be closed for repairs. Betty suggested that the decibel ranges should be taken now. Rochelle suggested that we collect data ourselves by asking neighbors to record the decibel levels. Marilyn stated she has a free decibel application on her phone. Betty stated that she has used a phone number in the past to get a complaint to the FAA and they do go by a specific acceptable level, that may or may not be acceptable to everyone and they do go by the number of complaints they receive. The County Commissioners will be questioned on this issue at our general meeting. A discussion took place concerning the train horn noise issue and how the new engines are even noisier than the old ones. Marilyn asked about the funding for the quiet zones and Steve did not know the particulars and will check with the MPO and report to the Board.

- 9) Juvenile Justice:** Rochelle stated that the Council does not have a position on Juvenile Justice, but we do have a concern as to why the Juvenile Justice System is not working. Ron stated that the problem is city wide and involves all of the neighborhoods. Marilyn stated that we signed on for the Mayor's plan and now we have homeless wandering around in all of the neighborhoods. The biggest problem is that the county is not stepping up and doing as much as they could and they control the purse strings for the issues and forcing our police to constructively address the juvenile problem with no help from the county.
- 10) Comprehensive Plan:** Marilyn and Rochelle attended the first meeting concerning the plan at Mills Pond Park. The state requires that all cities must have a comprehensive plan that contain legal elements and the value of the plan has deteriorated since Governor Scott has been in office. Through legislation in Tallahassee, the requirements for the plan have become weaker. Rochelle stated that this is our last chance for input on the plan and Steve Buckingham, Tarpon River, has volunteered to be our committee person on the plan and assemble persons interested to join the committee. Marilyn stated that eventually the Comprehensive Plan will align with the Vision Plan. The city is going to reorganize the process to assemble the plan in March, with many meetings to follow. We will have the city come to our meetings at a couple of times during the process to address the members with the progress and how the progress is going.
- 11) Association policy on issues with Civic Associations:** Chuck Black brought up an issue with their Association leaving the Central City Alliance and that he wanted to read a letter at the General Meeting making it known. Steve stated that his Association also voted to leave the Alliance several months ago, and said he would follow Chucks lead at the General Meeting. Doug stated that the letter could be read, but not as a position or action of the CFLCA. Marilyn stated that the Council only gets involved in border and representation issues only. Jackson is going to check and see if they are paid members of the Central City Alliance.
- 12) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Recording Secretary