



General Membership Meeting April 14, 2015

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 7:30 PM
- 2) **Roll Call:** Ron Centamore, First VP called attendance and declared a quorum.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Betty made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10th meeting and was seconded by Jackson and was approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Checking \$4,276.82 Savings \$5166.13 Total: \$9442.95
- 5) **Police Report:** Police Chief Franklin Adderley thanked the chair for inviting him tonight. He stated that he was here to explain why the actions were taken that caused 4 officers to be fired. In October of last year, he received an e-mail from the fiancé of one of the officers stating that what she sent was serious and needed to be looked at. The Chief immediately turned the information over to internal affairs. Two officers were questioned and admitted that the content was totally inappropriate and named two other officers that were involved. Other names came up also. Immediately, the 4 officers were relieved of duty, 2 were sent home and the other 2 were placed on administrative leave. As internal affairs continued the investigation, it was determined that all 4 were deeply involved in the situation. The other officers whose names came up, were not deeply involved in the situation. After national news coverage the department recommended to the City Manager to terminate the 4 individuals. He agreed. It was done about a month ago. Since then, the Citizen's Review Board (CRB) has stated that more needs to be done. During the internal affairs investigation, one of the officers stated to his buddy after a domestic call that he did not give adequate service because they were black. Instead of filling out an incident report a miscellaneous report was filled out. The CRB stated that a further investigation of the Police Sgt. that received the report to make sure that the Sgt. was not part of the overall conspiracy. One of the officers stated that he had chased a subject after a robbery and did several things to him, however the dispatch tapes and witnesses do not agree with his statement. One of the officers sent a phone message to one of the names mentioned and they called the officer and told him not to distribute to anyone else and he did not view the message in its entirety and there was no laws broken, however, the CRB thinks that person should be terminated. Officers here and around the country are protected by the "Bill of Rights" and we are restricted as to how those investigations are done. The City Attorney's Office created the CRB and they should be the ones to deal with the CRB, not the police department. The police department is looking for validation. The police department strives to be transparent and gives information to the CRB that represents all of the citizens. The City Attorney's office should be the independent entity to evaluate the situation to see if the police "Bill of Rights" are being adhered to and give

validation and state whether or not the police department transparent in handling of issues. The City Attorney's office will be at their next monthly meeting. He cannot say that all of the 700 employees in the department do not have bias views. But when complaints are received, there is a thorough investigation that takes place. He is going to meet with 3 of the fired officers that are on appeal. They deserve due process. They will meet with him and then the City Manager and may go into arbitration. In the past the police lost arbitration due to not giving them due process. Since being the Chief of Police, I have lost only 1 arbitration and he is not in the business of losing arbitration, due to the fact that he gives them due process. The CRB does not understand how the police department and the internal affairs department operate as they follow Bill of Rights for officers. That is why the City Attorney's Office is being asked to mediate the situation. Doug Sterner stated that there is a possibility that there is a culture within the police department that would allow this type of activity to happen. Also, a lack of supervision that would allow this type of activity to percolate under the surface and burst forward with instances such as this. Chief Adderley stated that the police department has policies and procedures that cover instances such as these and they are not tolerated. He does not believe that one of the fired officers shared their lack of service to the Sgt., due to the citizens being black or knowingly condoning any action against police policy. Linda Nugent asked about the 40 cases being dropped against individuals that were arrested by the fired officers. The Chief stated that was the case, only if, the fired officer was the only individual involved in the arrest. Diversity training mandated by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is none every 2 years. For the last 18 years independent reviewers from the Florida Accreditation Standards state that the FLPD has policies in place to prevent issues such as these being condoned. Our mission statement is We Build Community and that mission statement means that the police department does not condone racism. There are a lot of white police officers that agree with what we are doing. The Chief stated that he thinks that body cameras are a good deal, but the need for them needs to be determined by the commission and they should receive input from the public concerning them. Chuck Black asked if there was protection in place for officers to report alleged misconduct up through the ranks where information turned in would be kept confidential. The Chief stated that he does what is right for all the right reasons and uphold the law and any officers that wish for their information to be kept confidential should not be in law enforcement. Marilyn asked if there is anything our organization could do to improve the police interaction with the citizen review board, and what is their function in these matters. The Chief stated that the citizen review boards function is to review the police internal affairs cases and concur or not if they agree or not with the findings of internal affairs. During meetings with the citizen review board there are conflicts and the city attorney office, who wrote the charter needs to attend and address the issues between the police and the citizen review board. Fred stated that all of the neighborhoods should reach out to the officers that patrol their neighborhoods and keep open lines of communications with them and thank them for their service. Steve brought to the attention of the Chief that he disagreed with the fact that there was not a policy in place at the department or internal affairs to protect officers that divulge information concerning their co-workers and there is a difference between reporting crime on the street and a person they work along-side with and they need to be protected.

- 6) Comprehensive Plan / Density:** Marilyn stated that the city has held 2 workshop meetings concerning density some thoughts that came up such as what can we expect from the commission in the next several years and where the density is going and you will be informed by the presentation tonight. Steve Buckingham, President of Tarpon River Civic Association, has taken on the task of heading the Comprehensive Plan Committee and as the

lead, doing an analysis of the data from the Commission Workshop, and formulating positions for us to consider, discuss it and make our positions known to the Commission. We have with us, Todd Okolichany, AICP, Principal Planner with the Sustainable Development Department. Todd introduced Lorraine Tappen, AICP Planner III and also the consultant on the Comprehensive Plan that the department is working on, Jerry H. Bell, AICP, Senior Planning Manager with The Corradino Group who are experts in Comprehensive Plan updates and evaluation. Lorraine stated that work is being done on the Central Beach Master Plan. The original plan was developed in 2008 and was not completely adopted by the City Commission. Working with the Central Beach Alliance to decide where we are going with the Central Beach Master Plan. It was discovered that some buildings have a higher density than the zoning allows. We are looking for capital improvements to make the area more pedestrian and comfortable environment. In late May or early June we will hold a workshop to present some of the concept designs of the project, in July, draft code amendments and presented to the public and in November, to Planning and Zoning and to the Commission in December or January. We plan to complete the project in early 2016. Todd stated that presently they are in a Comprehensive Plan Amendment mode for the downtown area. Last year we submitted to the County and was reviewed by the Commission a request to increase the number of allowable housing units in the downtown area. The current cap is 11,000 housing units which there are 1,600 available units that remain unused. City Staff has proposed increasing the cap by 5,000 housing units and all projects must go through review by Planning and Zoning and the City Commission for consistency with the Downtown Master Plan. Out of the 5,000 units, 15% will be affordable housing, which is a requirement of the County. We are working with the Broward County School Board on updating the Mitigation Agreement which charge an impact fee for each housing unit. We have asked for input from the City Commission on what they would like to see how the major corridors of the city need to be developed, Sunrise, Oakland, Andrews, Federal and 17th Street.

7) Comprehensive Committee Update: Steve Buckingham stated that there would be dialog started in small groups to come up with a consensus statement for the Council and if anyone would like to help with the effort to contact him. We will be compiling our thoughts, recommendations and concerns to present to the City Commission on behalf of the CFLCA. The intent is to express the concerns of our neighborhoods and what are what we consider priorities over the next 7 years. The update is not a re-write of the plan, but a revision to prioritize things forward or adjust from the plan of 7 years ago. Our intent will be that we present to the Commission a neighborhood prospective on how the plan should look. At the next meeting we will present a bullet point look at how the project is coming along. The time frame is to present the final statement prior to the last Density Workshop meeting. Marilyn stated she would like to thank Commissioner Bruce Roberts who ask the Commission to hold off setting the date for the final meeting until the Council has time to complete the consensus statement.

8) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Recording Secretary