



General Membership Meeting  
June 9, 2015

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 7:30 PM

**Roll Call:** Ron Centamore, First Vice President called attendance and declared a quorum

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made to accept the minutes of May 12, 2015 Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Rochelle

**Police Report:** Given by Lt Schultz and Lt. Flazone The new Action Team is making a difference in robberies. Recent joint actions with County and Customs to round up migrants.

**Presentation by Chief Gregory Holness and Neil Kutchera from Port Everglades.** The Chief discussed the activities of his office and personnel in ever improving their skills and equipment to be able to respond to all threats and hazards. Neil Kutchera talked about the petroleum operations at the Port. Ethanol is brought into the port to mix with gasoline. Concerns were raised about the tanker trains that he promised to respond to.

**Presentation by Chief Frazier** The Chief discussed the role of his department in responding to all threats and how they cooperate with the County in these matters. He Spoke about Code Red and its importance. Both Chiefs talked about new technology to get messages out to the community in the event of a threat. Several Civics volunteered to be part of a future exercise and test out the community notification system.

**Presentation by Steve Buckingham:** He updated the members on the status of the Consensus Report on Density. It has been distributed to all the Commissioners and city staff. The density workshops in June will focus on specific projects, Downtown and the Central City CRA. The Mayor promised to hold an additional workshop to discuss the Report. We agreed to request this workshop in September not August as many people will be away and there is a lot of interest in this. He urged all members to contact their Commissioner this summer to discuss the Report.

**President Report Marilyn Mammano** She updated the members on the recent meeting of several Civic Associations and DRC Staff regarding the proposed Galleria Mall Innovative Design District. The meeting was process oriented and many questions still are unanswered because staff is waiting for information from the applicant. Two issues are of citywide importance. First the requested allocation of Flex Units increases the density of the project at a critical location at the foot of the Sunrise Bridge, at the end of the

evacuation route from the Beach. Is it appropriate to increase density at the beach? Is this sustainability?

Second. We need more information about the "Special Development District" requested to fund some \$70 million dollars of infrastructure for the project. What happens if the income from the development is not sufficient to cover the servicing of the bonds? Are the City taxpayers at all exposed?

In general we should keep an eye on these Innovative Design District Applications as they are available Citywide and are being used in several large developments. If there are problems with the ordinance it is a citywide issue.

**Presentation by Anthony Fajardo** He presented a proposed citywide ordinance that would allow parks in all zoning districts as of right. This would facilitate more parks in neighborhoods per our Vision Statement. Currently parks are their own zoning district and this is cumbersome and time consuming when trying to use vacant land for parks purposes. Concerns included: these parks should be focused on passive enjoyment and not programmed space, and these new parks should automatically be rezoned after a period of time to protect them for neighborhood use. The Parks and Recreation Board has not reviewed the proposal. The Council will wait until then to comment if appropriate.

Reminder that the July Meeting is cancelled.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted Marilyn Mammano, President