

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association

Draft General Membership Meeting

November 10, 2015

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 7.30pm

**Roll Call:** Taken by Ron Centamore – Quorum declared

**Moment of Recognition:** after the Pledge of Allegiance, President Marilyn Mammano offered a few brief words in honor and recognition of Fred Carlson, who recently passed away. She noted his many years of community activism and support.

**Approval of the minutes:** *Motion made* to accept minutes of Oct.13, 2015 –Betty Shelley, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jackson Boren; motion passed

**Treasurers Report:** Rochelle Golub reported \$4824.44 in checking account and \$5175 in our CD.

**Police Report:** Lt. Tim McCarthy reminded about the importance of holiday shopping safety, both at malls/stores and when receiving home deliveries. Be vigilant of your surroundings and use common sense.

**Presentations:**

**Broward County Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie** gave an update on the School Bond Project. The superintendent reviewed that on Nov. 04, 2014, Broward County voters approved and \$800 million bond for capital improvements. The improvements will focus on safety, music and arts, renovations and technology (SMART). The improvements will be executed over a 5-7 year period. A few key stats: In addition to the \$800 million general obligation bond, there are \$184 existing projects/millage funding, for a **total of \$984 million** and City of Ft. Lauderdale has 155 projects, at a cost of \$80, 942,000/10% of the expenditures. Each school also gets \$100,000 for a school choice enhancement, available in their first year of work. Projects will start throughout next 5 years and all worked completed within 7 years. Superintendent Runcie also answered questions and highlighted success “turning around” poor performing schools F.L.H.S. and Walker Elementary. Next spring they will begin a long-term strategic planning project with Ft Lauderdale schools. *Reminder: Betty Shelley is CFLCA’s representative on the Education Advisory Board.*

**Ft Lauderdale Director of Transportation and Mobility Diana Alarcon** made a quick announcement about the Open Streets Program which will be held on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> on Las Olas Boulevard. There are 20 local partners and the event will include over 80 activities (a big increase from last year’s 37).

**Joe Webb, Consultant to the Parks Department for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan** gave an update on this project. Regarding purpose and process: they are developing a 10 year plan to set the course for the next generation; it includes all public areas; equity of access is a major goal. Their findings, so far: Ft Lauderdale is seeing a spurt of growth until 2025, then it will plateau; the city’s population is aging, despite an increase in younger residents; we have 119 parks and each was analyzed with the general finding that most are well-maintained, but aging. Ft Lauderdale has 6

acres of parks/1000 residents, which is high for FL, but low compared to “benchmark” cities, such as Portland, San Francisco and NYC. **In process and next steps:** Community input is still being sought and is vitally important. Two opportunities: 1) individuals can complete the online survey at [playfortlauderdale.com](http://playfortlauderdale.com). They’ve had 7000 surveys completed so far, and their goal is 10,000. 2) Vision Workshops, open to the public, will be held Jan. 7-9 at the Beach Community Center, 3351 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 33308.

### **Updates**

Rob Larsen from Flagler Village/“Our Central Park” gave an update on their continued efforts and asked for continued support. **For more information, go to the website [ournextpark.org](http://ournextpark.org).**

Steve Buckingham gave a brief update on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. He, Marilyn Mammano and others from CFLCA will be attending and speaking at the Planning and Zoning meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

President Marilyn Mammano reminded that our Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a holiday celebration with extended social time from 7-8pm. All are encouraged to bring others from your associations.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 9.05pm  
Respectfully submitted by Barbara Weinstein, Secretary