

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations
Draft
General Membership Meeting
April 11, 2017

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Steve Buckingham, 1st Vice-President, at 7:05pm.

Announcement: Steve Buckingham updated the group on President Ron Centemore's absence due to some health issues. Good news is that Ron is "on the mend" and we all wish him well and look forward to his return to our meetings and activities. Anyone wishing to communicate with Ron can reach him at ronthecop@gmail.com.

Roll Call: not taken as new list of confirmed "members in good standing" is being developed (it's renewal time). All attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: deferred to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: no report

Police/Fire Report: no report

Guests/Presentations:

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Jermaine Frazier, Captain Lesly St Fleur and CERT's Mark Miller gave a presentation on the role and activities of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). They announced the next training session will be held on Sat., April 22 & 29 (must attend both days). Those in attendance who have been involved in CERT strongly recommended it to the group and encouraged neighborhoods to support their neighbors joining. CERT will be happy to make presentations at any neighborhood association meeting. They will also teach 1 hour hands-only CPR course at any meeting.

Reports:

Bill James, CFLCA District 4 Rep gave an update on SB188 and HB425 Vacation Rentals, which are working their way through the legislature and our efforts in opposition to same. Bill James is our lead/point person on this. He gave a brief history/overview on the legislation. The new bill would prohibit all regulation of short-term rentals by a municipality unless it had something in place prior to the 2011 legislation. There was a lot of discussion and for those opposed, it is strongly encouraged to take action immediately. This can be done easily through the website www.homerulefl.com.

Steve Buckingham updated on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Recommendation for final regulations, which includes some of our recommendations, will be presented to Planning and Zoning at their meeting next week.

Marilyn Mammano discussed updates to the Council's website. The new Board will be going through some training to handle this. Within next few months, we hope to have updated/mobile friendly website, Facebook page and "cleaned up" email mailing list.

Steve Buckingham announced Board decision to sponsor a Candidates Night at/in lieu of our regular General Membership Meeting in January, 2018. All Mayoral and Commission candidates will be invited.

New Business:

Steve Buckingham announced Gene Dempsey Ceremony on April 29th, honoring the long-time City of Fort Lauderdale Urban Forester who passed away last year. It will be held at 10am in Shady Banks at Hortt Park.

Announcements:

- Fort Lauderdale Cares Day is April 29th
- The City's Annual Transportation Summit is May 9th
- Fort Lauderdale Ready Day is June 24th
- The first session of Neighbor Leadership Academy was completed last week. Feedback has been very positive—thanks to Luisa and Hal for a great program. It will be offered again in the Fall (probably starting in October).

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Weinstein, Secretary