Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations

General Membership Meeting

June 13, 2017

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

**Roll Call**: taken by Betty Shelley, a quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes**: Bill James made a motion to accept minutes for May 09, 2017 meeting. Motion was seconded by Betty Shelley and passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**: balance: $5896.98

**Police/Fire Report:** ChiefMaglione and Asst Chief Gregory made comments. Updated on removal of homeless from Stranahan Park to deal with rat infestation. Crime is down about 2% from last year and violent crime is down about 4%. Officers Downs-Keesling and Stengel, who handle homeless outreach, presented an overview and recap of those efforts. Reminded that homeless are not reported through 911 unless it’s a medical emergency. These officers meet everyday at 2:30pm in a different location—to reach out to homeless. There are 2150 beds county-wide and all are filled every night.

**Guests/Presentations:**

**Eric Engmann**, **Department of Sustainable Development** gave update on Medical Marijuana Dispensary regulations. Commission dis pass an ordinance, so it can be viewed in full on City website. Key points: limited to one (1) per Commission District and must be at least 1500 feet from other uses (schools, libraries and park). State issued new regs that City ordinance can’t be stricter than what applies to pharmacies—we’re waiting to see if that will be retroactively applied to FTL ordinance. Also updated on ULDR for Central CRA. They’re looking at rezoning in that area for long-term efforts and at what they can do nw. Short-term effort is to change the parking reduction process.

**Jorg Hrushka, Chief Service Officer, City of Fort Lauderdale** gave an update on plans for June 24th Fort Lauderdale Ready Day.

**Luisa Agathorn, Neighbor Support Office** gave an update on next session of Neighbor Leadership Academy. It will be offered in the Fall, probably starting in October. More details will be available in August.

**Reports:**

**Marilyn Mammano** updated on the Infrastructure Task Force. They’ve had three meetings to-date. They meet the 1st Monday of the month from 3-6 pm and the meetings are open to the public.

**Brucie Cummings** gave a brief report from Parks Advisory Board.

**Betty Shelley** gave a brief update from the Education Advisory Board.

**Cindy Lall** made brief announcement about programs available through City Forester, including the Adopt a Tree program.

**Adjournment –**meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Weinstein, Secretary