

**Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**August 25, 2014**

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Mammano, President at 5:35 PM.
- 2) **Present:** Jackson Boren, Betty Shelley, Marilyn Mammano, Ron Centamore, Doug Sterner, Rochelle Golub, Chuck Black, Cathy Stubbs, Steve Stahl.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Rochelle reported that we have \$4220.00 in checking and a \$5,137.00 CD. The CD comes to maturity in September at PBI. There are problems with the checking account at BB&T and a motion was made by Rochelle to have 2 persons have access to the bank accounts and has paperwork to be filled out to move the checking account to Sun Trust. The motion was seconded by Jackson and was approved unanimously. Discussion continued on the issue of the CD account concerning the low interest and it was decided to move the CD account in addition to the checking account to Sun Trust in September. Marilyn also stated that we need to get a bank resolution to comply with our bylaws. Chuck Black stated that only a few banks have checking accounts that require 2 signatures. Marilyn said that if they only have checks requiring one signature, we will go that way.
- 4) **President's Report:** We may have a guest from Coding – Broward County to help decipher the upcoming budget in layman's terms. We had a wonderful meeting of the candidates at our last general meeting. A discussion took place concerning what we are going to do about the General Election coming up – Attorney General, Governor, Commissioner and Congressional races. It was decided that we would not have any of the candidates for the general election. Chuck Black stated that the Chamber of Commerce hold forums and Marilyn said we need to get the dates and locations of the forums and communicate them to our members. If anyone hears any info of any forums to please be sure to pass the information on to her. Marilyn stated that the Education Advisory Board met concerning the bond issue. Dr. Blackburn was there and she spoke to Chester and he stated that they have not made any decision. I asked him if they were going to make a decision and he fell back on the Sunshine Law and gave no information. Betty stated that anyone can attend the EAB meeting and Marilyn stated she would advise everyone when they will be held. Betty will give everyone an update at the next general meeting.
- 5) **Membership Report:** Ron stated that we have 39 members presently. A number of neighborhoods either with unpaid dues or not attending the meetings. Ron passed out an excel spreadsheet detailing specifics. Marilyn asked that the district representatives contact neighborhoods to ask for improvement on participation and payment on dues if they are in arrears. A resident of a recognized neighborhood gave a check to Ron at the last General Meeting and asked if a separate group other than the recognized association could join as a member organization. It was determined that according to our bylaws that only one recognized civic association could represent the neighborhood constituents. Marilyn stated she would be returning the check with an explanation for the membership being denied.
- 6) **Committee Reports:** Marilyn phoned Richard Johns, chair of the legislative committee concerning vacation rentals and we need to meet again. The governor signed a bill, the city

said they would look at it and that was in June and we need to see where they are with it since the issue has not gone away. The county commissioners that goes back to the last election and we have not had a legislative meeting to address them and the last time we did it was with the state legislators. After the upcoming elections have all the county commissioners to get their updates on large county projects, such as, All Aboard Florida, The Wave, etc. We need to make a list and have them address us the first part of next year. Don't forget, in February we have the Neighbor Support Night.

- 7) New Business:** Doug Sterner stated that NCIP Grants are being applied for once again and one of the ways to apply for the grants is by using CVC points earned by neighborhoods doing volunteer work. Effort has been made to find out if volunteering for Jorg's group qualifies – it does not since CVC points are earned by volunteering on city property only. He raised the question does the CVC have by-laws and who runs the program. Chuck Black stated that Hal Barnes does not have any funds for the CVC. Betty stated that was when they were discussing eliminating the NCIP grants, but now it is back on track. Betty stated that she would get in contact with Maxine and get details on what and how things are being done and report back to us. Marilyn also added that city outsourcing is a problem, budgets keep going up and the city continues outsourcing services and we need to address the issue with our commission.
- 8) Old Business:** Marilyn, Linda and Steve are going to Gatman, our web support company, and at \$125/hr. for 1 ½ hrs. of technical help with the website.
- 9) September Meeting Agenda:** First up, Social Service Facilities, Lee Feldman will speak on the issue. He will cover basically what he discussed at our last executive board meeting with an update on what has happened since. Marilyn stated she could not find out if the ordinance had been approved by planning and zoning, but believes that it has. Also coming is Emily from the budget committee and there will be budget hearings on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup>. They will speak on what the budget consists of and the Capital Action Plan which Lee Feldman is working on and determines what budget items are eliminated and ones that move up or down in the priority list for consideration for the final 2015 budget.
- 10) Other News:** Chuck Black stated that Lake Ridge held a fundraiser, over 100 people participated and they made \$1000.00. Marilyn brought up a suggestion for the February Neighbor Support Night to have schools set up tables to showcase the skills and knowledge that they have gained. Everyone needs to start thinking about what can be done on Neighbor Support Night. The food selection, pizza, sandwiches, cupcakes, etc. needs to be discussed with Hal. We need to do a better job getting the word out, starting in December. Marilyn asked if she could invite the Mayor, City Manager and Commissioners to the December meeting, calling it a Holiday Wrapup, to serve as a celebration for this year and what we can look forward to next year. Everyone supports the idea. Jackson brought up the efforts of the neighborhoods to get and hold on to membership, and volunteer for funds and stated that the award money that is earned 20% must be spent on sustainable projects.
- 11) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Recording Secretary

