



**CFLCA September 2020 General Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 6:30 PM**

**CITY HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
MEETING IS HELD VIA ZOOM**

AGENDA

WELCOME intro and thanks to BOD, reference to role of District Rep., Currie announce CPRB 9/14 meeting.

ROLL CALL Board: Colleen Lockwood, Mary Peloquin, Dennis Ulmer, Marilyn Mammano, Cathy Stubbs, Luis Castillo, Jim Concannon, Kelly Manning, Michael Albetta, Melinda Bowker

Mary Peloquin on Quorum/Roll call: type in chat name/HOA for quorum, q's via chat if not emailed- quorum is met.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- **Census Reminder (signs/super responder)** Junia is point person on these efforts.
- **October Vice Mayor & City Manager on racial equity and social justice LWV on amendments** q's in advance help
- **Stormwater rate review & 2nd Budget Hearing both on 9/14 public hearing and others are recorded & available**

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- **Mayor Dean Trantalis-** State of City Address since we did not have one this year. **Delay/Missed out on:** soccer/ice skating/aquatics center. **COVID** & sustainable closures etc & the unintended impacts. **Sewer breaks** end of 2019 same week \$ passed towards rebuild. Commitment to spending to this end. \$60million commitment/force mains. Water break this weekend- staff on it quickly. Within next couple of years will be ahead of game. **COVID difficulty/reopening** summary & change of culture. **Tourism industry** hits & challenges community must face working w/ fed/state for aids. **Homelessness** uptick 2 months of housing was possible ran out of funds after approx. \$500k all were set up w/ case managers for variety of needs to be met. KY church group sends Mayor masks handmade and Dean handed out to homeless @ library encampment. Working **w/ governor's office** @ beginning for 250 bed field hospital for our city (never needed) & got testing sights & antigen testing sites thanks to relationship building w/ governor's office. Our **City government services** haven't been cut, no furloughs despite \$ impact. General fund loss of \$20million for this fiscal year and # will change and in other funds projected \$16million losses but no plans to cut back but will need to reprioritize projects/expenses. Property tax doesn't appear to be significant part of loss it's other areas where use has diminished. ROI eliminated from budget @ \$20million/ year to balance budget yet but change of approach permitted absorbing loss and maintaining. **Looking forward: vaccine, follow guidelines, racial injustice national/local impacts**→ examine police practices & lead to need for change in leadership, changes happening already & national search underway, community input CPRB joint workshop role strengthening & independence from PD, BWC must be reviewed on ongoing basis, community engagement & leadership outreach towards most

affected parties (injured party meeting). Parks & police station bond work are both moving forward. **Waterway-** b/c of sewer break & before (ex. Algae) testing is not enough even though it will happen more, restoration of the waterways & surrounding areas is key, community connection to our water is key economic and otherwise, this is an established priority of commission. **Halloween/Holiday/Major event updates-** reminder to know status, limited capacity etc for boat show, street parties eliminated

- **Health-related COVID Update: Dr. JJ Rajter** speaker 3- thinks are looking promising now #: hospitalized/new admits/ICU/deaths/% positive rates are down. Why decrease in cases? Following guidelines. 80-90% of pop. Needs antibodies for herd immunity not close to that. Testing strategies 1)primary prevention don't get sick 2) figure out if sick/action. For some tests 30% come back as negative but not accurate. CDC/FDA/White House=mess. Get flu shot-on getting vaccine there are different vaccines being developed targeting different areas of virus. Re-infections we know that are occurring/confirmed (ex. @ 4mo) don't know how long antibodies will be effective. Reoccurrence doesn't seem very severe so far. Vaccine concerns is are we going to end up w/ multiple strains of COVID if yes, herd immunity will be hard to get. We need to continue precautions mask/distance/etc. Reopenings- nobody can say where headed. Doesn't accept wide vaccine this year, Fauci points to next year for wider available. Flights- CDC research shows in concern/weigh risks. Wear mask/eye protection. Inhalation treatment- if were him would go for area w/ stronger data behind it than inhalation JJ Rajter (Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009205661357>)
- **Education Briefing: Chief Education Officer Zoie Saunders**-final presenter w/ Danielle Smith from School District (Zeman chair of Ed. Advisory board recognized) . From Zoie: PPT Education Office 1.5 yrs old many cities reach out to learn about this function. Strategic Ed. Focus adopted by Commission for 5 year plan: Goals to improve access/outcomes across lifespan; county/city/private partnership, reduce unemployment. HUB's adopted for strong industries in our city. Community priority established. Key highlights: aviation program, next year needs assessment for community/partners, workforce development pathways/access to college & career (Broward Up w/ Broward College), Bridge2Life, Greater FTL Alliance Convening organizations to infuse job opportunities in target areas where high unemployment & low education. Principals & City Leaders connections for resources awareness/connection for community input. Youth/civic engagement pilot program w/ NLA (racial equity here). Joint use parks via parks bond, BCPS working group aim data driven method to prioritize improvements based on community need and benefit to school
- **Updates from the City: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom**- bumped up to speaker 2 b/c of other work schedule. Many mask complaints end up being unsubstantiated b/c over by time get there, code team # up during holiday weekend. How are parks being prioritized "list": to Parks board then commission for action. Only 4 projects can go to commission w/o board carter park lockhart, HP, tunnel top. AECOM is program mgr & working to put \$ to work. Land acquisitions underway 10 min. walk 1st criteria. ½ Lockhart done as of today so moving fast on completion of design/completion of rest. COVID: \$ recovering from CARES or reimbursements team dedicated. Broward Cares \$ → Ft. Lauderdale \$13.5; Direct recipient of CARES also. EX 1 cat. 1 36 hour hurricane costs just under \$30million (to date COVID \$4mil) **CPRB-** outside consultant National Police Foundation and expect 9/9 meeting on scope of work. Aim is 40 qualified chief candidates in national search. Next month opportunity to talk about other stuff City working on equity/social justice. Looking to be leaders in South Florida on the matter of equality/etc. Homelessness 17th Street- bus shelter removed & looking to pull concrete(but learned was Federal \$ to install would have to reimburse). George English homeless working w/ FLPD outreach team. Currently, decline of service/shelter space. 9/22 school board reopening workshop, city/organizations partnering to address childcare needs for working parents and to support learning needs. Looking @ areas of high growth and needs/there and input. Objections w CFLCA collect input on enhancing public schools, enhance community-school engagement,

promote increased interest in our neighborhoods, regular school spotlights to capture voice of customer. Spotlight 1: Bennett Elementary School smart bond input needed for facility upgrades. Danielle Smith (Principal) former (VSY principal). Bennett serves: coral ridge country club, coral shores, poinsettia heights, lake ridge, bal harbour, ladergate isles, middle river terrace \$1.9 million allocated but costs will exceed that budget and really need a rebuild for variety of reasons (growth & building condition are bad) overview of offerings @ this school letter for support for building investment at Bennett Elementary School, community survey, contact information for associations listed/equity discussion on resources can circle. back. Not doing letter of support on building investment @ Bennett Elementary will circle back in future.
<https://www.browardschools.com/schoolreopening>,
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/54753>

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES CFLCA August 11th, 2020 General Meeting* motion and 2nd to approve minutes and no objection

TREASURER'S REPORT posted here. Message to renew

<https://cflca.org/2020/09/general-meeting-agenda/september-8-2020-virtual-gm-agenda/>

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Submitted by christina currie

*Indicates voting items or may be a voting item

Next BOD Meeting September 29th, 2020

Next General Membership Meeting October 13th, 2020



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WELCOME:

Acknowledgement of CFLCA Board of Directors

President – Colleen Lockwood – Middle River Terrace
First Vice President – Mary Peloquin – Coral Ridge
Second Vice President– Luis R. Castillo Olivera – South Middle River
Recording Secretary– Christina Currie – Rio Vista
Corresponding Secretary– Mary Peloquin – Coral Ridge
Treasurer– Melinda Bowker – Downtown Civic
District 1 Representative– Jim Concannon – Sunrise Intercoastal
District 2 Representative– Michael Albetta – Lake Ridge
District 3 Representative– Cathy Stubbs – Melrose Manors
District 4 Representative– Kelly Manning – River Oaks
Past President– Marilyn Mammano - Harbordale
Chair of Committees– Dennis Ulmer – Lauderdale Manors

CFLCA Purpose: The Council acts as an advocate for the residents of the 60 officially recognized neighborhoods and the additional 25-30 neighborhood groups in the City, including merchant associations and individual condo HOAs. We act as one voice across all of the neighborhoods of the City; we also have District representatives. Get to know your District rep!

The Council focuses on the issues relating to preservation of the present and future welfare of the City of Fort Lauderdale and its neighborhoods and citizens, be proactive and reactive to those issues, communicate any recommendations to the proper authorities, strive to improve communication and create a stronger partnership between City Government and the neighborhoods.

For More Information: <https://cflca.org>

ROLL CALL: 1st Vice President Mary Peloquin to provide instructions

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP UPDATES:

1. Census 2020:

- a) **Fort Lauderdale 2020 Census Self-Response rates remain critically low. A low count will seriously impact our funding capabilities for the next 10 years.**

National 65.3% | Florida 61.9% | Fort Lauderdale 54.4% (as of 9/7/2020)

- b) **City's Badge Program:** The City is thanking and congratulating neighborhoods that exceed their 2010 Census final response rate. These neighborhoods have earned the City's ["Super Responder"](#)

- [Neighborhood](#)" digital badge for their efforts.
- c) **Please review your neighborhood's response rate to date:**
<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/office-of-neighbor-support/2020-u-s-census/self-response-rates>
 - d) **Easy form online:** <https://my2020census.gov>
 - e) **Contact Junia Robinson to help encourage higher response rates in your neighborhood:** *Office:* (954) 828-5289 *Email:* Juniar@fortlauderdale.gov

2. On deck for October 2020 CFLCA:

- a) Vice Mayor Glassman
- b) Chris Lagerbloom, Broward County City Managers' Association Committee Chair on Racial Equity and Social Justice
- c) League of Women Voters
 - o Amendment review
- d) We encourage questions in advance to councilcorrespsec@gmail.com

3. Stormwater rate review: Public Hearing September 14, 2020 for Proposed Stormwater Assessment

The City Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed FY 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Stormwater Program Management at 5:01 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2020. On June 16, 2020, the Commission approved an Ordinance establishing procedures and standards for levying assessments to fund the construction, reconstruction, repair, improvement, and extension of stormwater management systems within the City of Fort Lauderdale. If approved, the Stormwater Program Management Assessment will be collected by Broward County's Records, Taxes, and Treasury Division.

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/public-works/sustainability-division/stormwater-operations/stormwater-assessment>

4. Second Budget Hearing: September 14th, 5pm