



CFLCA August 2021 General Meeting
Tuesday, August 10th, 2021
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM

Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

Roll Call: Colleen Lockwood, Cathy Stubbs, Dennis Ulmer, Marilyn Mammano, Jim Concannon, Frankie Lane, Abby Laughlin, , Luis Castillo, Michael Albetta, Melinda Bowker, (excused) Mary Peloquin, Barbara Magill

General Membership Updates

Introduction of Guests:

FDOT meeting announced for Searstown plan improvements and traffic impact. Open meeting planned for Aug. 11th.

Neighborhood Leadership Academy (9) starts on Oct. 13 deadline to apply is Aug. 29. Contact Leann(Flagler Village) for questions protecting the green space One stop shop.. County Commissioner Tim Ryan's office has produced an @YourService Guide for all things Broward County Government to be presented at September general meeting.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/TimRyanBroward>, <https://twitter.com/TimRyanBroward>

- **City Updates:** Assistant City Managers Greg Chavarria and Tarlesha Smith, joined by City Building Official John Travers to discuss building safety in the wake of the Surfside tragedy. Tarlesha Smith- based on laws we can't enforce COVID vaccine proof. 71 city employees have tested positive for covid up from last week which was 34 employees. Mr. Travers, 3rd party - inspections are done when buildings reach 40 years and then every 10 years. School board buildings are exempt from inspections. Marilyn asked how many open code cases of non-compliance are before the magistrate. Answer -there are generally 12-15 cases in active status. Are municipal buildings exempt? Yes some are. Mr. Travers stated we should give investigators time to do a full report on Champlain Towers and not jump to conclusions. Anyone wishing to find out information on the Safety Program can reach out to him for questions concerning the Building Safety Inspection Program. jtravers@fortlauderdale.gov See tonight's presentation on the BORA website. New Police Chief – Swearing in and meet the Chief ceremony - details to follow.
- **Covid Update:** Dr. JJ Rajter What we see happening now is not surprising. We see an uptick in Covid cases, specifically Delta variant. Vaccinated people can get sick. There are no booster recommendations at this time. Florida requested an additional 300 ventilators from the Federal reserve. Things will get worse before it's better. Florida has more hospitalization than any country in the world. Depending on the symptoms, patients are treated the same whether vaccinated or not. Patients younger than 12 are getting covid. Mayor Trantalis says he reached out to pastors with low vaccine rates in their communities; they have step forward to have

vaccine pop up shops at some churches. The city is back to in-person meetings.

- **Legislative Priorities:** C. Scott Dudley, Director, Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs, Executive Director, Florida League of Mayors

The state is pushing for more control. 75% of citizens believe that the local government is better to reflect their needs and values than the state level. We need to get more citizens engaged. Individuals are asked to text HOMERULE to 50457. This will give you a link to be informed of legislative updates. How can we work together? Home base businesses of any type are allowed in residential areas. Get your voice heard.

- **HEK Tunnel Project:** Members of TAM and FDOT, led by Karen Warfel and Shelby Rodriguez. Karen Warfel - construction starts in Sept. and will impact traffic for the next 2 years. Daniela Silva gave an overview of the tunnel project which is from I-595 to Broward Blvd. Community Outreach Specialist, Daniela Silva, msilva@corradino.com, (786) 441-3088. Daniela Silva.

The work will occur in phases to minimize the impact to the public. The outside and inside lanes of the tunnel will be closed at different times. All sidewalks will be open to access local businesses. Jim asked for a copy of the presentation so it can be downloaded to the CFLCA website. Open House or Virtual Public Meeting In-Person Open House - Wednesday, August 18, 2021 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Stranahan House Museum
Virtual Public Meeting (Go To Webinar) - Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Use the following link or QR code to register <https://tinyurl.com/HEKTunnel>
You may also dial in via phone at (914) 614-3221 Access Code: 649-446-068 Project
Website: www.d4fdot.com

- **NUSA Conference Update:** CFLCA Board Member Dennis Ulmer- conference theme - Steering Neighborhoods Forward. Attendees were given the opportunity to share about each others neighborhood experiences. Lessons learned - Fort Lauderdale is having the roll call of police officers from District 3 in neighborhoods to get them introduced to neighbors. Unique from any other city. The Rio Vista neighborhood received an award for the printed news letter category. Several other top awards went to City Neighborhood Support staff including Hal Barnes. It's people that make a city great. Thanks to Dennis for a great presentation.

Treasurer's Report \$13,922.00 2 members added which is a total of 45 members

Review and Acceptance of Minutes CFLCA June 8, 2021 General Meeting- Luis made the motion and second by Jim

Adjourn 8:17 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next Board Meeting is 8/23/21
- Next General Meeting is 9/14/21

*Indicates voting/potential voting item if quorum requirements are met.

Purpose: Focus on the issues relating to the 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 officials, strive to improve communication and create a stronger partnership between City government and neighborhoods. **For More Information:** www.cflca.org