



## **Virtual CFLCA Board Meeting Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:30 PM**

### **Minutes**

**Call to order @ 5:31pm**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Michael Albetta, Melinda Bowker, Luis Castillo, Cathy Stubbs, Abby Laughlin, Colleen Lockwood, Marilyn Mammano, Barbara Magill, Mary Peloquin, Dennis Ulmer, Jim Concannon  
Frankie Lane - absent  
C. Scott Dudley- Guest speaker

#### **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES Board Meeting 5\_24\_2021 \***

- Motion Jim, second Michael, minutes passed

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Current balance -\$14092.51**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Legislative Update - C. Scott Dudley, Director, Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs, Executive Director, Florida League of Mayors- to join email notification text HOME RULE to 50457 to be added to updates

Intro and Mission:

-19 years with the League of Cities

-To Educate, Engage, Excite

-League of Cities interested in protecting the rights of neighborhoods, cities and their residents. Keep decision making in the hands of local. Encouraging more active involvement at the local level.

Legislative Overview: Protect your neighborhood

- -Combatting Violence Bill: - Opens action for business owners who feel they are not protected – will raise insurance rates for cities which residents pay for. - If cuts are made in preliminary budget to FLPD or FL Fire – anyone can go to the Governor and have it struck – no budget cuts can be mandated
- -Impact fees – limits allowable impact fees, limits caps on increases in impact fees – less and less requirement on the developer; adds to residents paying more
- -Emergency Orders – Mask Ordinances – emergencies are treated differently if they are of natural causes vs man made. Disincentivizes rescinding emergency orders.
- -Any kind of business is now going to be allowed in residential neighborhoods – can only be judged the way you judge a personal home.
- -Funding for flooding and sea level rise and resiliency – new 50/50 grant program - took from Sadowsky fund.
- -Broadband internet infrastructure – new study will examine deficiencies - DEO is going to look and review
- -American Rescue Plan includes wastewater, sewer and broadband / infrastructure funding. States have funding. Florida historically provides support for private sector vs. residents.

- -Tried to make it more difficult to adopt restrictive vacation rental rentals – legislation DID NOT PASS.

Session starts early this year in January. Now's the time to talk to legislators. Sept/Oct/Nov – Legislative delegation meetings.

Marilyn - Acknowledge Senator Farmer for his support of neighborhoods and individual rights

Selfie videos deadline – now!

Michael – voter suppression

Dennis- Flood/Homeowners Insurance rates rise-not equitable

Barbara- How do we get this reversed?

2. Broward County Services Resource Guide (Tim Ryan's office) – Jim Concannon update Resource/at your service guide for Broward County. Maria Rodriguez will be invited to explain this tool guide. Aug. meeting
3. Citywide concerns/topics:
  - Airbnb vacation rentals – District 4 example –
    - Marilyn - invite residents who are dealing with the property in question,
    - Barb – move to November
    - Mary – invite Porshia too – Coral Ridge has the most ST in all of D1.
    - Jim – invite Porshia – cumulative experience – dealing with internal roadblocks. Move to October
    - Dennis – Swimpl website and app – rental of private swimming pools - FYI
  - Surfside tragedy – Building Safety in Fort Lauderdale – official City response – ask Chris for deeper dive – city buildings exempt – what about them?

In the wake of the tragedy, Fort Lauderdale's chief building official has reviewed the status of multi-family buildings that are more than 40 years old. These buildings are required to participate in an inspection program that reviews their structural and electrical safety.

At this point, no buildings have been found to be in violation of their 40-year or subsequent 10 year inspections.

Each year, the county provides the city a list of buildings that are due for 40-year inspections or re-inspections. Re-inspections are required every 10 years after the 40-year inspection. The Building Safety Inspection Program began in 2006 and we continue to monitor the condition of buildings to ensure the safety of our residents.

Our city staff is following developments closely on what caused the collapse. If new requirements are needed for the inspection of older structures and their retrofitting for continued occupancy, we stand ready to work with our partners at the county and state levels to protect public safety.

- Bridges and tunnel – Karen Warfel
  - Proliferation of Iguanas/Lizards including in stormwater drains. Maybe we will discuss in next meeting.
4. Next steps on Neighborhood Toolkit
  5. August General Meeting – suggest virtual given uptick in Covid cases
  6. Dennis – NUSA Update – August GM – add to agenda

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Barb - Porshia Willaims -City staff– make sure to ask about code violations - D4 – boats w/ trailers in front of properties
- What issues are each district facing? (Use district report form)

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **ADJOURN 7:10 pm**

\*Indicates voting items or may be a voting item

Next Board Meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Next General Membership Meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Purpose:** Focus 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.

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