



**CFLCA September 2021 General Meeting
Tuesday, September 14th, 2021
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM**

Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order 6:32 pm

Board Roll Call:

Cathy Stubbs, Colleen Lockwood, Mary Peloquin, Marilyn Mammano, Jim Concannon, Dennis Ulmer, Luis Castillo, Michael Albetta, Frankie Lane, Abby laughlin, Melinda Bowker, Barbara Magill

General Membership Updates

- Welcome new **FLPD Chief Larry Sciroto**
- Welcome **Neighbor Support Senior Management Fellow Jeannetta Maxena**
- Dennis Ulmer extended condolences to the family of William Joyner, past president of the council.

Introduction of Guests:

- **City Updates: City Manager Chris Lagerbloom** - A conversation about the city's budget which takes about 8 months to build. The budget was adopted in the month of September for \$897 million. This fiscal year 2022 budget was approved. Mr. Lagerbloom traveled to Mississippi to view the new USS Ft Lauderdale navy ship which will make its way here in the spring of 2022. This ship will honor the memory of Mr. Chuck Black who was a key influencer in the naming of her, and the kickoff will be held at Port Everglades this Friday at 1:00 pm. The city received grant money from the Cares Act/ Rebuild Florida of \$19 million to be spent with two years. Chris welcomed back our new public works manager Mr. Alan Dodd. A grant of \$10 million was received to assist the Durrs neighborhood. Question: Will Melrose Park/Melrose Manors be included in use of these funds? At this point the grant is being reviewed to include these neighborhoods.
- **Covid Update: Dr. JJ Rajter** was unable to attend meeting but sent a message that covid numbers are down in Broward County. The bad news is more infectious variants are on the horizon. Please continue to mask up whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. This is not over.
- **Legislative Priorities: C. Scott Dudley**, Director, Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs, Executive Director, Florida League of Cities. Marilyn introduced Scott Dudley who has an effective relationship with FL League of Cities. If you want your voice heard and

issues handled that affect all of us at state and local levels, text “home rule” to 50457 and you will be added to a list for legislative updates. Tell our elected officials your thoughts and feeling about certain issues such as: Short term rentals, tree trimmings, cell phone towers, smoking in parks, and home base businesses in residential areas. Get engaged with the FL league and hold legislators accountable. Marilyn will push out the link to webinars, ways people can plug in to the process of legislative services.

- **Broward County Services Resource Guide: Eugen Bold and Maria Rodriguez**, Office of Tim Ryan, Broward County Commissioner District 7. Maria Rodriguez explained the services that are available through the resource guide. Library news, parks and recreation, Port Everglades, commission news, jobs and redistributing are just a few of the free services. Eugene Bold introduced himself and explained the Monday dashboard for numbers from Covid. You can also follow on Facebook and Twitter.
- **Going Solar: Glen Hadwen**, Sustainability Manager, Public Works and **Laura Tellez**, Solar United - There are opportunities to learn about solar. Meeting will be held on Sept. 22 @ 6:00 pm. If interested follow this link <https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/news/solar-and-storms/>
- **Paddles with a Purpose** in support of Make a Difference Day Oct 23: **Oliver Cale**, Paddles with a Purpose Board Member. Mr. Oliver Cale explains that there are monthly clean ups of trash from our waterways. Join him on October 23 at George English Park for Paddles with a Purpose, a nonprofit formed in 2017. To learn more www.paddlepurpose.org to register.

Treasurer’s Report \$14,021.50

Review and Acceptance of Minutes CFLCA the August 10th, 2021 General Meeting* Luis made the motion and 2nd by Mary. Minutes passed

Adjourn 8:0 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next Board Meeting is 9/27/21
- Next General Meeting is 10/12/21

*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.

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