



Council of Fort Lauderdale
Civic Associations, Inc.
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THE COUNCIL OF FORT LAUDERDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

General Membership Meeting

L.A. Lee YMCA Black Box Theater

1409 NW 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

On Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The meeting started at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS: Present: Michael Albetta, Jim Concannon, Melinda Bowker, Bill Brown, Christine Jones. Absent: Abby Laughlin, Colleen Lockwood, Marilyn Mammano, Mary Peloquin, Dr. JJ Rajter, Cathy Stubbs, Dennis Ulmer, Lynn Winters. The Roll Call of Member Associations established a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Concannon,

SPEAKERS and GUESTS

1. Speakers

- A. (Added to the Agenda) Laura McCoy, City of Fort Lauderdale Office of Neighbor Support –Ms. McCoy spoke about the Neighborhoods USA Conference (NUSA) held in El Paso, Texas.**

1. Speakers cont.

Ms. McCoy presented a video shown at the NUSA Conference highlighting the making of lunches and explaining the lunch program by Lin Morgan, President of South Middle River Civic Association, who spearheads the program to provide lunches for participants at the 17th Judicial Circuit Community Court City of Fort Lauderdale, a program that addresses the needs of at-large, homeless, petty crimes, and municipal ordinances offenders. Thirteen neighborhood associations are currently participating in the lunch program. This program won a First Place Award at the NUSA Conference in the Multi-Neighborhood Program Partnership Category. The Community Court takes place every Wednesday 9 A.M – 12 P.M at the Operation Sacred Trust, 201 SE 2nd St. Fort Lauderdale. (This is across from the Publix Greenwise Market)

B. Daphnee Sainville, City of Fort Lauderdale Government & External

Affairs Manager - Ms. Sainville informed us, as of the date of our meeting, the governor had not yet taken action on the budget. Questions were asked about items that were passed or considered in the legislative session. Legislation that becomes law, sometimes has to be “tweaked” in future sessions. Ms. Sainville informed us that form letters, “Go into the blue bin”. Letters, especially about Airbnb’s, Vacation Rentals, should be of your personal experience. How does one near you have a negative effect on your neighborhood quality of life, etc.? Be specific as possible. Send the letters to your state representative and senator. Ms. Sainville is available to answer any questions on legislation. Her contact information is: **Email: Dsainville@fortlauderdale.gov Telephone: 954-299-7806**
(Suggested to text questions to this number)

1. Speakers Cont.

C Chris Cooper, City of Fort Lauderdale Development Services Manager

Building Services is responsible for Development, Permitting, and Code Enforcement. Mr. Cooper attended to inform us of the new rules for Affordable Housing which will allow unlimited height and density within one mile of a mixed-use zoning category if certain set asides in units are met for incomes that are 120% of medium income. Things that the City can still consider in review are neighborhood compatibility, setbacks, and adequate sewer and water service availability. Funds are being set aside for a consultant to do a mixed use fund based code. Mr. Cooper also spoke about what could be addressed in the Administrative Review Process, and the rules for Development Review Timeline. There was a question-and-answer period. Also discussed was the Building Safety Inspection Program for Condominiums. If you are in the flood disaster declared area of our city, certain permitting fees are being refunded. They cannot be waived. Contractors should not be charging homeowners in the flood areas for permitting fees. If questions, call the Building Department. Other things being worked on, is the Landscape Ordinance, Tree Preservation, Short term rentals a possible increase in fines, and a possible amnesty for reducing Code Enforcement Liens. **Contact: Chris Cooper, AICP Director of Development Services Department Telephone: 954-828-5980.**

D. Melissa Doyle, City of Fort Lauderdale Program Manager – Solid Waste & Recycling/Sustainability Division in regards to Waste Management-Ms.

Doyle introduced Mr. Andres Limones Cruz City of Fort Lauderdale Government Affairs Manager for Waste Management, and Ms. Dawn McCormick of Waste Management.

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Jim Concannon thanked Waste Management for the green “goody bags” that were distributed. Waste Management has been given a seven-year contract to provide trash/garbage, yard waste, and recycling cart services for the City of Fort Lauderdale to start on July 31st. Waste Management is currently providing Bulk Trash pick-up. A presentation was made on their services, and there was a question-and-answer period. Some service days for neighborhoods will be changed. There will be a mailing soon explaining the program and any changes in service days prior to the implementation of Waste Management taking over the collection services.

2. Council Business

a. Stranahan House Cultural Grant Letter of Support- Bill Brown

Mr. Brown asked for a letter of support for the Stranahan House to receive a Capital Campaign Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the State of Florida Arts & Cultural Affairs Division, the City of Fort Lauderdale has provided a letter, and they also need the support of the Council. The improvements would include an upgrade to the visitor’s center and kitchen, upgrade of bathrooms to make them handicap accessible. A motion was made by Donna Mergenhagen, Palm Aire Village 1 Condominium Association, for the Council to support the Stranahan House request that improvements there would be an auxiliary to Tunnel Tops Park. The Motion was seconded by Anne Hilmer of Idlewyld Improvement Association, The Motion was approved.

b. P3 Committee- Marilyn Mammano Deferred to next meeting,.

c. Charter Revision Board- Jim Concannon Deferred to next meeting.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES General Membership Meeting May 9, 2023 minutes approved motion made by Michael Albetta, and was duly seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT \$8,718.76

OLD BUSINESS None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

ADJOURN 8:27 PM Motion to adjourn made by Ted Inserra, second by Melinda Bowker.

Next Board Meeting July 24th, 2023

Next General Meeting August 8, 2023

Purpose: Focus on the issues relating to presentation 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 the City Government and the neighborhoods. **For more information:**

<https://cflca.org>

These minutes were submitted by Dennis Ulmer, Council Historian and were prepared by viewing the YouTube Video of the Council Meeting. Dennis volunteered to do the minutes as Cathy Stubbs our Recording Secretary could not attend the meeting,