



THE COUNCIL OF FORT LAUDERDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

General Membership Meeting

Via Zoom

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The meeting started at 6:31 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Peloquin

ROLL CALL The Roll Call of Member Associations established a quorum was present.

SPEAKERS and GUESTS

1. Speakers

- A. Ashley Doussard-Strategic Communications manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale** Ashley gave a presentation on the Communications Division service areas and ways to stay informed. Members present were asked to log in to a website address provided to complete a survey on the preferred methods of communication with the city. The top choices were Number 1, email, and the second choice was social media. Ashley can be reached at: ADoussard@fortlauderdale.gov.
- B. Porshia Garcia and Katrina Jordan, Code Compliance Manager**-The Code Managers attended to give us an update on short term rentals and upcoming revisions to the current ordinance.

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1. Speakers cont.

- B** The Code Compliance Managers stated you can go to the city website. **(Go to Departments, A-H, click on Community Enhancement and Compliance, click on that, and there is a section there on Vacation Rentals)** Here you can find complete information on registration, and open cases by district, and HOA. The ordinance has added a requirement for a noise monitoring device. This ordinance has passed on first reading and will be voted on for second reading, on September 19th. President Peloquin expressed our support and appreciation for all that the Code Managers and the department has done and are doing to help the Neighborhoods deal with this issue.
- C. Marilyn Mammano-Infrastructure Task Force New City Hall Criteria=**
The information the committee is looking for is guiding principles and Values. NOT design or needs assessment. There will be a series of meetings, only one this year, probably in late November. Then a series of meetings including one in each commission district. A consultant will be hired to assist with the process. A P-3 proposal submitted previously to the city on doing a city hall private-public partnership, was requested by the committee to be returned to the submitter.

2. Council Business

- A. Why Zoom?** President Peloquin explained that this meeting was on Zoom and perhaps several more Council Meeting might be as well. The YMCA charges a fee for us to meet there, and then there is an IT fee as well. The expenses were getting too high. So, for now, we are going to meet on Zoom. When the temporary City Commission

Chambers are ready, we will seek to return meeting there. The Council may purchase our own audio-visual equipment to save on fees in the future.

B. District Four Vacancy-President Peloquin announced the District IV

Representative, Lynne Winters, has resigned due to family issues. There will be a Special Election to fill the vacancy. Vanessa Apotheker, of the Tarpon River Civic Association, has expressed interest in serving. If you are a District IV. HOA President or the Designated Alternate to the Council, and wish to serve, please email President Peloquin at: marypeloquin@gmail.com

C. Homelessness Problems and Feeding Programs in our neighborhoods (Thinking to report responses)- President Peloquin announced there

were 13 responses to her inquiry sent out about how homelessness is affecting neighborhoods in the city. Homelessness issues seem to be the most prevalent in the east side, and in the downtown areas. Soon the city will establish a Homeless Advisory Committee. The liaison will be Lisette Palmero of Neighbor Support.

D. Charter Revision Board September 7th Meeting-Jim Concannon

Jim reported to propose and change the City Charter is a long process. Changes can be proposed by this board, and then go to the city commission for possible approval.

The proposed changes would then be placed on a future election Ballot to be voted on by the registered voters in the city. There are a number of issues relating to city elections being discussed such as, residency of candidates for election to office, when candidates take office, also, the different types of city governments, definitions of public land, many issues of importance are being discussed. The Charter Revision Board meets the first Thursday of each month. Check The location on the city website, as it may move because of the

situation with city hall operations. Some past meetings are available for viewing on YouTube.

E, October 30th District Four Social -The Social will be held at **TUSCANY GRILL, 1105 E. LAS OLAS BLVD, FROM 5:30-8:30 PM (This is not a Costume Party)**

F. Membership Definitions- Membership is defined by a recognized association who has paid their dues and submitted their required paperwork. If questions, contact **Treasurer Melinda Bowker or President Peloquin.**

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES General Membership Meeting Minutes of the August 8th,2023 Council Meeting. Motion to approve made by Marilyn Mammano, Seconded by Jim Concannon. Motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Balance of \$7,238.83, 40 paid members.

OLD BUSINESS None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY Comment was made on the Police Relocation building and Melinda Bowker reported on a social by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn by Christine Jones, duly seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM

Next Board Meeting September 26th, 2023- Note date change due to Yom Kuppur.

Next General Meeting October 10th, 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 are submitted by Dennis Ulmer, Council Historian in the absence of Cathy Stubbs our Recording Secretary.

