



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

General Membership Meeting

Via Zoom

On Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

The meeting started at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Peloquin

ROLL CALL The Member Associations signed in via Zoom “Chat” which established a quorum was present.

SPEAKERS and GUESTS

1. Speakers

- A. Tristen T. Trivett-** Education Assistant & Community Outreach Coordinator – NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Trivett informed us of the Free Art Social the last Sunday of the month from 12-5:00 PM, “Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day”, when admission is FREE and the wine is 2 for 1. Visit the Museum Café & Store and receive 10% off books published by NSU Art Museum. You could also be the “Neighborhood of the Month” most recently, Victoria Park was the Neighborhood of the Month. You may be a small or larger group, and families are welcome. The attendees from the Neighborhood of the Month receive a guided tour of the museum. The Council may have a future event at the museum.

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There are public rooms/spaces available. Currently on exhibit: Pablo Picasso ceramics: "Dust You Are, To Dust You Return". Several questions were asked, Can we advertise and use your graphics? Yes, you can. It was also asked about the Museum giving advance notice of future exhibits. It was explained that exhibits are not announced until everything is completely finalized that the exhibit will indeed be at the museum.

(Special Elections taken out of order)

Special Election to fill the vacancy of District IV Council Representative

Vanessa Apotheker, Tarpon River Assoc., was nominated as District IV representative by Melinda Bowker, and seconded by Marilyn Mammano. By a voice vote, Vanessa was unanimously elected.

Special Election to fill the vacancy of Recording Secretary

Donna Mergenhagen, Palm Aire Village 1 Condominium Association, was nominated by Anne Hilmer, and seconded by Jim Concannon. By a voice vote, Donna was unanimously elected.

1. Speakers cont.

B P 3 Committee Report -Marilyn Mammano showed a flow chart and discussed the progress made by the Committee so far. The proposed ordinance will be discussed at the October 17th City Commission Conference Meeting. The proposed Ordinance will be Amending a Procurement Ordinance. City Commissioner, District IV. Dr Warren Sturman was in attendance. The Commissioner stated he did not think much time on the Swimming Hall of Fame P3 was given to the Commissioners elected in November of 2022, to properly vet the proposal. He wants to propose that any P 3 agreements would require two readings. Discussion was made that before the proposed ordinance was presented for a vote at a future City Commission Regular Meeting, it be at least 30 days from October 17th.

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1. Speakers (cont.)

B. Cont.

Commissioner Sturman announced the ordinance would not come to an immediate vote at the Regular City Commission Meeting the evening of October 17th. There would be time for review by the Council. Commissioner Sturman said he would welcome us communicating our input on the ordinance to him. Comments may be emailed to President Peloquin and she will share them with the P 3 Committee. **(P 3 Committee: Chair, Marilyn Mammano, Members: Bil brown, Christine Jones, Donna Mergenhagen, Bustavo Sorgente, Jackie Scott, Janet Gualtieri, Leann Barber, and Mary Peloquin.)**

C. Homeless Slide Deck Presentation -Leann Barber gave a presentation on what other cities are doing about homelessness and how funds for affordable housing are being allocated. Leann had attended a conference on homelessness. Her complete presentation will be available on the Council website. The City of Fort Lauderdale has formed a Homeless Advisory Committee. The first committee meeting will be on 10/12/23 and a recording of the meeting will be on YouTube. Ms.Barber announced the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee would have a Workshop with the City Commission at 12 PM on October 17th.

Added to the Agenda, Sgt. Joshua Reich of the FLPD. Sgt. Reich (Proconced "Rich") is the PD District 1 Sgt. In charge of Community Support. Sgt Reich attended to introduce himself and answered questions. He will be happy to meet with any homeowner's association in PD District 1 or the president. He is very community oriented. His contact information: Email:

jreich@fortlauderdale.gov, Telephone: 561-951-5391

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Council Business

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Membership Roster 41 paid members. The roster has been tweaked and verified.

- a. District IV Vacancy** Taken out of order. See mins. above.
- b. Recording Secretary Vacancy** Taken out of order. See above.
- c Homeless responses** Sent to City Commission & the Council Board
- d October 30th District IV Social** The social will be held at.:
Luigi's Tuscan Grill, 1105 E. Las Olas Blvd, from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- e. Charter Review Board** President Peloquin gave an update on the Charter Review Board Meeting of 10/5/23. The Board had a presentation of the various forms of city government. The meeting was lengthy, and will be available on tape on YouTube. President Peloquin suggested that a presentation on the different forms of government may be a topic for a future Council Meeting.
- f. Meeting Dates 2024** Meeting dates for 2024 were examined for conflicts with Commission District Meetings, Commission Meetings, and religious and regular holidays. The 2024 Council Board and Regular Meeting dates will be posted on the Council website.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES General Membership Meeting Minutes of the September 12th, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion to approve made by Bill Brown, Seconded by Jim Concannon. Motion was unanimously approved. Dennis Ulmer was thanked for stepping up to do the minutes in the absence of our Recording Secretary for the past several months.

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TREASURER'S REPORT Balance of: \$7,271.58

OLD BUSINESS None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY Comment was made on registered lobbyists serving on city advisory boards/committees. Let President Peloquin any comments you have on this subject.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Nest Board Meeting October 25th, 2023

Next General Meeting November 14th, 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 who has resigned due to a family issue. Our new Recording Secretary, Donna Mergenhagen, will assume the duties of Recording Secretary beginning with the October 25th Board Meeting.