



The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc
General Membership Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at Fire Station two, 528 NW 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 6:39 P.M. by Council President, Mary Peloquin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE AND ROLL CALL

1. SPEAKERS

- a. Fort Lauderdale police officers from the neighborhood support team, PD District 2. attended and answered questions. They also distributed the, “Where’s your FOB?” signs and information cards with OR codes to complete the community survey about policing in the city.
- b. Broward County Commissioner Robert McKinzie did not attend the meeting.
- c. Jim Hetzel, AICP 1, Principal Urban Planner and Nancy Garcia, Urban Planner II, with the City of Fort Lauderdale attended to inform us about the 500 Redevelopment Units (Flex Units) to be available throughout the city. A presentation was made and there was a question and answer session.

- d. (Item added to the agenda) Vacation Rentals / SB 280. City Commissioner District IV, Dr. Warren Sturman, and Daphnee Sainvil, Public Affairs Manager and Legislative Liaison (by Zoom) with the city, attended our meeting to discuss the current legislation from the state legislature on Vacation Rentals, SB 280, which was passed, and would be sent to the desk of Governor DeSantis for approval or veto. It was suggested that only association presidents email the governor requesting him to veto the bill and include specific ways the vacation rentals affect the neighborhood quality of life. DO NOT also send emails to the governor's staff. The Council has sent a letter to the governor urging him to veto SB 280 on behalf of the Council Membership.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Council 1st Vice President, Dr. J.J. Rajter, reported on a Council Sponsorship Program. The sponsors would pay \$300 annually to the Council. They would submit an application to be approved by the Membership Committee, They would get a link on our website, be invited to meetings and socials, would be none voting members, and there would be no endorsements of any kind from the Council. Sponsors could be business, or individuals.
- b. Membership Applications and Dues need to be turned in by **MARCH 31st, 2024.**

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS (CONT.) .

- c. Council expectations 2024. Discussion took place on making the Council more relevant to members. Suggestions included By-Laws of other associations to share, how to do a website, how to do a newsletter, and we could do a survey to association presidents on how to address the needs of their neighborhoods.. A comment was made about monthly FLPD Reports. It was pointed out, not all associations meet monthly, and that the reports were good to bring everyone up to date on what is going on as to crime in our city.

- d. An Audit Committee was appointed, Jim Concannon and James LaBrie will make the Audit Report at our May meeting.
- e. P3 Committee Bullet Points- Scheduled to be presented to the City Commission at their March 19th Meeting.
- f. Candidate Forums – August 13th and September 10th at the L.A. Lee YMCA

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES General Membership Meeting February 13th, 2024 - No minutes were available. To be approved at a future meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT Balance of \$4,739.99

OLD BUSINESS None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY President Peloquin was commended for her speedy action addressing Vacation Rentals and the bill passed by the state legislature.

ADJOURN There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Dennis Ulmer, Council Historian, as our recording secretary was on vacation.

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. **For More Information:** <https://cflca.org>