



THE COUNCIL OF  
FORT LAUDERDALE  
CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

June 11, 2024, at 6:30pm  
Fort Lauderdale Fire House 2  
38 in attendance both in person and by Zoom

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary Peloquin.

1. Sponsors

Mary Peloquin mentioned the three sponsors and anticipated more sponsors in the future. Big Thanks to Vanessa Apotheker for these sponsors. More information later in the meeting.

2. City Manager Attendance\*\*

The city manager unable to attend the meeting.

3. The Police Department is participating in the Harvard Bloomberg Future City Initiative to develop new techniques for community engagement and crime solving. Two citizen engagement sessions were held, with the last one scheduled for June 20th. The sessions aim to gather community input for the Harvard Bloomberg Future City Initiative. Concerns were raised about the low attendance at the May 28th meeting and the timing/location of the sessions. Discussion on the importance of public participation in the citizen engagement sessions and how it can impact policing strategies.

Educational Program for Neighborhoods - A suggestion was made to develop a monthly educational program about different police units and their functions.

Community Safety and Noise Complaints

Noise Complaints in Coley Hammock

Jackie Scott raised concerns about noise on Las Olas, especially on weekends, caused by big trucks with speakers and motorcycles. The department representative mentioned that they are writing hundreds of citations a month and will push for more enforcement in the specific area.

## Safety Concerns in Sample Bend

Maggie Hunt from Sailboat Bend reported issues with individuals trying to get into cars and stealing packages. She mentioned that people feel unsafe and are not reporting incidents because they believe the police do not respond.

## Reporting Evidence to the Police

Discussion on how residents can submit evidence, such as photos or videos, to the police. The department representative explained the process of calling the non-emergency number and submitting evidence through a link sent by the police.

## Conclusion

- a. The department will push for more enforcement in the Coley Hammock area, especially on weekends.
- b. Residents are encouraged to report incidents to the police. The department will look into the issue and ensure that evidence is collected and investigated.
- c. Residents can call the non-emergency number to report evidence, and the police will provide a link to upload the evidence to their portal.

4. Introduction of Susan Leone, the new Chief Education Officer, and her role in connecting the city with the school district.

Discussion about the school district's initiative to redefine school usage and the community's concerns about potential school closures.

Discussion about the slow progress of the joint use parks project, which involves collaboration between schools and parks. The project is moving slowly due to delays by AECOM. Efforts are being made to push for progress.

Susan Leone is available to assist with any school-related concerns and will provide updates as needed.

5. Presentation on the My Safe Florida Home Program by Glen Hadwen Fort Lauderdale Sustainability Manager and Mallery Jones, Consultant. The program offers free wind mitigation inspections and grants for home upgrades to improve hurricane resistance. Brief mention of upcoming sustainability initiatives, including the Net Zero Plan and the Conservation Pays program.

The program opens on July 1, with a tiered application process based on income and age. Homeowners need to pay upfront and get reimbursed.

The Net Zero Plan will be presented in October. The Conservation Pays program offers a \$125 rebate on toilets.

## 4. Council Updates and Future Planning

### a. Recording Secretary Position

Discussion on the need for a recording secretary and the current use of a robot for this role.

### b. Sponsorship Program

Update on the sponsorship program, including current sponsors and benefits for sponsors. The council is encouraging members to recruit more sponsors.

Current Sponsors:

The Fritz Bar & Lounge  
McKee's Tees Plus LLC  
Hydrology LLC  
Peloquin Family

c. Charter Revision Board Meeting

Concerns raised about the behavior and public outreach of the Charter Revision Board. Members were directed to watch the June 6, 2024, meeting and come to their own conclusion.

d. CFLCA Instagram page and its growing popularity. Check it out! Members are encouraged to check out the page and engage with the content. A million thanks to Suzi Burstein for managing this account and to her talent and creativity

e. The council has 47 members and a healthy financial balance.

f. Candidate Forums

The candidate forums are August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> at the L.A. Lee YMCA. Members are encouraged to submit questions for the forums.

g. City Manager Search

Discussion on the formation of a citizen's advisory committee for the city manager search. The council will submit one name for the committee, and Mary Peloquin was chosen.

h. The next council meeting is on October 8th, likely at the 101 building.

i. Discussion on the city's process for recognizing Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and the need for sending out applications for placards. Discussion on the necessity of having parking passes for the city parking garage.

Mention of internal staff changes, and the introduction of a new staff member named Jordan Wingate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm