

THE COUNCIL OF FORT LAUDERDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

November 12, 2024, at 6:30pm Fire Station Two Approximately 36 in Attendance and Virtually by Zoom

Opened by J.J. Rajner 6:30pm

Fortify Lauderdale Program Overview

From Fort Lauderdale - Rares Petrica, Senior Project Manager and Deborah Cueva Project Manager II

From Hazen and Sawyer – Matthew Jones, Vice President, Robert B. Taylor Jr. PE, Senior Vice President and Lucia Zeevaert Medina, PE Associate.

The Fortify Lauderdale program is a comprehensive initiative to enhance resilience through public infrastructure improvements and private property owner involvement.

- 1. Conduct neighborhood meetings to discuss private property resilience and gather feedback.
- 2. Complete the design and construction of stormwater infrastructure in 17 additional neighborhoods within the next 10 years.

Discussion Points

- 1. The Fortify Lauderdale program aims to improve community resilience to climate change impacts. The program started in 2023 and includes infrastructure improvements in 17 neighborhoods. The program involves installing pump stations and new drainage systems.
- 2. Private property owners play a crucial role in enhancing resilience.

The city can only do so much; private owners need to follow guidelines to fortify their properties.

3. Collaboration between public and private sectors is essential for maximizing community resilience.

Council Business

- 1. Frankie Lane was nominated and approved for the District 3 board position.
- 2. The reporting secretary position remains open despite technological aids.
- 3. The proposed members for the nominating committee were approved without objection.
- 4. Upcoming Events and Meetings
- a. The holiday party and meeting will be held on December 9th at Café Seville.
- b. 2025 meeting dates have been set and will be posted online before the year starts.
- 5. House Bill 1365 will be discussed at a town hall meeting on November 21st.
- 6. Membership and Treasurer's Report
 - a. There are 47 paid neighborhood associations and 8 official sponsors.
 - b. The current balance is \$6,050 after recent expenses.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:30pm