



Minutes of April 8, 2025, General Membership Meeting
A video of this meeting is available on the CFLCA YouTube Channel
on the CFLCA.org website.

CFLCA President Wm. Bill Brown opened the meeting.

FLPD Chief William Schultz gave an overall update of the department since he took the position last year. He reported a double-digit reduction in major crime. Fort Lauderdale is considered safer, but ongoing efforts are needed. There was discussion on the potential creation of a fourth police district to align with city commission seats and address population growth.

Media Coverage and Transparency - Concerns were raised about the lack of media coverage for certain incidents. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department shares official news releases on their city page and social media platforms Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Steve Glassman, District 2 City Commissioner, discusses the diverse and dynamic nature of District 2, highlighting its geographical boundaries and the active engagement with residents and investors. He discussed key projects:

Marina Village, D.C. Alexander Park, International Swimming Hall of Fame, Las Olas Marina, War Memorial Auditorium and Holiday Park

Rickelle Williams, Fort Lauderdale City Manager - One week into her role, outlined her focus on infrastructure, homelessness, and budget preparation. She emphasized the need for collaboration and revenue generation.

The city manager identified potential revenue sources, such as charging for film permits, to address budget challenges and support community-based organizations. The city manager discussed ongoing challenges with homelessness, particularly near the Brightline Station, and plans to collaborate with the Broward Sheriff's Office for better enforcement.

Urban Forestry Master Plan Survey - Dickey Consultants are conducting a survey for the Urban Forestry Master Plan, aiming for 500 responses. They encourage community participation to improve tree canopy and green spaces.

Bylaw Change Proposal

A proposal was made to change the bylaw to allow any civic association member in good standing to be eligible for board positions, not just alternates or representatives.

Code of Conduct Proposal

A suggestion was made to introduce a code of conduct for the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations to address issues like online bullying among members.

Technical Advisory Committee

Discussion on forming a technical advisory committee to review buffer zones and mixed-use developments, despite the city's decision not to proceed.

Treasurer Report

A motion was put forth by Treasurer Carlos Lang, seconded by Marilyn Mammano and unanimously passed .

Motion: "I move that the board authorizes Carlos Lang, as Treasurer, and William Brown, as President, of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA), to open and manage a bank account on behalf of the organization at a bank of choice, including the authority to sign checks, make deposits and withdrawals, and conduct other financial transactions as necessary for the operation of the organization."

Signed: Suzi Burstein 4-8-2025