



Minutes of May 13, 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.

Recognition of CFLCA Immediate Past President Mary Peloquin

Mary Peloquin was recognized for her leadership as president of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations from 2020 to 2024, with expressions of gratitude from board members and general membership attendees.

FLPD Crime Prevention Event LOCK IT DOWN

Event aimed at firearm safety to combat crime, particularly firearm thefts leading to violent crimes and accidental deaths. An awareness event with stop-the-bleed training, free gun locks, and discounted gun safes will be held on June 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Apex Shooting Center 5320 Powerline Road. Neighborhood associations are asked to promote the event.

District 4 City Commissioner Ben Sorensen Remarks

- **South Florida Water Management District Flood Study**

Commissioner Sorensen summarized a visit to the South Florida Water Management District. The district is conducting a Section 203 study (initiated about two years ago) to evaluate flooding and propose improvements in Broward County. Three alternatives for water infrastructure improvements were discussed, with a focus on hardening control sites and considering bi-directional pumping to the Everglades.

- **Airport Runoff and Flooding**

Concerns were raised about flooding due to airport runoff. Meetings with FDOT, the county, and airport entities are scheduled for the week following March 18, 2025, to address these issues. The Water Management District has recurring funding for canal dredging and airport water impact mitigation.

- **Homelessness** City Manager to continue discussions with the Broward County Sheriff regarding enforcement of municipal ordinances. Commissioner Sorensen was invited to the next Homeless Advisory Board meeting.

Chief Waterways Officer Marco Aguilera was introduced by Commissioner Sorensen and jointly discussed the following initiatives focused on water quality.

- **Doubling Miami Waterkeeper testing sites from 11 to 22.**

- **Mangrove plantings** (George English Park)

- **Vertical Oyster Gardens Project** (New River)

- **Waterway Contaminant Source Tracing**

Efforts to trace sources of E. coli and other contaminants, distinguishing between human, canine, and bird origins. Noted that much fecal coliform is canine, due to dog waste not being picked up.

- **Fertilizer Application Ban and Public Outreach**

Fertilizer application is prohibited from June 1st to the end of October. Public outreach events planned at Home Depot and Lowe's to educate about fertilizer runoff and its impact on waterways.

Assistant City Manager Anthony Fajardo and CFLCA Corresponding Secretary Jim Concannon, jointly gave a presentation of the Charter Revision

- **Charter Revision Board Introduction and Purpose**

Explanation of the city charter as a legal document with 11 sections, 97 subsections, and 37,049 words. The Charter Revision Board is a five-member advisory board appointed for one-year terms (re-appointable up to six times), tasked with advising the city commission on charter changes.

- **Charter History and Amendment Process**

The city charter was established on March 27th, 1911. Charter changes occur via referendum, typically during regular election cycles due to the high cost of special elections.

- **Public Outreach for Charter Revision**

Plans to launch public outreach programs in June to gather community feedback on the charter, including online surveys and presentations at civic associations. Charter Revision Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

- **Spotlight FTL Online Survey and Outreach**
Introduction of the Spotlight FTL online survey at www.spotlightftl.com/charterreview to gather citizen feedback on charter topics.
- **District Meetings for Charter Review**
Plan for district meetings live and virtual meetings to educate and gather input from residents regarding charter changes.
- **Charter Revision Process and Referendum**
The Charter Revision Board makes recommendations, which are then voted on and, if accepted, placed on a referendum for public vote during the next election.
- **Joint Workshop Proposal**
Suggestion to hold a published joint workshop between the Charter Revision Board and the Council of Civic Associations after district wrap-ups to consolidate feedback and ensure compliance with Sunshine Law.

Bylaw Committee and Proposed Changes

Mary Peloquin, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, presented proposed changes, including a simplified code of ethics emphasizing professionalism, courtesy, and respect. Changes must be read at two meetings before a vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March 11th and April 8th general membership meetings were presented for approval. Carlos Lang moved the motion and Karen Polivka seconded.

Treasurer's Report, Carlos Lang

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,635 in both checking and PayPal accounts, five new members since the last meeting, and one new sponsorship.

Upcoming Social Event

Announcement of a social event scheduled for June 10th, with details to be finalized and communicated.

Signed: Suzi Burstein 5-13-2025