



Council of Fort Lauderdale
Civic Associations, Inc.
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Minutes of September 9, 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

- **Neighbor Leadership Academy (Class 14)**
Class 14 starts October 15, extended to six weeks (from five) to cover a new proposed department. Target of ~20 students, aiming for five from each district. Application via QR code and online; flyers available; grads present endorsed program. Encouraged promotion via social, association websites, newsletters; materials available by email.
- **City Business Survey outreach**
Office of Management and Budget promoted the annual business survey run Survey is posted on council website and sent via Constant Contact.
- **Bus Rapid Transit (Primo Plan) – Oakland Park Corridor**
BRT for Oakland Park Corridor from Seaside to Sawgrass: 15.4 miles with 10 new state-of-the-art stations. Current survey (10 questions) seeks input on station look/feel, amenities, and safety. Will share QR on CFLCA website and team will attend HOAs on request. Urged all civic associations to include the BRT survey in newsletters
- **Cyber Smart initiative presentation kickoff**
City of Fort Lauderdale, Director of Information Technology Services- Ron McKenzie and the ITS Department introduced Cyber Smart Initiative
Goal: extend Cyber Smart beyond internal city operations to neighborhoods to help residents stay cyber safe. Cyber Smart will soon be presented to residents with in person meetings within the city.

Council Business

- **Bylaw Update Vote** - Bylaw changes prior to summer recess reviewed proposed bylaw language changes previously discussed before summer recess, noting a required written notice sent 60 days prior. The preamble addition emphasizes open, uninhibited, robust civic dialogue while encouraging professionalism, courtesy, and respect in council meetings, communications, and activities. A second change clarifies officer/director eligibility and affiliation requirements to widen participation.
- **Eligibility and affiliation requirements for officers/directors** outlined that to be eligible to run for office, a candidate must be a current resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale and affiliated with a member civic association in good standing. Affiliation may include, but is not limited to, serving as a designated representative, alternate board member, or being approved by the president of the civic association as an active participant. If during their term an associated board member's association falls out of good standing or the individual is no longer affiliated, the individual may be subject to removal in accordance with Section 7. Paid association status was also referenced as a qualification.
- **Quorum and roll call for bylaw vote** motion and second made the motion to accept updates as written and a second was provided. Quorum confirmed; proceeded with roll call vote on bylaw changes. Bylaw changes unanimously passed.
- **Charter Revision Board (CRB) Update and Timeline-** Jim Concannon gave an update on a presentation by the CRB chair and vice chair occurred on September 3. Two key questions were posed to the City Commission: depth of further charter review and whether to include P3s in the charter. Commission requested a pause due to time to digest prior recommendations. CRB hiatus until after the October 9 city conference meeting; discussion emphasis also on election cycle and HR administration/guidelines.
- **Public Art Process Concerns (Middle River Terrace)** Troy Ligget described a \$150,000 CRA-funded sculpture replacement at Middle River Terrace. Prior neighborhood-built panels removed due to rust from uncoated steel. Concerns: lack of neighborhood notification/input; August meeting notice issues; national call issued without local call initially; had to pay \$117 for FOIA to see 62 submissions; board stated submissions not public. Request: invite Cultural Affairs Officer Josh to explain how neighborhoods can influence artist selection and process transparency.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Carlos Lang reported \$5,416 across PNC and PayPal.

Signed Suzi Burstein 8-12-2025