

Past Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association

Membership Meeting

February 23, 2017, Briny Pub

“A Neighborhood Conversation” About Everything Going On!

1. **Call to order. Welcoming remarks (Stan Eichelbaum, President, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association) Board of Directors report**

-Stan Eichelbaum, President

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 1. -Volunteer recruitment/responses coming in for legal, event planning, geologist, planner, architectural design support
 2. -Pedestrian Safety and Vehicular Congestion Taskforce Update: Little city progress, meeting with city department coming

-Robert Garofalo, Associate Vice President, Administration: Need for membership/volunteers

-Melinda Bowker, Treasurer (Absent): deferred

-Tapan Chakrabarty, Communications and Marketing: Appeal for membership, volunteer support

-Mercedes Loy, Secretary (Absent): deferred

-Ron Centamore, Liaison to Public Sector: No consequential crime issues

1.
 2. **Bylaw revision vote: deferred for board quorum**
 3. **Board of Directors Election: Stan Eichelbaum, Melinda Bowker, Tapan Chakrabarty, Mercedes Loy and James Perry voted board members by acclamation**
2. **Downtown Fort Lauderdale: Are We Getting Bigger?...or Bigger and Better?**
 2. **Update: Stan Eichelbaum: Update on neighborhood matters**
 3. **Water Supply and Life Safety Response Report: Paul Chettle, Fort Lauderdale Tomorrow**
 4. **Update/Information Sourcing Meeting with the City of Fort Lauderdale Planning Department: John Bordeaux**
3. **Neighborhood Conversation: Questions and Input: Several issues covered with intent of “Get the Facts” meetings to continue.**
4. **Closing remarks**

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 1/19/2017, WaterGarden Condominium

Welcome remarks, update of DFLCA activities-Stan Eichelbaum, President

- Las Olas Sunday Market
- Priorities/Social Events
- Nominations for DFLCA Board will be taken at next meeting
- Bylaws revisions approval- will be emailed to members

Board Reports:

- Operating Report-Robert Garofalo, Associate Vice President
- Financial Report-Melinda Bower, Treasurer
- Marketing/Communications Report-Tapan Chakrabarty, Communication Director
- Minutes-Mercedes Loy, Secretary

Old Business

Taskforce on traffic congestion and pedestrian safety-Robert Garofalo, north side and Melinda Bowker, south side

New Business-Presentations of new development projects in downtown neighborhoods

Presenter-Nectaria Chakas, Locherie and Chakas P.A.

488 Residence at Riverwalk, Jim Ellis owns site south side of river, south of New River Yacht Building, 363 units, 37 story luxury rental building, units average size 900 sq. ft., applied for permits

West of 488 Residence at Riverwalk an apartment building has already been approved, 380 units

There is no density or zoning limitations in that area

Related Group Developer-New River Yacht Club Stage III, 190 units, mid-rise 8 stories luxury rental building, studio, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms

Presenter-Tom Vogel, 4 West Las Olas project approved, 25 stories luxury rental, 260 units, 5% studios, 5% 3 bedrooms, 45% 1 bedroom and 45% 2 bedrooms, size 700-1400 sq. ft., Briny's Restaurant and parking garage will stay, 450 parking spaces

First phase approved at Riverfront-600 units

Presenter-John Auerbach, Stiles, Residences of Las Olas project approved, close to WaterGarden and River House, 42 stories, 11 units per floor, 419 rental units. 7 levels of parking

Las Olas Walk-ZOM Developer, mid-rise 8 story rental project, same block as Amaray building, 458 units, parking ratio 1.25

Whole Food Project and 250 mid-rise rentals has not been approved by city yet

Meeting Adjourned

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015, 7:00 PM, 350 Las Olas Place Condominium

Welcome and introductory remarks by Stan Eichelbaum, President.

Association Reports:

Activities and Programs, Stan Eichelbaum, President.

Election of Board of Directors, Bob Garofalo, Vice President. Members in attendance voted for board of directors, entire board of directors was reelected as follows: Stan Eichelbaum, President; Bob Garofalo, Vice President; Melinda Bowker, Treasurer; Tapan Chakrabarty, Communications Director; and Mercedes Pinera Loy, Secretary. Ron Centamore remains in the position of Government and Public Safety Liaison.

Ron Centamore talked about Traffic Report, Riverwalk and enforcement issues downtown.

Treasurer's Report, Melinda Bowker.

Marketing and Communication, working on a newsletter and constant contact.

Presentation by Diana Alarcon, City of Ft Lauderdale, regarding the relocation of the Wave Maintenance Facility and Progress Report.

Champions of Downtown Awards will be held, March 30, 2015, Huizenga Plaza, 5:30 PM. Mayor Seiler will speak. Honorees: Marc Leach, Las Olas Chemist and Butch Samp, The Floridian Restaurant.

Upcoming events: Cinema Paradiso reception and movie, date TBA; Art Serve event; Broward College will offer tech courses to condo residents; Happy Hour with magician; and Book Club.

Appreciation to 350 Las Olas Place Condominium for hosting meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM

Mercedes Pinera Loy, Secretary

Agenda

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting

Monday, March 31, Broward College

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association March Meeting: Status/President's Report (Stan Eichelbaum)
2. Broward College welcome (J. David Armstrong, President, Broward College)
3. Civic Association Purpose
4. Recent Meetings/Events
 - A. Tuesday, November 19: Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Annual Cultural Season Kick-Off Preview, Cinema Paradiso
 - B. Monday, November 25: Membership Renewal New Menu Reception at Grill 401
 - C. December 11: Annual Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Holiday Reception, Las Olas Fine Arts
 - D. January 16: "How Public Safety and Law Enforcement Have Changed Over the Decades" with Fort Lauderdale Chief of Police Frank Adderley and former FBI Official Wiley Thompson. 350 Las Olas Place.
 - E. February 20: "Task Force on Traffic Congestion and Pedestrian Safety presentation and input". Watergarden
5. Updates/Status
 - A. Las Olas Sunday Market (Discussion of need for members to spread the word about the market.)
 - B. New edition of CityView
 - C. Membership renewal (Discussion on need for renewals and new memberships.)
 - D. Other Neighborhood Issues
 - Traffic Congestion/Pedestrian Safety: N New River Drive East
 - Valet Parking at Lobster Bar
4. Coming Soon
 - A. Fort Lauderdale's Future: The City Visioning and County Six Pillars Studies
 - B. Get Educated on Fort Lauderdale Higher Education
 - C. Second Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Literary Guild Meeting
 - D. Special Washington Report: Representative Lois Frankel
 - E. Riverwalks.

5. Champions of Downtown Awards/Reception, Monday, April 7, Huizenga Pavilion
6. Minutes (Mercedes Loy, Interim Secretary) Approved.
7. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo, Vice President) Discussed the progress on the revision of the bylaws.
8. Treasurers Report (Melinda Bowker, Treasurer) Approved.
9. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty, Communications Chair). Reinforced the need for renewals of membership.
10. Community and Public Safety Report: Taskforce on Vehicular Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Update/Member Input (Ron Centamore, Community Affairs, Public Safety Liaison) Reported on the recent public safety issues in the neighborhood.
11. Mayor Jack Seiler: What Is The Future Of Downtown Fort Lauderdale?
12. Additional new business?
13. Adjournment

Initial Recommendations of the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association

Task Force on Traffic Congestion and Pedestrian Safety

- To see more attention given to reducing speed limits through:
- Periodic placement of speed reader boards and enforcement on Las Olas of speed limits to reinforce the posted speed limit.

Reducing width of Las Olas travel lanes east of Andrews Avenue, through striping and raised median pedestrian islands in the mid block segments, and curb extensions at intersections in order to slow travel speeds and reduce the length of pedestrian crossing distances.

Providing slight raising of crosswalks – less than a speed bump.

- Consideration given to improved pedestrian safety and circulation through:

Providing more green time for pedestrian crossings on the south leg of the Las Olas/SE 3rd Avenue intersection.

Providing a crosswalk and a green indication in the signal phase for crossings on the south leg at the Las Olas/Andrews Avenue intersection.

Provide a raised median island with landscaping and pathways for pedestrians crossing north to south along all of Las Olas between Andrews Avenue and 6th Avenue.

- Consideration of additional streetscape enhancements such as:
- Provide trees which create a better canopy over Las Olas.
- Improve/maintenance of lighting on Las Olas at SE 3rd and Andrews avenues.
- To see management/enforcement of valet parking at the Lobster Bar where vehicles are sometimes lined up/queued across Las Olas.

- To see enforcement of noise codes related to noise produced by motorcycles.
- To reduce vehicle speeds on N. New River Drive east between the 3rd Avenue Bridge and Las Olas. Some suggestions are to extend the raised median in front of the River House and place lighting or reflectors in the median.

To review and develop solutions for the recurring traffic congestions on SE 3rd Avenue between Las Olas and SE 2nd Street (both northbound and southbound) during the PM peak period.

Agenda/Minutes

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2014, Watergarden Condos

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association January Meeting: Status/President's Report (Stan Eichelbaum)

2. Election: Results were Stan Eichelbaum was elected President, Robert Garofalo, Vice President; Melinda Bowker, Treasurer and Lu Deaner, Tapan Chakrabarty and Mercedes Loy were elected Board members unanimously.

3. Recent Meetings/Events
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3. Updates/Status
 - A. Las Olas Sunday Market. Discussion of pending growth and need for regional promotion to continue the success

 - B. New edition of CityView

 - C. Membership renewal. Need to push renewals discussed

 - D. Other Neighborhood Issues
 - Traffic Congestion/Pedestrian Safety: N New River Drive East

-Valet Parking at Lobster Bar

4. Coming Soon

A. Fort Lauderdale's Future: The City Visioning and County Six Pillars Studies

B. Get Educated on Fort Lauderdale Higher Education (Delayed)

C. Second Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Literary Guild Meeting

D. Special Washington Report: Representative Lois Frankel

E. Riverwalks.

5. Champions of Downtown Awards/Reception Update. Announcement of 2014 Recipients: Greg Van Hausch and Patsy Mennuti. Reception tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at Huizenga Pavilion.

6. Minutes (Mercedes Loy). Approved

7. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo): Waived

8. Treasurers Report (Melinda Bowker) Total in accounts \$7,316.30

9. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty). Need to get membership renewals

10. Community and Public Safety Report: Taskforce on Vehicular Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Update/Member Input (Ron Centamore). Review of and input to Taskforce report

11. Additional new business?

12. Adjournment

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Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting

January 16, 2014 at 350 Las Olas Place

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association January Meeting: Status/President's Report (Stan Eichelbaum)

2. Recent Meetings/Events

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- B. Monday, November 25: Membership Renewal New Menu Reception at Grill 401
 - C. December 11: Annual Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Holiday Reception, Las Olas Fine Arts
3. Updates/Status
- A. Las Olas Sunday Market
 - B. New edition of CityView Mid-February
 - C. Membership renewal
 - D. Other Neighborhood Issues
 - Traffic Congestion/Pedestrian Safety
 - Valet Parking at Lobster Bar
4. Coming Soon
- A. Fort Lauderdale's Future: The City Visioning and County Six Pillars Studies
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5. Civic Association Election/We Need working Board Members/New Bylaws. Nominations: Stan Eichelbaum, President/ Robert Garofalo, Vice President/Melinda Bowker, Treasurer/Tapan Chakrabarty, Communications and Marketing/Mercedes Loy, Board member. Acknowledgement of service of Michael DellaPorta and Carol Roffman stepping down as board members. Discussed need for working board members to help keep the activities and initiatives going. Potential to engage as "Associate Board Volunteers" to test attendance at board meetings and involvements.
6. Minutes (Mercedes Loy). Approved.
7. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo)
8. Community and Public Safety Report (Ron Centamore). Discussed progress on Vehicular Congestion and Pedestrian Safety Task Force and public safety incidents in the neighborhood.
9. Treasurers Report (Melinda Bowker). Current balance \$7,268.02
10. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty). Discussed need for membership renewals.

11. 'How Public Safety and Law Enforcement Have Changed Over the Decades" Frank Adderley and Wiley Thompson
12. Presentation of One Las Olas, new building proposed on NW corner of Las Olas and Andrews (John Milledge)
13. Additional new business?
14. Adjournment

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Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Cultural Season Kick-Off Preview, Cinema Paradiso

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Highlight Happy Hour: Hors D'oeuvres Courtesy

of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

PRESENTATIONS

- Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association (Stan Eichelbaum)
- Cinema Paradiso Review of the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival and "Coming Soon" Movies (Irwin Levinstein)
- Shows Coming This Season To The Broward Center For The Performing Arts (Jennifer Urbano)
- Programs Planned at the Broward County Library (Barbara Miller and Jennifer Smith)
- **FAT Village Celebrations and Events Planned (Doug McCraw)**
- American Ballet Theater Performances Scheduled (Takiyah Butler and Nina Allen)
- Coming Soon Events of the Riverwalk Trust (Brandon Stewart)
- Downtown Development Authority Initiatives Underway (Kate Sheffield)
- Exhibits Planned at the Museum of Discovery and Science (Cameron Moore)
- **Las Olas Association Upcoming Events (Amber Van Buren)**
- Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Happenings Planned (Melinda Bowker)

Agenda

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting

Thursday, October 17, Watergarden Residents Club

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association: Status (Stan Eichelbaum)
2. President's Report (Stan Eichelbaum)
 1. Las Olas Sunday Market/Holiday Market
 2. Coming Meetings/Events

-Tuesday, November 12: Membership Meeting/Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Literary Guild start (Chuck Malkus, author of “Ultimate Ponzi: The Scott Rothstein Story” and Laura Berger, author of “Radical Sabbatical”).

-Thursday, November 14: Block Party: Broward College, FAU, NSU and Lingua Center sponsored by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association and The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

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-December 11: Annual Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Holiday Reception, Las Olas Fine Arts

1. Task Force on Traffic Congestion and Pedestrian Safety
2. Coming in January/February
3. Additional “Coming Soon” Events
4. Membership renewal
5. Florida Senate Gaming Committee Hearings in Broward County, October 23, 4-7 PM, Broward College North Campus, Coconut Creek
6. Approval of Minutes (Mercedes Loy, absent)
7. Treasurers Report (Melinda Bowker)
8. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo)
9. Community and Public Safety Report (Ron Centamore)
10. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty)
11. Gregory Van Hausch, President, CEO, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival: “How the World’s Longest Film Festival Comes Together”
12. New Business/Input

10. Adjournment

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Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Board of Directors

Meeting Tuesday, September 3, Las Olas Grand Residents Club, 6 PM

I. Status

A. Membership over 400

B. Sunday Las Olas Market...gained vendors over the Summer. Unimaginable!

1. **Rachel success in chefs, entertainers, signage, community groups**

2. Vendor meeting August 25. Very supportive response

C. August 22 Forum...Over 50 attendees.

II. Administrative

A. Business/Strategic Plan for Sunday Las Olas Market. Waiting for second meeting after Tapan returns

B. Bylaws Committee/revision (Ron/Melinda).., Melinda drafting first draft

C. Business/Strategic Plan for Civic Association. Will start in October

D. Meeting spaces. Several great offers to accommodate large events

E. Relationship to other proximate Civic Associations

1. Met with Flagler, Beverly Heights, talked with Tarpon River

2. Use our efforts/Market our efforts

3. Center City Civic Associations group

F. District 2 dynamics (Ron)

G. Desperate focus on new board members/volunteers

H. Prominence of our forums

1. Sponsorship

**2. “Makes Sense” discrimination on speakers/subjects
(neighborhood servicing, synergistic topics)**

**I. Treasurers report (Melinda): Dealing with
Market and clubs income**

**J. Board insurance status
(Melinda/Bob)...Melinda following up**

K. Minutes (Mercedes)

L. Sponsor ties (DDA)

M. Next CityView issue...delayed until October

**N. Membership targeting. Mostly toward business
and office workers**

III. Forums and events

**A. Broward College “Block Party”/Get Educated
on Higher Education in Fort Lauderdale.
Administration/faculty/exhibits/performances**

1. Event basis/description

2. Location

3. Event Thursday, November 14. President’s /Board reception ?

4. Sponsor will handle food and beverage

5. College processing business membership

6. Strong pre-publicity potential of tie

B. Las Olas Sunday Market

1. **Back to 9-3 on Sunday, October 19? Art Fai weekend (Will be until 4 that weekend)**
2. **Goal is 60 vendors in October**
3. **Looking at special events**
4. **Market bags to sell**
5. **Broward College JA type class business**
6. **Broward College Culinary/Hospitality programs tie in**
7. **Business start up open house one Sunday**
8. **Runs/Walks starting or finishing at Market” sub-board**
9. **Progress to “Friends of Las Olas Sunday Market**

C. Holiday reception (committed again at Las Olas Fine Arts)

D. Film Festival Event invitation out

1. **Concept: How You Put Together the World’s Longest Film Fest**
2. **Location**

E. Cultural Season Kick-off

1. **Restaurants chefs/managers idea**
2. **Alternative location if necessary**

F. First Forum Suggestion

1. **What’s happening? is the right subject (projects, cranes, traffic study, B-Cycle, Riverwalk expansion....15 big items in community)**
2. **Speaker idea...Will use our board as reporters**

3. Location...Maybe Riverhouse?

G. Las Olas Event (Renewal coupon book/event...one night)

H. Washington Report (Congresswoman Lois Frankel)

I. How the World Has Changed/is Changing (Wylie Thompson-Law enforcement, Maria Wright-Education, Broward College prof-Sports)

J. ...and/or a The World of Public Safety with Wylie, Frank Adderly and Scott Israel, maybe a Bob Luken

K. Magic of the Season: Dale Ledbetter/reception

L. Champions of Downtown Awards :March

M. Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Book Club (spins out of blockbuster session with Chuck Malkus and Laura Berger. Gain leadership for ongoing at event

N. Potential of Major Gerontology Session

O. Visioning and Pillars Session

P. An Art Show...Pie in the Sky

Q. Our first nostalgia concert

R. The Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Economic Club

1. **Sponsor progress...three favorable responses**
2. **Volunteers**
3. **Basis for office worker memberships**

IV. New initiatives

A. Lunch or dinner with Jonathon Schwartz, Randall Vitale, Kelley Vitale (and others we identify) to kick around how or can we get younger participation

B. Star of Downtown Award presentation to Gianni from the Market

C. Need for a newsletter (Market promotion/volunteers/community stuff/next meeting)

D. Attempt to get research done on downtown market area (wealth/income/total real estate valuation/where they spend/media relied on for news, advertising. Community info), education levels, number of residents, neighborhood purchasing power

E. Exercise markers on Riverwalk...Ron sourcing potentials

Riverwalks (Mayor or other dignitary leads, entertainment, whatever weekly)

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meeting

May 15, Las Olas River House

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Status (Stan Eichelbaum)
 - Introduction to the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association
 - Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association recent activities

-Membership growth

-Las Olas Sunday Market

-Report on Recent Forums and Events

-Forums/Activities coming

-Other possibilities

- Involvement potential
 1. Approval of Minutes (Mercedes Loy/Absent)
 2. Treasurers Report (Melinda Bowker)
 3. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo)
 4. Community and Public Safety Report (Ron Centamore)
 5. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty)
 6. Mayor Jack Seiler: "Where Downtown is Headed?"
 7. New Business/Input
 8. Adjournment

Special appreciation to Las Olas River House for hosting the meeting.

Downtown Fort Lauderdale Association Meeting

Thursday, April 18, Watergarden Residents Hall

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Status (Stan Eichelbaum)
 - Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association recent activities

-Membership growth

-Recent events

ü What You Get For Your Fort Lauderdale Tax Dollars?

ü Fort Lauderdale, How Things Get Done?... Who leads?

ü Las Olas Sunday Market

ü Champions of Downtown Reception

-Forums/Activities coming

-Other possibilities

- Involvement potential
- 1. Approval of Minutes (Mercedes Loy)
- 2. Treasurers Report (Mercedes Loy for Melinda Bowker)
- 3. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo)
- 4. Community and Public Safety Report (Ron Centamore)
- 5. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty)
- 6. County Commissioner Tim Ryan Discussing Vehicular Traffic, Pedestrian Safety and Other County Issues
- 7. Chris Wren, Executive Director/Downtown Development Authority, Updating Attendees on The Wave.
- 8. New Business/Input

10. Adjournment

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Downtown Fort Lauderdale Association Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 350 Las Olas Place Residents Hall

1. Welcome, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Status (Stan Eichelbaum)
2. Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association recent activities

- Membeship growth
- Recent activities
- Priorities for new year
- Forums coming
- Other possibilities
- **Special news**
- Your involvement potential

1. Approval of Minutes (Mercedes Loy)
4. Administration Report (Bob Garofalo)
5. Treasurers Report (Melinda Bowker)
6. Community and Public Safety Report (Ron Centamore)
7. Communication and Marketing Report (Tapan Chakrabarty)

1. Pinnacle at Tarpon Bend presentation

9. "Feature" Program: "Fort Lauderdale: Who Leads? How Do Things Get Done?" Former Mayor Rob Dressler and Former Commissioner Jack Latona

10. New Business/Input

11. Adjournment

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