Date: Monday, February 24, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Historic Stranahan House

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

The annual membership meeting to elect the board of directors was held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Historic Stranahan House, 335 SE 6th Ave. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm and was presided over by President Stan Eichelbaum. Following the election, the meeting was presided over by newly elected president, Melinda Bowker.

**II. Attendees**

The Board noted that a quorum of over 36 members were present. The quorum (25% of the total voting membership as of the previous month (January 24, 2020) was needed to approve the new bylaws.

2019 board members present: Stan Eichelbaum, Jim McGrath, Melinda Bowker, Debbie Scott-Queenin, Carol Kalliche, Tapan Chakrabarty, Debbie Picker, Steve Newmark

2019 board members not present: Mercedes Loy, Greg Madonna, Bobbi Ocean

**III. Civic Association/Downtown Issues Update**

Guests from the Broward County Main Library (Tom and Eileen) briefly spoke about current and upcoming events at the library.

Stan Eichelbaum provided a brief update of issues and thanked everyone for their active participation. Stan also thanked the current (2019) board and emphasized the primary focus of the association this past year has been on public safety issues and the perceived need for a City-wide development “pause”. Stan mentioned that membership of the DFLCA is growing, with increased numbers from the area south of the New River.

**IV. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the board meeting held on January 28, 2020 were presented by Debbie Scott-Queenin for review.

* Moved by Melinda Bowker and seconded by Tapan Chakrabarty to approve the meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

**V. Approval of Financial Report**

A summary of the financial report was presented by Melinda Bowker. The current balance in the Wells Fargo account is $14,725.40. The current balance in the Pay Pal account is $86.17. Grand total is $14,811.57. The report was accepted by the board.

**VI. Committee Reports**

1. Issues and Strategies – Stan Eichelbaum

1. Successful WAVE reimbursements by City.

2. Scooters banned on Riverwalk and a stretch of Las Olas Boulevard starting April 3. There may be an interim ban during spring break in March.

3. Siting of a new EMS facility is still being studied by the City. Stan shared that the city had entered into a contract to purchase land across from Savor Cinema for the purpose of building a new EMS station but that the current owner of the land was now trying to back out of the contract due to a better offer. Stan Eichelbaum asked everyone to continue writing and speaking to commissioners about the need for an additional EMS north of the New River

4. The Las Olas Mobility Study is underway by The Corradino Group, a contractor to the City. A neighborhood input meeting was held on February 20, 2020 at the Historic Stranahan House.

5. HB 7103 potential impacts to civic associations and homeowners associations are still unknown. However, past protections afforded to individuals and groups via FS 163 are negated.

6. Codification of Downtown Master Plan is still under review by City.

7. Funding for SE 3rd Avenue Bridge improvements is still being reviewed by the City and County.

8. Parks needs continue to grow. Stan shared that the association advocated for improvements to Smoker Park with the Urban Land Institute when they conducted a parks review with the DDA. Planning continues for the proposed Tunnel Top Park.

9. No end in sight for City-wide water and sanitary sewer problems.

10. Wind venturi studies still need to be recognized by the City before development approvals are issued. Stan encouraged everyone to try to stay on top of this with the commission.

11. State-wide vacation rental legislation is currently under review by the Florida legislature. Even though existing condos can be grandfathered to limit lease durations (as long as condo covenants include this), everyone was encouraged to write our State reps asking to maintain home rule status.

1. Communications and Marketing – Tapan Chakrabarty

Tapan encouraged everyone to join the DFLCA or renew their memberships; and gave a brief update of the status of our website updates by Broward College.

1. Membership – the Board will review and report back on the impact of the mass mailing of the postcard in January. Exact increases in membership will be shared at a later date.
2. Events and Social – Debbie Picker and Carol Kalliche

A reception sponsored by the DFLCA is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the National Geographic Fine Art Gallery on E. Las Olas Boulevard. Everyone is welcome to partake in neighborhood friendship. Refreshments (free) will be provided by local merchants.

E. By-Laws – Jim McGrath and Carol Kalliche

Jim presented the need for amended by-laws and explained the process undertaken to amend said by-laws. Carol presented a summary of the changes and answered questions from the members.

**VII. Membership Vote on Amended and Restated By-Laws of the DFLCA**

The draft amended and restated by-laws were approved by the DFLCA Board of Directors on January 28, 2020. A copy of the amended and restated by-laws and the current by-laws were forwarded to the DFLCA membership on January 31, 2020. Printed ballots for the amended and restated by-laws were administered to each member at the sign-in front desk before the commencement of this meeting. The vote to amend and restate the by-laws passed unanimously and the quorum necessary (25% of registered households as of 1/24/2020) was reached. See attached revised bylaws to these minutes.

**VIII. Election of 2020 Board of Directors**

The election of officers and board of directors was conducted by printed ballot. Five officers and four directors made up the slate of candidates on the ballot. Candidates for the board have been members of the DFLCA at least one year prior to holding the board of directors position. The officer positions are president, vice president, treasurer, recording secretary, and communications secretary. Provisions were made for nominations from the floor during the meeting.

The following slate of candidates was presented to the membership:

Melinda Bowker, President

James Bartholomew, Vice President

Mercedes Loy, Recording Secretary

Nicole Marsala, Communications Secretary

Debra Picker, Treasurer

Linda Davis, Director

Carol Kalliche, Director

Michele Rhule, Director

Steve Rifkin Director

Given that no other member expressed interest or consideration to serve on the board, and the slate was unopposed, the slate of candidates was accepted.

* Moved by Jim McGrath and seconded by Tapan Chakrabarty to approve the slate of officers and directors. All (full voting membership) in favor. Motion passed.

**IX. New Officers/Board of Directors Closing Remarks**

Melinda Bowker formally introduced the new board. Each provided brief bios about themselves.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Melinda Bowker at 7:08 pm.

**Minutes prepared by: Debbie Scott-Queenin and Mercedes Loy**

**Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**