

January 2021 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Annual Membership (VIRTUAL) meeting was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm and was presided over by President Melinda Bowker. Melinda Bowker reviewed the agenda.

2. Attendees

16 attendees (dues are up to date) were online at the beginning of the Virtual meeting.

The roll was called by the President and the following 2020 Board members were present: Melinda Bowker, Nicole Marsala, Debra Picker, Linda Davis, Carol Kalliche, Michele Rhule, and Steve Rifkin.

2020 Board Members not present included: James Bartholomew and Mercedes Loy.

A quorum was met since 7 of 9 Board members were present.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Membership meeting held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6 PM, via Zoom, were emailed by Sonia Jones to the 2020 and the proposed 2021 board members for review prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Steve Rifkin and seconded by Nicole Marsala to approve the January 7, 2021 meeting minutes.

All were in favor, with the exception of Carol Kalliche who abstained due to not being present at the Jan 7th, 2021 General membership meeting. The motion passed.

4. Officer/Director/Committee Reports

Melinda Bowker requested any board or committee member who had a report deliver it at this time.

- a. Officer Report – Debra Picker gave the Treasures' Report:
As of January 28, 2021, the following monies are in the Treasury:
Wells Fargo – \$13, 845 and PayPal - \$1,286 for a total of \$15,131
- b. Director Report – None
- c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Issues and Strategies – None
 - ii. Communications and Marketing – None

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- iii. Membership – Debra Picker reported that currently there are 152 members (including single, family, and Corporate memberships). January is the month of most renewals. Renewal emails are sent to the members between the 20th and the 25th of each month.
- iv. Event and Social – None

5. Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Annual Meeting and 2021 Election

Presentation of Nominations of 2021 Officer and Board Members by the Nominations Committee was made by Steve Rifkin as follows:

Position	Last Name	First Name	Condominium
President	Bowker	Melinda	NuRiver Landing
Vice President	Marsala	Nicole	NuRiver Landing
Recording Secretary	Jones	Sonia	NuRiver Landing
Communications Secretary	Lubetkin	Ian	NuRiver Landing
Treasurer	Picker	Debra	WaterGarden
Director 1	Davis	Linda	350 Las Olas Place
Director 2	Loy	Mercedes	350 Las Olas Place
Director 3	Kalliche	Carol	Las Olas Grand
Director 4	Rhule	Michele	NuRiver Landing
Director 5	Rubbo	Lianne	Las Olas by the River

The nominations of 2021 Officer and Board Members had been presented at the January 7, 2021 General Membership meeting, as required (by-laws 2.24.20), a minimum of twenty days prior to the election date. Ballots are not required (by-laws 2.24.20) and voting can be conducted by acclamation.

Prior to voting by acclamation, Melinda Bowker opened the floor for any objections, comments, or questions. There were none. Catherine Graham made a motion to accept the proposed 2021 Officers and Board Members and Frank Marsala seconded the motion.

Two of the new candidates, Sonia Jones and Lianne Rubbo introduced themselves and were welcomed by the membership. Melinda Bowker indicated meetings are planned for once a month, possibly on the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 PM. Confirmation of the date and time to follow.

6. Las Olas Mobility Working Group Project

Melinda Bowker held a discussion and informal polling focusing on the bike lanes and the proposed changes from Andrews going east to 3rd Ave. Debra Picker represented DFLCA at the last Las Olas Mobility Working Group meeting and discussed the need for more involvement

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from the community and membership. Various issues discussed for the area from Andrews going east to 3rd Ave included:

- Requirement for no street parking.
- Bike lanes on either side of the road, limiting the automobile traffic to two lanes.
- Requirement for no curb management as currently proposed.
- Retention of the current median with trees and plants. The median and plants are considered part of the charm and history of Las Olas.
- Expansion of the sidewalks where possible, especially where outdoor seating would benefit restaurants.
- Improved signage for ease of location of parking garages and spaces available throughout the Las Olas area.

Letter writing was discussed to make the commissioners, mayor, other organizations including commercial properties, shops and restaurant owners aware of DFLCA memberships' point of view.

7. Brief Recap: Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic: 2020

Melinda Bowker briefly reviewed some of the activities conducted by DFLCA in 2020, including:

- Recommendations on changes to the master plan - minimum residential unit sizes and required parking per unit. Recommendations were accepted.
- Opposition to a new ordinance for 100% affordable housing projects which was removed from the city commission agenda. DFLCA approves of affordable housing which benefits the affordable housing residents and the entire community.
- Participation in the Las Olas Mobility Working Group.

8. Organizing and Moving Forward: DFLCA 2021

Melinda Bowker briefly discussed some projects which could be part of the DFLCA activities for 2021 such as, new building construction, water & sewer infrastructure updates, neighborhood safety, park bonds, and homelessness engagement.

9. Adjournment

Melinda Bowker asked if there was any other business and there was none. A motion was made by Melinda Bowker to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Michele Rhule. All were in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Melinda Bowker at 7:35 pm.

Minutes prepared by: **Sonia Jones 2021 Recording Secretary**

Minutes approved by: **Board on February Board Meeting held on February 01, 2021.**

Recording Secretary Approval: Sonia Jones

Date: February 01, 2021