

## May 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

The DTFLCA Board (Virtual) meeting was held on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm and was presided over by President Melinda Bowker. Melinda Bowker provided the agenda.

### 2. Roll Call

The following 2021 Board Members were present: Melinda Bowker, Nicole Marsala, Ian Lubetkin, Lianne Rubbo, Debra Picker, and Michele Rhule. Missing were Sonia Jones, Linda Davis, and Mercedes Loy. Since 6 out of the 9 members were present a quorum was reached.

### 3. Admin

- **Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was emailed by Sonia Jones to the 2021 board members for review prior to today's meeting. A motion was made by Debra Picker and seconded by Lianne Rubbo to approve the minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

- **Updates from any Board Members/Committees-work/concerns/updates from past month**

**President's update**

After the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Melinda Bowker touched base with a few people regarding concerns relative to SALT 7. She also has received emails expressing similar concerns. These issues were primarily related to traffic concerns including illegal U-turns, blocked roads, the valet traffic flow, road/pedestrian safety, and the enforcement of traffic laws and right of way on Las Olas Way (5<sup>th</sup> Street).

An auxiliary conversation focused on how to lessen the traffic in that area, it was shared that the water trolley has resumed service. Circuit and Freebee would also reduce the vehicles, but they do not drive south of the river. Finally, there was a comment that resuming scooters would eliminate some of the congestion and even the potential for "Get Around.com." to reduce the number of vehicles in our neighborhood.

**Action:** Debra Picker and Nicole Marsala volunteered to do data collection including counting vehicles in designated time sequences as well as photos of traffic issues.

**Action:** Melinda Bowker is going to email Ben Rogers about enforcement of current traffic laws, whether the SALT 7 valet permit will be renewed, and inquiring how many times that valet company has been warned about causing traffic congestion. She

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expressed concern that there was selective enforcement of traffic laws in that area. There was a concern also expressed that emergency vehicles are not able to transport patients due to the traffic congestion.

- **Current Membership Stats – Tabled**

### New Business

#### **4. Vote on Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Alternate**

Melinda Bowker shared that James Bartholomew has resigned from being the Alternate Representative for the Fort Lauderdale Council, which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall. Nicole Marsala has volunteered to serve in that alternate position. Lianne Rubbo made the motion that affirmed Nicole's willingness to serve, and Michele Rhule seconded that motion.

#### **5. Potential Joint Social with Rio Vista Civic and Tarpon River Civic--Sunday Sips, Sounds, & Splats on Sunday, May 30 at South Side Cultural Arts Center/Hardy Park**

Melinda Bowker shared that the City is bringing back "Sounds, Sips, and Splats" at the Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Office at Southside School on Andrews and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the initial outdoor event will involve residents from Rio Vista, Tarpon, and NuRiver Landing. There will be music, crafts, socializing, and wine.

### Old Business

#### **6. DRC Submission by Developer: Aviva on the River-7-8 story luxury apartments, 95 units, restaurant, and retail on ground floor**

Melinda Bowker spoke at the Fort Lauderdale Development Review Committee of Aviva. Aviva will resubmit their plans to this committee regarding tree preservation, staging, parking, and valet situation. Aviva shared their new drawings with Melinda Bowker and the Review Committee that have exterior changes including subtle lighting. Lianne asked that we pursue clarification on where the loading dock will be, the valet situation, the parking plan, and where staging will be.

**Action:** Melinda Bowker will email these questions to Jason and Courtney, Aviva representatives.

### Informational Only Items included in the agenda - not discussed during the meeting

#### **7. Update re: Outreach to our Neighborhood from Flagler Village President Leann Barber regarding One Stop Shop City Land and Park**

--4.9.21 FVCA Letter to City Manager Chris Lagerbloom: [4.9.21 Letter to Chris Lagerbloom from Flager Village re Park](#)

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**8. IDA Covid Urban District Community Survey (basically survey of sentiment and comfort level)**

Will share with the neighborhood. DDA is sharing with Downtown Stakeholders. July 2020 results are here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H40b2vmcN8c8TClqHZc-cZAKQkvSTNzQ/view?usp=sharing>

**New Summer 2021 Survey**

<https://survey.rcresearch.com/s3/FortLauderdaleSentimentSurvey>

**9. Las Olas Mobility Group Update:**

Melinda Bowker-call from Robert Lochrie, attorney for Stiles. They will not be in support of Las Olas to be reduced to one lane of traffic between Andrews and SE 3rd Ave. A revised proposal will probably be on the City Commission agenda in June.

**10. Any other business**

Melinda Bowker asked if there was any other business and there was none.

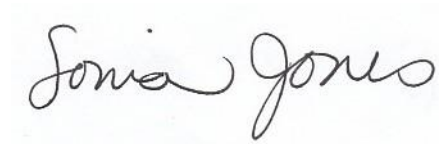
**11. Adjourn**

At 5:34 pm Nicole Marsala moved, and Michele Rhule seconded that motion that the meeting be closed. There was unanimous agreement by the Board.

**Minutes prepared by: Michele Rhule May 3, 2021, Recording Secretary Substitute**

**Minutes approved by: Board at the Board Meeting held on June 7, 2021.**

**Recording Secretary Approval:**



**Date: June 14, 2021**