



# October 18, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes

## 1. Call to Order

The January Membership Meeting was called to order on October 18, 2023, at 6:45 pm and was presided over by Melinda Bowker – President, Melinda reviewed the agenda.

## 2. Roll Call

Six attendees were present at Stranahan House. The roll was called by Melinda Bowker. The following 2023 Board Members were present: Melinda Bowker, Lianne Rubbo, Debbie Picker, Steven Yaro, Guillermo Torres, and Lorena Melgarejo. Absent Board members Ian Lubetkin and Ernie Cordova, quorum was met with 6 of 8 Board members present.

## 3. Admin

Review of Board Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2023, and October 4, 2023, were deferred to the next Board Meeting.

## 4. City of Fort Lauderdale District 4 Commissioner Warren Strauman

- Provided updates on Public Safety, Traffic and Infrastructure for the city.

## 5. Updates from Public Works-City of Fort Lauderdale

- Alan Dodd, Col (R), PE – Director, Public Works provided updates on several projects.
- Downtown Emergency Water Main Replacement – this project expands from First Avenue to North New River Drive, and it has been fast tracked to be completed in one month.
- Downtown Sea Wall improvement timeline and status – A meeting is scheduled on November 7, 2023, and 42 million dollars in grant money has been retained to help pay for the project.
- Downtown Pump Station improvements and Sewer Pump Station A-16 Relocation are scheduled to be fully completed by December 2024.
- Infrastructure Capacity
- Stormwater System – Riverwalk seawall will be replaced using the new 5' height requirements.
- New Water Treatment Plant – Will break ground November 2024 and is scheduled for completion in September 2026 at a cost of 485 million Dollars.

## 6. Updates from Transportation and Mobility – City of Fort Lauderdale

- **Milos Majstorovic, MSCE, PE – Deputy Director, Transportation and Mobility** provided status on the completion of Tunnel Top. Tunnel Top should be completed in the next couple of months, they are in the process of going through the punch list with the contractor. The Tunnel is scheduled for completion between April and July of 2024.
- Mobility Projects - the city is working with adaptive signal technology to improve traffic flow, Micro-Transit (Circuit), and considering one-way pairs for 3<sup>rd</sup> and Andrews Ave.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bridge Pedestrian experience.
- Las Olas Mobility Project – Two sets of renderings have been commissioned to review bike lanes, median and on street parking on Las Olas. Melinda Bowker reiterated that DFLCA has been involved since the inception of this project and that bike lanes and no on street parking were going to be considered for Las Olas.



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### 7. Fort Lauderdale Police Department: Neighborhood Report-Out/Brief Q&A

- Police District 3 Officers Antje Jackson and Kerri Hagerty – provided an update of our community for the last 6 months. We have had no violent crimes, most of the criminal activity is related to smash and grab from vehicles. Most of that activity can be avoided by not leaving visible items in your car (i.e., purse, bags, phone ...). Kia and Hyundai cars are being targeted for theft; a new hack allows the car to be taken using a USB.
- Fort Lauderdale Police Department Online Reporting System – this system can be used for the following crimes: Criminal Mischief/Vandalism (less than \$1,000), Misdemeanor Retail Theft (less than \$750) and Lost Property (excluding firearms, lost/stolen government/military IDs and badges) <https://www.flpd.org/community/online-incident-reporting>.

### 8. Call for 2024 Board Members and Volunteers (Including Green Your Routine)

- Volunteers request for this Saturday for Food Forest at Snyder Park 8am-10am

### Adjourned

### 9. Sign up/renew membership for \$15/\$25 per year (individual/couple): [www.dflca.org](http://www.dflca.org)

- Contact us at [president@dfca.org](mailto:president@dfca.org) or [dtnflcivicassoc@gmail.com](mailto:dtnflcivicassoc@gmail.com)
- The meeting was adjourned by Melinda Bowker at 8:24 pm

Minutes prepared by: **Lorena Melgarejo** 2023 Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by: **Board at Meeting held on December 6, 2023**

Recording Secretary Approval:

*Lorena Melgarejo*

Date: 12/20/23