

# January 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

## 1. Call to Order

The January Board Meeting was called to order on January 3, 2024, at 5:36 pm and was presided over by Melinda Bowker - President. Melinda reviewed the agenda.

## 2. Roll Call

Four attendees were present via zoom meeting. The roll was called by Melinda Bowker. The following 2023 Board Members were present: Melinda Bowker, Steven Yaro, Lianne Rubbo and Ernie Cordova. Absent Board members Lorena Melgarejo, Ian Lubetkin, and Guillermo Torres, a quorum was met with 4 of 7 Board members present.

## 3. Admin

- Review of Board Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2023 and December 6, 2023, were deferred until the next Board Meeting.
- Wells Fargo (Business Checking) balance: \$8,310.06; PayPal: \$2,084.18; **Total= \$10,394.24**

## New Business

### 4. Tunnel and New River Crossing Discussion Continues: Special Guests from Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO"): Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Carol Henderson, Deputy Executive Director Intergovernmental & Outreach, Vilma Hurtado, Executive Assistant and Amanda Christon, Transit Manager. Esthel Brennan, President of Riverside Park, and Vanessa Apotheker, President of Tarpon River Civic Association ("TRCA").

- The Civic association Presidents from Downtown Fort Lauderdale, TRCA and Riverside Park expressed their united support for the tunnel. They would like the MPO and County to investigate additional options for a tunnel before they move forward with Federal Application
- Greg Stuart went over the Cost Basis Analysis the government will review to determine the allocation of funds. This analysis takes the total cost of the project and divides it by the projected ridership.
- Federal Grant Applications Period open February 2024

### 5. Tunnel: Outreach to County Commissioners Update

### 6. Nominating Committee: updates on slate for 2024 Board

- Annual Membership Meeting at Stranahan House on Monday 29,2024 at 6:30 pm

## Old Business

### 7. \*2023 Vote on Locally Preferred Alternative for the New River Crossing for the Broward Commuter Rail (Bridge v Tunnel)

- [12.4.23 DFLCA Letter to County and City Commission Requesting Further Tunnel Options](#)



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- [12.22.23 Update to Neighborhood re 12.19.22 BDO Draft Tunnel Report and Resolution Vote](#)
8. Huizenga Park- Sweetwater's Valet Operations
- [1.24.23 DFLCA Letter to Commission Re Huizenga Park Re-Imagining](#)
9. The meeting was adjourned by Melinda Bowker at 7:24 pm.

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

Minutes approved by: **Board at Meeting held on February 7, 2024**

Recording Secretary Approval:

*Lorena Melgarejo*

Date: