

Minutes of GMCA Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. by President Pio Ieraci at Bokamper's Bar & Grill.

Board Members Present: Ieraci, Berkowitz, Hamaker, Hashek, McBride, Nesbitt, Surdovel, Abruzzino, Adams, A., Adams, R., Barrickman, Bazerghi, Bibace, Cave, Claire, Guillen, Hamilton, Johnson, Kerrick, Kessler, Kochanowski, Larson, Madgett, Mullan, Papineau, Sarelakos.

Guests Present: Dean Trantalis, Fort Lauderdale City Mayor; Zachary Durand, Community Outreach Director; Melissa Coningsby, Assistant to Commissioner Heather Moraitis; Fort Lauderdale Police Department Officer Ryan.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting were approved.

Old & New Business

Fort Lauderdale City Mayor Dean Trantalis was introduced. After welcoming everyone, he shared the following information:

- Lockhart complex Soccer Stadium - cost: \$130 million; will feature an 18,000-seat stadium, a training academy, administrative offices, practice fields, a dog park, a public park with playgrounds, multi-purpose fields, walking/jogging trails along with facilities for dining, medical care and rehabilitation.
- Parker Playhouse is expanding.
- The Aquatic Center will have new pools, new grandstand and the nation's tallest permanent diving tower.
- Infrastructure: 7 1/2 miles of 45-inch pipe will be repaired and made redundant.
- Drinking water – Fiveash water treatment plant will be rebuilt over five years.
- Spoke about Identifying flood areas, how to pay for water/sewer maintenance.
- Discussed need to find money for necessary projects, such as \$6.5 million to replace burst main, among others.
- New construction - impact fees will be used to fund improvements.
- Hardened desalinization plant planned by the County in Port Everglades must withstand a CAT 5 storm.

Pio Ieraci spoke about the relation between flooding and new construction. Newly built infrastructure at Auberge corrected historical flooding problems.

Sprinkler Retrofit/ELSS

Pio gave an update on Engineered Life Safety System mandate – legislation, the struggle to obtain a Declaratory Statement from the State Fire Marshal, etc.

Fort Lauderdale Police Officer Ryan

- Spoke of the event that occurred on New Year's Eve at Playa del Mar by a security guard. The facts are being explored by detectives and the State Attorney's Office.
- There were 3 robberies and 2 cases of shoplifting during the month of December 2019.

Fred Nesbitt:

- Speeding on the Galt may necessitate the use of radar.
- Discussed if being on the beach at night is legal.
- Ring doorbells: Not allowed in some buildings, allowed in others. Pio stated that legislation is forthcoming regarding this as the installation alters the common areas. Police patrol improvements will be reviewed at 2/3/2020 Galt Mile Presidents Council meeting in L'Ambiance.
- Electric vehicles: Cannot prevent owner from installing electric outlet for car, but owner would be required to pay for the outlet.

Galt Mile Street Landscape/Lighting

- Pio Ieraci shared information from the City.
- Melissa Coningsby: There was a meeting regarding the project this morning; funding needed improvements is an issue.
- Fred Nesbitt: The lighting is not bright enough.

Galt Mile Reading Center - Terry Claire

- Shared information regarding the upcoming renovation of the reading center/library which has suffered many unexpected delays.
- Awards have been received from the Broward County Library System for the excellent programs offered at the Galt Library.

Storm Water Rates - Fred Nesbitt

Pio thanked Fred for all the work he has done in researching, explaining and following up on this very important problem.

Galt Mile Website - Newsletter - Eric Berkowitz

Website glitches are still being worked out. Newsletter will soon resume publication.

Treasurer's Report - Fred Nesbitt

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$11,780.17.

Other Business:

- Melissa Coningsby: The sink hole in Regency Tower's driveway has been temporarily filled.
- Comcast: A meeting was proposed to investigate negotiating a neighborhood-wide agreement with Comcast.

Adjournment

The next regular Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Bokamper's Bar & Grill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Fern McBride, Secretary