

Minutes of GMCA Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, October 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 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, B., Bendis, Barrickman, Cave, Collins, Deevy, Ellison, Friedman, Gheri, Johnson, Larson, D., Larson, K., Kennick, Kessler, Korn, Marcus, Pohan, Sarelakos, Shields, Tripoli, Vega.

Guests Present:

Lamar Fisher, Broward County Commissioner; Melissa Coningsby, Commission Assistant to City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Heather Moraitis; Fort Lauderdale Police Department Officer Tom Gestal; Bob Wolfe, Broward County Property Appraiser's Office.

Approval of Minutes

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

Old & New Business

Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher introduced and addressed following issues:

- Reading Center renovations expected to be completed by January 2020.
- Bus stop damage repairs in progress.
- Will be supportive of opposition to mercenary ELSS mandate
- Bonnet House is being rehabilitated.

Melissa Coningsby, Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Moraitis' Office:

- Power being worked on at 35th Street and Galt Ocean Drive traffic signal
- Shared two flyers: "Light Up The Galt" and "CIRCUIT" information

Engineered Life Safety System (ELSS)

Shared petition for FACTSS. Explained the objectives & obstacles. Lamented limited participation in FACTSS. The need to increase association membership in FACTS is critical to its success. Discussed how to best accomplish this.

Fort Lauderdale Police Officer Tom Gestal:

- September has been good; two vehicles were broken into.
- Shared brochure on phone scam.
- With Holiday season approaching, traffic congestion will increase.

Street Lighting & Landscaping

Jon Jors has been inspecting planters, tree failures, trimming progress and palm tree maintenance.

Chepo shared pictures of landscape issues.

Galt Reading Center - Terry Claire

Terry shared a message from Lamar Fisher's office regarding bids due back by October 1st for the renovation of the Galt Mile Reading Center.

Galt Mile Web Site - Newsletter - Eric Berkowitz

Links are not functioning on the new website as yet, but should be completed in another month.

Unable to post articles during the past month.

Other Business

- Bob Wolfe, Broward County Property Appraiser's Office: Shared information regarding outreach meetings on the second Monday of each month at the Beach Community Center
- Suggestions for A1A site are exercise park and dog park; important that it does not attract the homeless.
- Beach Discussion: Pio explained that the Galt Mile Beach has been a private beach for many decades. Explained beach renourishment plan, repair of "hot spot" damage from windstorm events and the dune system.
- Fred Nesbitt explained water and sewer rate parity. Also, reported on Heather Moraitis' Neighborhood Association Meeting and Town Hall Meeting exploring inconsistent water and sewer rates.

Treasurer's Report - Fred Nesbitt

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$14,321.77.

All 31 associations have paid their yearly dues.

Adjournment

The next regular Advisory Board Meeting will be held at Bokamper's Bar & Grill on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Fern McBride, Secretary