

## **Minutes of GMCA Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 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, Bibace, Cave, Cella, Deevy, Guillen, Harris, Larson, Kennick, Kessler, Kochanowski, Korn, Linzalone, Madgett, Mullan, Papineau, Pohan, Sarelakos.

### **Guests Present:**

Melissa Coningsby, Assistant to City of Fort Lauderdale District I Commissioner Heather Moraitis; Mabel Hurtado, Assistant to District 4 Broward Commissioner Lamar Fisher, local UPS Store owner David Zinn and his V.P of Operations Jeremy Domeneche, Gunster Law Firm shareholder Heidi Davis Knapik; Randy Holihan of Brandon Partners and Pasadena Capital.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting were approved.

### **Old & New Business**

#### **Engineered Life Safety System (ELSS)**

Pio reported on ELSS litigations brought against Fire Marshals by Florida condominiums and how election year politics could adversely impact the upcoming legislative session.

#### **New Publix Store - A1A & NE 30th St.**

Heidi Davis Knapik, Gunster Law Firm, and Randy Holihan, Brandon Partners, gave a presentation on the new Publix store located at A1A and NE 30th Street on 1.4 acres. It will feature 117 parking spaces. Store opening is projected by the second or third quarter of 2021. The project requires approvals from DRC, the Planning & Zoning Board, the City Commission and must navigate the Permit Process.

#### **Street Lighting/Landscaping**

Landscaping was recently inspected by John Jors, who learned that some of the trees were accidentally damaged or killed by an overspray of a selective herbicide that was improperly applied.

Discussed putting lights on some of the trees; questions were raised about if this is the City's responsibility and potential liability. Melissa Coningsby was asked to research this.

#### **Galt Mile Web Site - Newsletter** - Eric Berkowitz

Eric explained that The UPS Store located at 2805 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, is now printing our newsletter free of charge.

Store owner David Zinn and Jeremy Domenech, VP of Operations, were introduced and gave a presentation of the UPS Store's extensive services, which include digital printing & copying, passport photos, pick up services, notary services, mailbox services, office supplies, freight services, packing services, moving supplies & packaging materials, and UPS, USPS & DHL shipping. Galt Mile residents will receive a 5% services discount at the local UPS Store.

It was suggested that member associations share this new information with their building residents.

Articles weren't posted during the past month.

### **Other Business**

- Light Up The Galt: Thanked Heather Moraitis and Melissa Coningsby for their efforts to promote this event's success.
- Crosswalks: City is being asked to provide a plan to resolve crosswalk issue.
- Fred Nesbitt explained that most associations should realize a drop in their water & sewer bills although storm water rates will skyrocket to fund citywide infrastructure improvements. He disparaged the disparate methods planned for calculating storm water rates for condos and private homes, which will create a new billing inequity. This needs to be addressed to insure fairness across the board. Visitors should also participate in funding storm water costs. Melissa Coningsby was asked to bring these concerns to Heather Moraitis.

### **Treasurer's Report** - Fred Nesbitt

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,084.82.

### **Adjournment**

The next regular Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019. Pio read a letter from Andy Mitchell, inviting us to hold our December 19, 2019 meeting at the DUNE Restaurant in the Auberge Resort at 2200 North Ocean Boulevard (formerly Ireland's Inn).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Fern McBride, Secretary