

Minutes of GMCA Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:17 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., Bazerghi, Bendis, Bibace, Borickman, Cave, Claire, Collins, Coua, Deevy, Friedman, Gherzi, Harris, Johnson, Kennick, Kessler, Korn, Madenfort, Marcus, Matsas, Papineau, Sarelakos, Selafani, Shields, Tegov.

Guests Present:

City of Fort Lauderdale District 1 Commissioner Heather Moraitis; Joey Cruz & Melissa Coningsby, Commissioner Moraitis' Office; Samantha Verner & Aaron Richard, State Representative Chip LaMarca's Office; Fort Lauderdale Police Department Officers Gestal and Ryan; Daniel Kariamis, DVK Designs; Gina Barroso & Phyllis Ahearn, Broward Health Imperial Point; Jason Bailey, Camille Santiago & Bob McClure, Circuit.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 13, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting were approved.

Old & New Business

Samantha Verner and Aaron Richmond, from State Representative Chip LaMarca's Office, were introduced. They distributed a Legislative Update brochure from Representative LaMarca.

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Heather Moraitis was introduced and addressed the following issues:

- Will discuss lighting on the Mile, redoing sidewalks, landscaping, etc. at the October 2 City Commission Conference Meeting.
 - City approved new more equitable water & sewer rates effective October 1. Pio thanked Heather and Fred Nesbitt for their efforts to accomplish this. (Fred Nesbitt passed out information he compiled regarding the new water and sewer rates.)
 - Light Up The Galt will be on November 21, from 6 pm to 10 pm.
 - Spoke about CIRCUIT, area under the bridge at Oakland Park Blvd., community shuttle service, crosswalk signals, sunken pavers in crosswalk at 35th Street and Galt Ocean Drive.
 - Scooters have been banned on the barrier island; issue still to be addressed.,
 - Lockhart Stadium site project is moving along.
 - Damage to pedestrian crosswalk is being repaired.
- (Pio thanked Heather Moraitis and Melissa Coningsby)

Gina Barosso & Phyllis Ahearn, Broward Health Imperial Point, were introduced and shared information regarding:

- Cath Lab at Imperial Point.
- Cardiovascular disease.
- Level I Cardiovascular center.
- Stroke center
- Smoking, physical activity, healthy diet.

CIRCUIT

CIRCUIT Representatives Jason Bagley, Camille Santiago & Bob McClure, were introduced and shared information:

- CIRCUIT is a free shuttle service (formerly called Free Ride).
- The planned route is from Oakland Park Blvd. to Commercial Blvd., Monday thru Saturday, from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.
- Information will be sent to each building for posting.

New Galt Mile Website - Eric Berkowitz & Daniel Kariamis

Shared information about the new Galt Mile web site - galtmile.com

Engineered Life Safety System (ELSS) Retrofit Legislation

Pio shared information regarding the status of the ELSS legislation and other planned measures. He explained the importance of recruiting associations to join FACTSS.

Fort Lauderdale Police Officers Gestal & Ryan:

Reported that homeless situation has slightly improved. Discussed areas near intersections of Oakland Park Boulevard & Federal Highway and Commercial Boulevard & Federal Highway

Beach Raker

Service is now seven days a week. The cost is based upon ocean frontage. Send Pio a message if you notice any Galt Beach area that is not serviced daily.

Street Lighting/Landscaping

Galt Mile Block Maintenance liaison Jon Jors will be doing another inspection soon. Damage repairs at the bus stop repairs have been completed.

Galt Reading Center - Terry Claire

Terry reported that she has not received responses to her inquiries regarding the Reading Center renovations. Pio will draft a letter to all stakeholders.

Galt Mile Web Site - Newsletter - Eric Berkowitz

August 2019 Website Statistics: Unavailable

Articles posted during the Summer include:

July 7, 2019 – Moraitis: Ramp Signals in Broward – District 1 City Commissioner Heather Moraitis' June 2019 Newsletter speaks to the implementation of ramp signaling to reduce congestion along northbound and southbound Interstate 95 (I-95) in Broward County. Seemingly counter-intuitive, traffic signals placed on entrance ramps actually expedite the traffic flow. Moraitis also introduces new intern Clara Harms, invites constituents to a July 8 pre-agenda meeting, followed by a water rate study update and the results of a water meter audit, provides an opportunity to rack up irrigation rebates. recommends 10 options for hurricane preparations, and details how to prompt an FPL response to street light outages.

July 15, 2019 – ELSS: Beating Back the Wolf – The latest chapter of a seventeen-year scam to extort \$billions from high-rise association homeowners was closed on

June 28, 2019, when Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 7103. Florida associations facing a December 31, 2019 ELSS retrofit deadline can take a deep breath. Despite the massive resources committed in 2019 by the Fire Sprinkler Associations seeking to realize their planned jackpot, association advocate Ellyn Bogdanoff, Miami Beach Representative Michael Grieco, Miami Senator Jason Pizzo and St. Petersburg Senator Jeff Brandes managed to chase the wolf from the door. They extended the December 31, 2019 ELSS installation deadline to January 1, 2024 while providing association homeowners with 4 additional legislative opportunities to approve an ELSS opt-out bill.

August 7, 2019 – Fisher: Conventions; BCT; Census – In his July 2019 Newsletter, District 4 Broward Commissioner Lamar Fisher announces the construction kickoff of an economic engine renovation consigned to a back burner for three decades. After 28 years of snake-bit plans marked by taxpayer abuse, political pandering and negotiation backfires, a Master Development Agreement for the Greater Fort Lauderdale – Broward County Convention Center Expansion and Headquarters Hotel Project was finally executed by a Texas developer and Broward County. Fisher also applauds the use of voter-approved transportation surtax funds for service improvements by Broward County Transit (BCT), and observes how a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision will boost the County's Census 2020 count, thereby enhancing the County's eligibility for Federal subsidies to programs that benefit seniors, at-risk kids, and struggling families.

August 15, 2019 – Moraitis: City Signs Lockhart Pact – In her July 2019 Newsletter, District 1 City Commissioner Heather Moraitis announces the Commission's new agreement with Miami Beckham United to resurrect Lockhart Stadium as a high-end District 1 destination site. To prepare the Lockhart complex for David Beckham's Major League Soccer franchise (Inter Miami CF), Miami Beckham United will build an 18,000-seat modern stadium, a training academy, administrative offices, practice fields, a dog park, a public park with playgrounds, jogging trails and dining facilities. Moraitis also invites local residents to attend an August 19 pre-agenda meeting; notes a barrier island ban on electric scooters until August 18, suggests 10 options for soliciting hurricane updates; explains how to notify FPL about street light outages; and offers constituents information about local schools.

August 25, 2019 – LaMarca: August 2019 Legislative Update – In his August 2019 Legislative update, District 93 Statehouse Representative Chip LaMarca reviews 9 bills with local high-profile impacts, including 3 that specifically resonate with his Galt Mile constituents. These include a long-delayed Coastal Management bill, bogus Vacation Rental legislation and a bill that staves off the huge cost of an ELSS retrofit. On the "B" list are bills that deter collegiate hazing and Anti-Semitism. Others support water quality, Firefighter Cancer Benefits, FAU funding and broad-based tax relief. Not surprisingly, LaMarca actively lobbied for some of these issues when he annually carried Broward's legislative wish list to Tallahassee during each legislative session.

September 2, 2019 – Fisher: ePermits, Budget, Pet Adoption – In his August 2019 Newsletter, District 4 Broward Commissioner Lamar Fisher announces an expedited City and County permitting program he recently launched in Pompano Beach. Entitled "ePermitsOneStop", this new permitting vehicle seeks to replace the standard dilatory permitting nightmare with an online application process and seamless Design Review. Referencing the 2020 Broward County Budget, Fisher assures a level County millage while reviewing the spending plan's impact on Homelessness, Affordable Housing and Community Safety. Finally, Fisher updates improvements and new programs in the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division (ACAD), including the recent 2019 "Clear the Shelters" event.

September 12, 2019 – Moraitis: Water Rates, Dorian, Budget – In her August 2019 Newsletter, District 1 City Commissioner Heather Moraitis describes an ongoing City investigation into homeowner claims of price gouging by Fort Lauderdale's Water Utility, and outlines efforts to research and correct skewed billing protocols. The changes planned for implementation include technological upgrades, new digital metering equipment, a rate schedule that finally creates billing parity for Single-family and multi-family residential customers, and a Broward County cost-cutting water conservation opportunity. Moraitis also reviews Tropical Storm Dorian's impact, announces upcoming budget hearings, unveils a new District 1 Facebook page, updates scooter issues, provides FDOT Traffic information, Back-to-School Street Safety Tips, explains how to notify FPL about street light outages, and offers insight into local schools.

Other Business

- Discussed corner site on A1A that City is planning to buy; wants input as to proposed use. Suggestions made: dog park, playground park, splash pad.
- Fred Nesbitt explained why Advisory Board luncheon meetings have been relocated from Nick's to Bokamper's. A letter will be sent to Nick's thanking them for the many years of excellent service.

Treasurer's Report - Fred Nesbitt

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$14,751.98

Twenty-eight (28) buildings have paid; two (2) are forthcoming. The Tides have not paid for some time; therefore, one last effort will be made and they will be removed if they do not pay membership dues.

Adjournment

The next regular Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Fern McBride, Secretary