

## **Minutes of GMCA Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, December 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 11:19 a.m. by President Pio Ieraci at the DUNE Restaurant in Auberge On the Beach.

**Board Members Present:** Ieraci, Berkowitz, Hamaker, Hashek, McBride, Nesbitt, Surdovel, Bibace, Cella, Collins, Deevy, Goldstein, Johnson, Kochanowski, Korn, Kraus, Larson, Linzalone, Madgett, Marcer, Papineau, Sarelakos.

**Guests Present:** Andy & Kathy Mitchell, our Gracious Hosts; Lamar Fisher, Broward County Commissioner; Samantha Verner & Corey Staniscia, representing Rep. Chip LaMarca; Aaron Richmond, Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis' Office; Melissa Coningsby, Assistant to City Commissioner Heather Moraitis; Fort Lauderdale Police Department Officers Gestal and Levin.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting were approved.

### **Old & New Business**

Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher introduced and spoke of the following:

- Bus stop issues have been addressed
- Galt Mile Library permits have been received
- Prior to his arrival, Fisher attended the ground breaking ceremony for Sheriff's Office State of the Art Training Center
- Wished everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season

### **Sprinkler Retrofit/ELSS**

- Pio called Florida CFO and State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis' office to request a response to FACTSS petition for a Declaratory Statement, clearing the way for over 4,300 Florida associations to opt out of ELSS.
- Spoke about the rigorous fire safety protocols that already protect Florida condominiums (i.e. fire alarm systems, annual inspections, etc.).
- Jim Madgett said that during the fire safety inspection he was told to approve plans for an ELSS. He questioned whether doing so would serve as a commitment requiring subsequent installation. It was explained that no action is currently required, as last year's statutory amendment shifted the retrofit deadline to January 1 2024.

### **Galt Mile Street Landscape/Lighting**

- Commissioner Moraitis' Assistant, Melissa Coningsby, was thanked for having the pot holes repaired. Asked to check on long malfunctioning traffic light. Also asked to research the posting of signage warning that scooters are banned on the barrier island.
- Jon Jors continues to monitor improvements to sidewalks, uprights and landscaping.
- Request Commissioner Moraitis' office to check into landscaping at triangular property between the Galt and A1A.
- The bus stop repairs across from Playa del Mar have been completed.

### **Storm Water Rates** - Fred Nesbitt

- Fred shared a disturbing update about storm water rate proposals that would unfairly burden association homeowners, citing another unjustifiable disparity with single family homeowners. Stressed the importance of conveying information about these inequitable infrastructure plans to our respective boards and owners.
- Fred prepared and distributed a detailed report entitled "**Fort Lauderdale Stormwater Rate Proposals - How will Fort Lauderdale revise its stormwater rates and how will the new rates affect condominiums?**"

### **Galt Mile Website - Newsletter** - Eric Berkowitz

Eric reported that work is still underway on the new website. An edition of the revived Galt Mile News is planned for next month.

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

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$11,685.47. Fred reported that this is the third year the Tides has not paid.

Our hosts, Kathy and Andy Mitchell were introduced. They graciously welcomed us, introducing the Chef, the General Manager of Auberge, and the Head of Security. Commenting on the current lunch, the Mitchell's noted that Ireland's Inn was famous for its fried chicken, a secret family recipe of Jack Ireland (Kathy's father). The fried chicken is not on the Auberge menu (yet), so we were honored to be served this special meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Fern McBride, Secretary