

Central Beach Alliance Membership Meeting
George English Park – Fort Lauderdale, FL
March 18, 2010 – 7pm

Board Members Present: Fred Carlson, Joan Crohn, Chuck Hansen, and Dennis Herrity
John Weaver, Lester Zalewski (Shirley Smith, absent)

The meeting was called to order by Fred Carlson at 7:15.

A quorum was established as there were 136 votes present and the total voting membership is 208. This exceeded 40% for a quorum.

Captain Nelson of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department was introduced.

Peter Beck of Casa Blanca and H2O restaurants was thanked for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

Lester Zalewski made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2010 Membership Meeting and it was seconded by John Weaver. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Joe Holland raised a question in regard to his and Miranda Lopez's status as members of the CBA. He was told that the rules do not allow this as they currently live in the Dolphin Isles community.

A plaque was given to Steven Glassman in recognition of his seven years of service to the CBA as President.

Heidi Davis, attorney, gave a presentation on behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Hilton Beach Resort. The issue was in regard to a requirement for 130 additional parking spaces because the Hilton is combining two separate spaces into one for a new restaurant. Because the square footage is under a different category, the city requires the additional spaces. In reality, the change is the removal of one wall. In addition, the Hilton is also going to redo the front of the hotel to a more open and pleasing appearance with outdoor dining. A discussion followed. John Weaver made a motion to approve the changes with the addition of a sign for public valet parking. The motion was seconded by Chris Beck. The vote was 106 in favor and 1 opposed.

Art Seitz made a comment from the floor that he had checked the membership lists and El Ad was listed as a building instead of a business. John Weaver stated it was a clerical error and would be corrected and it was noted that El Al did not cast a vote.

Lester Zalewski, as Membership Chairperson, asked building representatives to try to get condo owners to join. Lester also said, in his opinion, the CBA needs an accountant and lawyer if anyone knows of someone who would volunteer. Art Seitz handed in a letter for a position on the board with a referral from Former Mayor Naugle.

Courtney Crush and Bradley Deckelbaum gave an update on the 545 Bayshore Project. They have made a number of modifications based on community feedback. There was some lively discussion and questions and answers. Dr. Geri Manning, the President of the Sunrise Intercoastal HOA across from this development, spoke at length. The greatest concern appears to be the size of the buildings and neighborhood compatibility. Karen Turner made a motion not to approve the development as presented and that the developer return with a plan that would meet the original city codes without special approval. It was seconded by Jim Stoycheff. The vote was 78 in favor and 26 opposed to the motion.

The developer was asked to return with these new plans.

Diana Alarcon, Director of Parking and Fleet Services did a presentation of new signage proposals for the beach area. She wrote down comments and will pass these on.

Barbara Stern, from the audience, introduced herself as a candidate for the House of Representatives.

Jack Newton made a presentation to the CBA asking for input on the Sasaki Plan. He asked that any comments or ideas be sent to him at: Champagnedude@gmail.com.

Fred Carlson said that Peter Beck of the Casablanca and H2O was upset about the proposed changes to move a parking lot near his restaurants and how this will affect his business. Fred suggested the city purchase a piece of property near the Bonnet House. Sadler James thought that Diana Alarcon should return to the CBA in the future to discuss this further.

Lester Zalewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by John Weaver.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Crohn
Recording Secretary