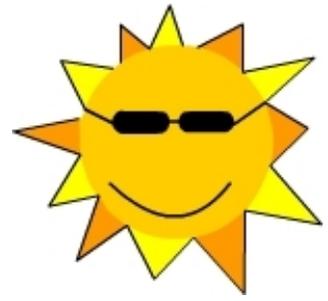




CENTRAL BEACH ALLIANCE
NEWSLETTER
October/November 2009



Our Mission: The Central Beach Alliance is an association of committed and concerned residents and property owners working together to responsibly develop the beach and actively participate with local governments to achieve this goal.

Board of Directors: President, Steven Glassman; Vice President, Fred Carlson; Treasurer, Dennis Herrity; Recording Secretary, Sheralyn Murray; Corresponding Secretary, John Weaver; Directors: Mike Mueller, Shirley Smith, Joan Crohn

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

- **Thursday, November 19, 2009 at the “W” FORT LAUDERDALE HOTEL– 7:00 pm – 401 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. (Valet ticket will be validated for complimentary parking.) Please arrive early for our 6:30 pm holiday mixer with your neighbors!**

AGENDA

- 1) **GUEST: United States Congressman Ron Klein**
- 2) **PRESENTATION: Air Lauderdale Beach Fest (formerly Air and Sea Show)**
- 3) **PRESENTATION: Update on Bahia Mar by Peter Henn**
- 4) **PRESENTATION: 545 Bayshore (formerly Aquatania)**

2010 membership forms are enclosed for buildings and individual members. Please know that CBA membership runs on a calendar year and all memberships expire at the end of the year. Renewals are due in January for the new year’s membership. New Member Special: Join now for the remainder of 2009 and you’re good through all of 2010!

At its April 23 meeting, the Board voted to email the newsletters and only mail hard copies to those members who do not have an email address. If you have not been receiving newsletters and informational emails, then please let us know.

Important Contacts:

- Central Beach Alliance: cbaemailblast@gmail.com; phone 954-567-4481
- Mayor Jack Seiler: jack.seiler@fortlauderdale.gov (954-828-5007)
- City Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom: crodstrom@fortlauderdale.gov (954-828-5004) (cell- 954-648-0520)
- County Commissioner Ken Keechl: kkeechl@broward.org (954-357-8004)
- State Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff: Ellyn.bogdanoff@myfloridahouse.gov (954-762-3757)
- Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov
- Broward County information: www.broward.org (954-831-4000)

Frequently Called Phone Numbers (Dial 954-)

1. 24-Hour Customer Service Line	828-8000
2. Beach Conditions	828-4597
3. Citizen Advisory Boards (City Clerk)	828-5002
4. Citizen Services	828-5944
5. City Manager's Office	828-5013
6. Code Violations/Inspections	828-5207
7. Marine Facilities	828-5423
8. Police Non-Emergency	828-5700
9. Trash/Waste Pick-up	828-8000
10. Zoning	828-5191
11. County Homestead Exemption	357-6897
12. Fire/Rescue	828-6400
13. Planning/Zoning Permits and Inspections	828-5191
14. Trash/Recycling	828-8000
15. Street Lights	797-5000
16. Animal Control	359-1313

Please mark your calendars for the remainder of the 2009 Membership Meetings at 7:00 pm: November 19 – “W” Fort Lauderdale; January 21, 2010 Annual Meeting at the International Swimming Hall of Fame. The Board meets at 6:30 pm at the Everglades Club Condominium on October 22 and December 17.

Please make sure that we have your e-mail address to keep you informed between newsletters. E-mail your info to: cbaemailblast@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to serve on the membership committee; the work will entail contacting renewals and reaching out to new members. In addition, volunteers are being sought to work with the Council of Civic Associations for the City's Centennial celebration. Lastly, the CBA has established a committee to review the Sasaki Beach Master Plan. Please email your interest to cbaemailblast@gmail.com. Thank you.

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD
Central Beach Alliance Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2009 – 6:30 PM, The Venetian – Ft. Lauderdale

Meeting called to order by President, Steven Glassman, at 6:35pm.

Board members present: Steven Glassman, Shirley Smith, Fred Carlson, Joan Crohn, Sheralyn Murray, Jim Feucht, and John Weaver. Absent: Michael Mueller, Dennis Herrity.

This special meeting had been first requested by the Vice-President, Fred Carlson, and he was the first Board member to address Director Jim Feucht's conduct and behavior as a Board member. The Board was reminded that on July 9, Mr. Carlson had asked for Mr. Feucht's resignation but there was not a consensus for that action. Instead, the Board came to an understanding at that meeting of how each member should conduct him/herself (see minutes of July 9, 2009), but Mr. Carlson said that, unfortunately, Mr. Feucht did not live up to that agreement. Each Board member spoke about what they saw as Mr. Feucht's direct attack on the organization and his lack of respect for the entire Board. Furthermore, the discussion concerned what are generally believed to be (written or understood) the duties of a member of a Board of Directors: duty of obedience, duty of care, and duty of loyalty. Personal feelings must be set aside after a vote and Board members must work in the best interests of the organization. False statements and unfounded accusations in public that reflect negatively upon the organization are not appropriate behavior. While a Board member may disagree with the majority decision of either the Board or membership, it is not proper to publicly attack and undermine the credibility and reputation of a Board (on which you sit and purport to represent), its Directors, and general membership. Mr. Carlson asked Mr. Feucht to resign from the Board; he refused and continued his accusations and insults.

Motion by Fred Carlson and seconded by Shirley Smith to remove Jim Feucht from the Board of Directors of the Central Beach Alliance. Carried 7-1 (proxy submitted by Mike Mueller and one dissent by Jim Feucht).

Motion to adjourn made by Shirley Smith and seconded by Joan Crohn; carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheralyn L. Murray
Recording Secretary

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD
Central Beach Alliance Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2009 - The Venetian – Fort Lauderdale

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by the President, Steve Glassman.

Present: Steven Glassman, Shirley Smith, Joan Crohn, Fred Carlson, Sheralyn Murray, John Weaver. Absent: Michael Mueller, Dennis Herrity.

Motion to approve the Board minutes of July 9, 2009 made by Joan Crohn and seconded by Fred Carlson; carried unanimously.

Steve welcomed new Board member John Weaver and thanked him for volunteering.

Presentation by Courtney Crush and Bradley Deckelbaum on behalf of Bayshore 545 (former Aquatania residential project). Proposed are two ten-story towers on the Intracoastal Waterway, with thirty five units per building, and all parking underground. On the south side will be public access to the water and a sandwich shop. Board discussion about CBA Goals (# 6&8) as they relate to these buildings and the fact that this site plan had not differed significantly from the former Aquatania project which was not supported by the CBA and not approved by the City Commission. This site plan will be presented at the membership meeting on September 24. The developer is planning to go to P&Z in October.

Discussion of dues for 2010; consensus was to not increase the dues. **Motion** by Shirley Smith and seconded by John Weaver to mail individual invoices for renewals as well as including the 2010 applications in the newsletters. Carried unanimously.

Discussion of 2010 Board election/timeline procedure: number of Board members as well as process to remain the same with nominations due by the November 19 membership meeting.

Shirley Smith and Joan Crohn volunteered to work with Jack Newton in forming a committee that will conduct a review of the Sasaki Central Beach Master Plan.

Motion made by Shirley Smith and seconded by Fred Carlson to appoint John Weaver as Corresponding Secretary. Carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by John Weaver and seconded by Shirley Smith; carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheralyn L. Murray
Recording Secretary

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD
Central Beach Alliance Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2009 – 7:00 pm
George English Park – Fort Lauderdale, FL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Steven Glassman.

Board members present: Shirley Smith, Fred Carlson, John Weaver, Joan Crohn, Michael Mueller, Dennis Herrity, Sheralyn Murray and Steven Glassman.

Neighborhood Updates on Bahia Mar at P&Z and Ritz-Carlton Mini-Park; Emailing of Newsletters and the savings to CBA; volunteer call for Membership Drive Committee, City Centennial Committee, Sasaki Beach Master Plan Review Committee. Apologies extended to membership for any confusion and annoyance caused by a past Board member's unauthorized use of member email addresses.

Introduction of guests and thank you to Debbie Bylika and City's Parks and Recreation Department for hosting the meeting.

Officer Rendo reported on crime stats (low) and was thanked, along with the entire Fort Lauderdale Police Department, for the excellent work on the beach.

State Representative (District 91) Ellyn Bogdanoff discussed the recent legislative session and issues that affected condo associations (insurance, foreclosures, sprinkler retrofit, etc.). 2010 session will be very difficult because of the monetary shortfall. Q&A followed.

Presentation by Courtney Crush and Bradley Deckelbaum on behalf of Bayshore 545, formerly the Aquatania, a residential project of two ten-story towers housing seventy-two units with 2.2 parking spaces per unit located under the buildings. Discussion centered around the lack of DRC Staff Review as of this date, CBA Goals in conflict with the project, and no significant difference between this site plan and the former plan that was rejected in the past by both the CBA and the City Commission. **Motion** made by Shirley Smith and seconded by Joe Holland to defer a vote until the November 19 Membership meeting. Motion carried 140-0 (twelve buildings and 20 individuals).

Presentation by Guy Lopez, President of Golden Square Association, and Board member Dev Motwani concerning their goals and vision for Breakers Avenue and the surrounding area to include the opening of the South entrance to Bonnet House. Discussion followed. More info at www.goldensquareftl.com

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Smith and seconded by Mike Mueller; carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheralyn L. Murray
Recording Secretary

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Bahia Mar – At its September 16 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board approved the zoning change and site plan for the Bahia Mar by a vote of 4-2 (three Board members were absent).

The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations appointed the CBA's representative, Shirley Smith, to its Executive Committee. Congratulations, Shirley!

International Swimming Hall of Fame/Aquatics Complex – City is moving forward with RFP for developer proposals on the site; Swimming Hall of Fame was promised that it would be part of the process and plans.

The Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) meets the third Monday of each month at 2:30 pm in City Hall (televised on Channel 78). At its October 19 meeting, the Board will implement a revitalization plan and prepare a community redevelopment plan for the Central Beach Redevelopment Area subject to approval by the City Commission and recommend actions to be taken by the Commission to implement the community redevelopment plan. All meetings are open to the public.

50th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is scheduled from October 29 thru November 1, 2009.

13.1 Marathon (A1A) takes place on Sunday, November 15.

The Winterfest Boat Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2009

Beach Master Plan, Sasaki and Associates - the final draft is on the City's website- Instructions to access Master Plan:

Access the City website at www.fortlauderdale.gov ; Click City Hall, then under Departments click Planning and Zoning; on the right side of the page under Planning Initiatives click Central Beach Master Plan. At the bottom of the page you will see the link to the most recent version of the Central Beach Master Plan (March 27th).

Air Lauderdale Beach Fest- the Air and Sea Show is coming back with a new name and plans for the return on **April 24 and 25, 2010** (Fleet Week is April 23-May3). For more info, the website is www.airlauderdale.com

Beach Music Festival – Tentatively scheduled for May 15-16, 2010

City residents can **park free** at North Beach, South Beach and the North Birch/Intracoastal E-lot with the \$5 purchase of a swipe card. Cards are on sale at Parking & Fleet Services, 290 NE 3rd Avenue or go online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking

The Beach Community Center offers a variety of convenient, affordable fitness classes and other activities. Fitness offerings include power lunch crunch, yoga, chair yoga and more. Other activities offered at the Beach Community Center include art classes and computer classes. For more information including class schedules and prices, please call 954-828-4610 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

The City Budget Hearings for the 2009/2010 fiscal year are now concluded and the proposed budget has been approved. To view it, you can log on to the City's web page at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/>.

At the September 24 membership meeting, representatives of the Golden Square Association (Breakers Avenue) presented their vision. Their new website is at www.goldensquareftl.com

The City encourages residents to sign up for **CodeRED**, a high-speed telephone notification system that delivers emergency information to registered phone numbers. In the event of a hurricane, utility outage, water main break, terrorist incident or other crisis, the city will activate CodeRED to send emergency notifications. Sign up for CodeRED on the city's website, www.fortlauderdale.gov, or by calling the 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.

Is your condominium association a part of the City's **preparedness plan**? It's not too late. For more information, please go to: http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/fire-rescue/dpemb/condo_preparedness.htm

The City's **Public Information Radio Station** is located at 1610 AM on the radio dial. To receive the City's Civic Packet by email, call 954-828-4743 or email svezina@fortlauderdale.gov

On Wednesday evening, September 23, CBA members received an email that appeared to originate from the CBA. However, please be warned that this email was sent by Jim Feucht, former Board member, with further citywide distribution sent by another former Board member, Art Seitz. When Mr. Feucht left the Board, he did not, as requested, turn over CBA materials and database information; he proceeded to use the CBA database and created a new gmail account by adding an "s" at the end of the CBA email address (the official CBA email address is cbaemailblast@gmail.com; the fake address is cbaemailblasts@gmail.com).

This was explained at the September 24 membership meeting and the unanimous Board strongly objects to the actions taken by Mr. Feucht. Not only has he taken proprietary CBA information (when you join the CBA, you are providing us with your email address so that you might receive association information) and used it for his own purposes, but he has, in the opinion of the Board, violated State Statutes and FTC Regulations that apply to electronic transmissions. Mr. Feucht is guilty of "spamming" – he has used the CBA name and data without authorization. In addition, he has disseminated falsified information as it pertains to the president of the Board and the entire Board and organization; he has misrepresented and falsified the point of origin of the email he sent; and his email contains false or deceptive information in the body of the message. It has been requested of Mr. Feucht and others to cease and desist so that it will not be necessary for the CBA Board to pursue further action. We apologize to you, the members, for any inconvenience, confusion, or annoyance. This Board is committed to carrying on its volunteer work on behalf of all of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us, or you might want to contact Jim Feucht at jimfeucht@jamescarraia.com; jim212@earthlink.net; 954-467-6175; 954-609-2801. Thank you for your support.

**CENTRAL BEACH ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION – 2010**

QUALIFICATIONS: Any person may serve as an officer or director of this corporation, as long as: (1) The applicant resides within the boundaries, (2) The applicant is a Class B member or member of the board of directors of a member association, (3) The Class B member has been present at four meetings within the prior 12 months, or the member association in which such person is a director has been represented as such minimum number of meetings during such period.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

In a few words, please explain why you would like to serve as a Director of the CBA Board.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

****THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
NOVEMBER 19, 2009****

**Applications will be accepted at the November 19, 2009 membership meeting or
mail to: John Weaver, 101 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., #1704, Fort Lauderdale,
FL 33316**

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! MOST OF YOU READING THIS NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010: OR PERHAPS YOU WERE ONCE A MEMBER AND ARE CONSIDERING REJOINING; OR MAYBE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN A MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN!

Dear Neighbor:

We really do live in paradise where the sun shines almost everyday, the palm trees sway in the breeze, the ocean laps at the shore, and the gentle (sometimes strong) winds blow.

We are the Central Beach Alliance – the city recognized civic “association of committed and concerned residents and property owners working together to responsibly develop the beach and actively participate with local governments to achieve this goal.” We represent the barrier island from Harbor Drive to Oakland Park Boulevard.

All members have a say and vote to help determine what the majority of the members would like in our neighborhoods. All members also receive emails to keep them abreast of important information that can impact their residences and lives, as well as information regarding city meetings and agendas.

If you care about the area where you live and would like to help become a part of the solution, please join us. We welcome you.

You cannot complain about nor criticize what happens if you do not take an active role. Apathy can become part of the problem – BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Please join today! There is strength in numbers!

Fill out the attached 2010 Membership Application, send it in with your dues, and make an effort to attend all of our meetings.

Thank You! We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time at the next meeting; it's a perfect time to relax with your neighbors at our annual holiday mixer! We'll be at the “W” hotel at 6:30 pm (complimentary valet parking) on November 19 for some refreshments followed by our regular meeting.

We appreciate your support.
The Central Beach Alliance Board of Directors

CENTRAL BEACH ALLIANCE OF FORT LAUDERDALE, INC.

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Condo/Apartment Association (\$60 annually)

_____ Individual Member (\$15 annually)

_____ Business Member (non-voting) (\$25 annually)

NAME (Please print clearly): _____

_____ New Member _____ Renewal Condo Name: _____

_____ Single Family Home

ADDRESS: _____

APARTMENT #: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: ____ (____) _____

OFFICE PHONE: ____ (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

VOTING REPRESENTATIVE NAME: _____
(for condo associations only)

ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE: _____
(for condo associations only)

Are you willing to serve as the building's contact person via e-mail? ____ Yes ____ No
(for individual members only)

PAYMENT AMOUNT: _____ CHECK NUMBER: _____

Please make checks payable to "Central Beach Alliance"

Mailing Instructions:

Please reverse tri-fold this document with CBA address on outside, add postage and mail.

Dennis Herrity, CBA Treasurer
200 S. Birch Road - #509, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

DON'T FORGET THE CBA HOLIDAY MIXER
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 6:30
PM TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEMBERSHIP
MEETING.

WHERE: W FORT LAUDERDALE
401 N. FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH BLVD.
- VALET TICKET WILL BE VALIDATED FOR
COMPLIMENTARY PARKING.

SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR
NEIGHBORS; ENJOY THE FOOD; AND, IF
YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY BEEN THERE,
TAKE A TOUR OF THE HOTEL!

SEE YOU THERE!

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316**

**CENTRAL BEACH ALLIANCE OF FORT LAUDERDALE, INC.
STEVE GLASSMAN, PRESIDENT
1901 N. OCEAN BLVD. - #10-C
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33305**

FORWARDING ADDRESS REQUESTED



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