

CBA Membership Meeting Minutes

W Fort Lauderdale Resort

September 29, 2022

Roll call: Not recorded

Update from Lamar Fisher, Broward County Commissioner

- Disney coming to Port Everglades.
- Up 10% on shipping thru Port Everglades over last year
- Monorail system in process from Airport to Cruise Terminal at the Port
- Fly over road from 17th to the airport in progress
- Check out the service guide to Broward County (was at mtg but probably on website also)
- Reserve Studies must be complete by 2025 for all of Florida, passing the 40 year is a huge part of the study for older buildings.
- Kinney Tunnel construction slated to end in Dec 2022

Update from Steve Glassman, District 2 Commissioner

- Budget is complete for 2023, good news ... millage rate remains the same as it has for the past 16 years. Fort Lauderdale continues to maintain a balanced budget. We enjoy one of the lowest millage rates in Broward County.
- DC Alexander Park is breaking ground in October and the design has already won a few awards. A \$9M project.
- The construction zone south of Bahia Mar is for the construction of a Marina village. A new facility for the Jungle Queen and a retired Fisher Island Ferry which will be transformed into a restaurant will highlight some of the village.
- Lighting on the beach continues to be addressed, a meeting is scheduled with FWC, Broward County and Fort Lauderdale to address issues related to turtles and safety of the public.
- There is a new ordinance allowing police to address the issue of panhandling throughout the city.
- Still searching for funding for street-scape improvements and reviewing bids.

Update from Greg Chavarria, Ft. Lauderdale City Manager

- Commissioners approved a \$985M budget. We've had a balanced budget 16 years in a row.
- 14 New Firefighters, 17 New Police Officers in addition to the 16 added last year have been added within the constraints of the 2022 budget.
- Specific Public Safety Officers have been assigned to neighborhoods. This is a return to the past structure.

- 4 New nighttime officers have been added.
- Addressing Air B&B issues.
- Water treatment plant upgrade agreements are almost complete.
- Transportation and Mobility plans continue to be addressed in the city to get cars off the street. The "Circuit" is proving to be a success. 9800 trips have been logged recently.
- New Police station is breaking ground soon.
- Mentioned a new Movie studio interested in a site west of I-95 near Sunrise.
- Please call Fort Lauderdale Customer Service at 954-828-8000 with issues.

Update from Dana Swisher, Asst. Police Chief

- Asst Chief Swisher has worked for the city for 26 years.
- They are forming community support groups. The officers assigned to our District are Victoria Rodriguez, Nicholas Herring and Captain Pat Hart.
- New programs have been initiated to address the motorcycle/atv and rolling car shows plaguing the beach and surrounding communities. Can't give details but so far there have been 58 arrests, 83 felonies, 65 vehicles towed, 17 seized vehicles and 29 firearm confiscations.
- Since the new noise ordinance has gone into effect, 300 citations and 150 warnings have been issued. They expect this to increase. It is important to note that these are only for noise emitted from vehicles.
- The FLPD Homeless Outreach effort has added a 3rd officer. We have had success with family reunification project and bus tickets.

Update from John Nigro, Senior Director of Operations, Informa

- This year they are taking extra measures to prevent cars from coming over the bridge during Boat Show week. They are emphasizing the addition of additional off-site parking and transportation. Their goal is to minimize the impact on businesses and residents on the island.

Update from Eric Metz, Senior Director of Development for Suntext Marinas

- He gave a brief overview of upcoming construction at the Marina. The new sewer lift station costs \$3M and replaces the largest lift station on the island.
- Currently conducting water & sewer underground work. Will eventually move to dredge operations.
- The construction of buildings will take 16-18 months and estimated to finish by December 2023 and open in 2024.

Presentation and a vote on a city-wide change to the 300 foot maximum bldg. height to 500 feet was discussed and voted on by the CBA members present.

- Voting result: 3 votes for the increase in height, 208 votes against the increase in height
- This result will be sent to the commissioners for consideration when they take up the issue in a future commissioner mtg.
- Galt Community Association also opposes the increase in height and has sent a letter to the commissioners.

International Swimming Hall of Fame brief overview (no slides) by Anne Schmidt

- A new and modern historical museum is in process to replace the current inadequate poorly functioning museum. It promises to integrate leading edge technology with handwritten notes from competitive swimmers as far back as the 1800's.