



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: December 6, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving the Recommendations for the 2021 Citizens
Recognition Awards – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion accepting the Citizens Committee of Recognition recommendations for the 2021 Citizen Recognition Awards.

Background

The Citizens Committee of Recognition met on June 10, 2022 to consider nominations for those citizens most deserving of recognition in 2021. Following discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the following for the 2021 awards.

Citizens Committee of Recognition Recommendations for 2021 Awards:

- Citizen of the Year – Bill Rotella
- Distinguished Citizen – Austin Forman
- Honored Founder – Michael Weymouth
- Exemplary Former Employee – Hal Barnes

The nominee applications are attached as Exhibit 1, and a draft of the minutes from the Committee meeting is attached as Exhibit 2.

Upon confirmation by the City Commission, city staff will notify the 2021 recipients and begin planning a recognition ceremony.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connection

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Building a healthy and engaging community

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here and We Are Community*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Nominee applications

Exhibit 2 – Citizens Committee of Recognition Draft Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2022

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