



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOR PRESENTATION FORT LAUDERDALE RESIDENTS ONLY

Neighbor Presentation Guidelines:

- Neighbor Presentations will occur on the first Commission Meeting of each month, alternating between Conference (1:30 PM) and Regular Meeting (6:00 PM) every other month.
- **ONE** completed application per speaker will be accepted. Application deadline is **12:00 noon six days prior to the Commission Meeting in which the Neighbor Presentation is to be heard.**
- A maximum of five (5) applications will be accepted for each Commission Meeting. All other applications are taken in the order received and will be scheduled either for the date requested, or the next available Commission Meeting date.
Please note each speaker is ONLY allowed to present ONCE per quarter.
- Neighbor Presentations will be a maximum of three (3) minutes. Regardless of the number of speakers affiliated with the presentation, the entire presentation will only be allotted three (3) minutes.
- If you plan to present additional information to the Commission, please provide prior to the scheduled meeting date.

City Commission Meeting Date Requested: **Please choose one:**

☐ First Available Date

☒ Date Certain: Time 1:30pm
06-30-2025
(Fill in Date)

Name of Individual Making Presentation: Gary Oliver

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Briefly describe topic to be discussed: Sewer Line Project - Sunset Neighborhood

Important Information:

- This document will be made a part of the City Commission agenda and will be viewable on the City's website.
- This document may be a public record under Florida law, which defines "public records" to mean, all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.
- The promoting, advertising or marketing of any product or service is prohibited.

Applications may also be submitted by email to: DSoloman@fortlauderdale.gov, or by hard copy to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

For questions or additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (954) 828-5002.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
RESEARCH REPORT NO. 1234

DATE: 10/15/68

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Subject: Sewer System of Sunset neighborhood, Fort Lauderdale

I ask for your attention to an infrastructure issue that will be an unfair burden to the residents of the Sunset neighborhood in Southwest Fort Lauderdale.

Givens:

1. The Sunset neighborhood was created in the 1950s. It is comprised of single residences with the exception of two small apartment complexes built at later dates. Sunset is a working class neighborhood with many low income owners and renters.
2. Sewers were created in the 1950s and the sewer lines were placed behind each house in the backyard. Individual sewer lines connect to a city sewer drain located between properties in back yards.
3. Original sewer lines constructed are orangeburg pipes, taut pulp. They are not pvc pipes.

Present Situation 2025:

4. The City of Fort Lauderdale has an issue with their sewer wastewater treatment facilities. The City states that rain water overburdens the processing by entering holes in the existing orangeburg pipes.
5. The City believes that extra water from rain enters the sewer lines in our backyards. They want to identify the locations of the leaks.
6. The City plans to perform Smoke Testing in Sunset. A contracted company, Ardurra, will push smoke through all the sewer lines. Where the smoke rises there will be a leak. Testing was to begin this June.
7. All leaks will have flags placed above the ground to mark the location.
8. Per the City, Homeowners are to fix the leaks at their own expense.

SEE reverse side.

Injustices:

9. The City has moved sewer lines of properties on Riverland road across from New River Middle school. Sewer lines are now in the street and homeowners had their old lines removed and pvc piping was installed. I believe the City paid. I am unaware of the extent of the project or dates.

10. I heard that it would cost \$20 million for the City to redo the sewer lines in the Sunset neighborhood and bring them to the streets.

My two cents:

Homeowners in Sunset have been paying property taxes for 70 years. We have not received much of anything except for a park in the 90s at the end of Riverland Road and a small tennis court near WynnDixie.

Meanwhile, the City has been attending to the needs of Rio Vista, Coral Ridge, Harbour Beach, Victoria Park, East Las Olas. The City wasted \$23 million dollars on the Hall of Fame Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex. Remember, it was to only cost \$23 million, but it ended costing \$46 million. The City has erected all these high rises (and more) and will have modern code infrastructure for the future owners and residents who have never paid one cent of a property tax. Something is wrong.

Bottom Line:

The City of Fort Lauderdale needs to renovate the sewer lines of Sunset at no cost to homeowners.

Gary Oliver

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Cost & Implementation of Sewer Line Project – Sunset Neighborhood

Givens:

1. There are 527 houses in the Sunset Neighborhood according to a Google search.
2. The additional cost to the overburdened water waste treatment plants needs to be shared with everyone in order to weigh the costs of replacing or repairing the sewer lines. This Unknown must become public knowledge. Maybe the plants need to be updated.

Questions:

- a. How many houses will have leaks in their sewer lines?
 1. All 527 houses?
 2. Half of the houses?
- b. Who is responsible for paying to patch or replace lines?
- c. How will reputable honest plumbers be hired?
- d. What is the average cost for each house?
 1. A patch may cost \$1,000.
 2. A new PVC pipe of the entire line may cost \$4,000.
- e. Is the City of Fort Lauderdale planning to move sewer lines to the street? When? What is their estimated cost?
- f. If we only do patches, when will more leaks occur due to age and new deterioration of the old orangeburg pipes? Will the problem be resolved?

Scenarios:

1. All 527 houses have leaks.
 - a. Patch the leaks @ \$1,000 each = \$527,000
 - b. Replace entire outside sewer line @ \$4,000 each = \$2,108,000
 - c. Worse case scenario is that it will cost \$10,000 each to replace all the orangeburg pipes at a cost of \$5,270,000.