

*City of Fort Lauderdale – Citizens’ Committee of Recognition
City Commission Conference Room – 8th Floor City Hall
January 9, 2014 – 10:00 am
Draft Minutes*

Committee Members Present

Former Mayors:

Mayor Robert A. Dressler

Mayor James Naugle, Chair

Former Commissioner:

Commissioner Gloria Katz

Former Award Winners:

Courtney Crush

Eugenia Ellis

Birch Willey

President of the Council of Civic Associations:

Marilyn Mammano

Also Present

Petula Burks, Staff Liaison

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 pm by Chair, James Naugle.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Ellis/Katz. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting. Passed unanimously. Chair Naugle turned the meeting over to the new chair, Gloria Katz.

Citizen Recognition Awards

Chair Katz began the discussion of the awards with the Citizen of the Year Category.

Citizen of the Year

Chair Katz opened the floor for discussion of this year’s Citizen of the Year nominees. Several names were offered for consideration: JoAnn Smith, Jim Ellis.

MOTION: Mammano/Dressler. Motion was made to recommend Jim Ellis as Citizen of the Year 2013-2014. Passed unanimously.

Distinguished Citizen

Chair Katz opened the floor for discussion of this year’s Distinguished Citizen nominees.

Member Dressler offered Carolyn Michaels for consideration. Chair Katz offer Donald Singer for consideration. Staff liaison Burks spoke on behalf of Sharon Major-Hughes.

MOTION: Dressler/Mammano. Motion was made to recommend Carolyn Michaels as Distinguished Citizen for 2013-2014. Passed unanimously.

Honored Founder

Chair Katz opened the floor for discussion of this year's Honored Founder nominees.

Several names were offered for consideration: Dr. James Sistrunk and Sandy Casteel. Member Mammano nominated the late Dr. James Sistrunk. Genia Ellis nominated Sandy Casteel. It was noted that Sandy Casteel is a past award winner (1985 - Citizen of the Year).

There was discussion about naming two honored founders for 2013-2014.

MOTION: Ellis/Dressler. Motion was made to recommend Sandy Casteel as Honored Founder 2013-2014. Passed with two dissenting.

Exemplary Former Employee

Chair Katz opened the floor for discussion of this year's Exemplary Former Employee.

Member Naugle offered David Deal for consideration.

MOTION: Naugle/Ellis. Motion was made to recommend David Deal as Exemplary Former City Employee for 2013-2014. Passed unanimously.

The following names will be recommended to the City Commission for approval:

- Citizen of the Year – Jim Ellis
- Distinguished Citizen – Carolyn Michaels
- Honored Founder – Sandy Casteel
- Exemplary Former City Employee – David Deal

Selection of Chair

Chair Katz asked for nominations for a new chair. Committee Member Mammano nominated Chair Katz. Passed by acclamation.

Carry Overs:

David Parker
Donald Singer
Dr. James Sistrunk

Recommended Awards Ceremony Date(s): March 18 or April 1, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am by Chair Katz.