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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

1:30 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

BEN SORENSEN Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District IV

HEATHER MORAITIS Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

GREG CHAVARRIA, City Manager

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk

ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

~~CALL TO ORDER~~

~~Vice Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.~~

~~QUORUM ESTABLISHED~~

~~**Commission Members Present:** Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis (arrived at 2:23 p.m.)~~

~~**Commission Members Not Present:** Commissioner Heather Moraitis~~

~~**Also Present:** City Manager Greg Chavarria, City Clerk David R. Soloman, City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly~~

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

[22-1063](#)

Communications to the City Commission - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**Board Of Adjustment (BOA) Meeting
October 12, 2022**

Communication to the City Commission

*Motion made by Chair Nelson, seconded by Mr. McGinley to:
Request the City take a look at the height and zoning requirements in the annexed areas to more accurately reflect current building construction techniques. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, explained this communication is a request to the Commission to address height requirements in annexed areas of the City. Mr. Cooper requested Commission direction regarding Staff's pursuit of community outreach to determine support for a zoning change that would modify building height measurement requirements in the annexed areas consistent with height requirements in the City and Broward County.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's questions, Mr. Cooper explained the annexed areas, including Riverland Road and the Melrose areas. Mr. Cooper reiterated the BOA communication request was to decide which building height requirements to follow in the annexed areas. Commissioner McKinzie remarked on the need to measure building height consistently.

Vice Mayor Sorensen agreed on the need for Staff to pursue community outreach and follow up with the Commission. Commissioner Glassman concurred. City Manager Chavarria confirmed.

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [22-0945](#)

~~Dennis Ulmer – Honoring our Veterans~~

~~Vice Mayor Sorensen recognized Dennis Ulmer, 1007 NW 11th Place. Mr. Ulmer gave a neighbor presentation on the importance of honoring veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th.~~

NP-2 [22-1001](#)

~~Roderick Newkirk – Affordable Housing Resources~~

~~Vice Mayor Sorensen recognized Roderick Newkirk, 605 N. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Newkirk gave a neighbor presentation regarding the need for affordable housing for low income residents and requested information regarding affordable housing opportunities. Commissioner McKinzie remarked on the lack of affordable housing. Further comment and discussion ensued.~~

~~Vice Mayor Sorensen recommended Mr. Newkirk work with Chris Cooper, Development Services Department Director, to coordinate Staff resources. Further comment and discussion ensued.~~

~~City Manager Chavarria remarked on the need for landlords to provide affordable housing inventory.~~

NP-3 [22-1070](#)

~~Warren B. Pinder – Street Name Change in Honor of Coach Marcia S. Pinder~~

~~Vice Mayor Sorensen recognized Warren Pinder, 360 Utah Avenue. Mr. Pinder gave a neighbor presentation in support of a secondary street naming of Northwest 24th Avenue to Coach Marcia Pinder Lane from Sunrise Boulevard to Dillard Panther Lane in recognition of her outstanding work with the Dillard Girls Basketball team. George Pinder spoke in support of this initiative.~~

~~Vice Mayor Sorensen agreed that the Commission should consider this secondary street naming.~~

~~Commissioner McKinzie supported this initiative and remarked on the support of the neighborhood and others.~~

~~Commissioner Glassman confirmed his support. In response to~~

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.