

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6:00 PM

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

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City Commission Regular Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

DEAN J. TRANTALIS Mayor

HEATHER MORAITIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I

STEVEN GLASSMAN Commissioner - District II

ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III

BEN SORENSEN Commissioner - District IV

CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, City Manager

JOHN HERBST, City Auditor

JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk

ALAIN E. BOILEAU, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trantalis explained meeting etiquette and sign-up instructions for members of the public wishing to speak in-person at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis (arrived at 6:45 p.m. - participated via communication technology), Commissioner Steven Glassman and Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

Approval of MINUTES and Agenda

[21-0558](#)

Minutes for May 18, 2021 Commission Conference Meeting and May 18, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Commissioner Glassman noted edits for these meeting minutes.

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Agenda and the Meeting Minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Vice Mayor Moraitis

PRESENTATIONS

PRES- [21-0559](#)
1

Commissioner Sorensen will present Certificates to winners of the 2021 More Flavor Less Plastic Poster Contest

Commissioner Sorensen requested participants and winners of the Public Works - Sustainability Division *More Flavor Less Plastic Campaign* Poster Contest (Contest) join him at the podium. In honor of Earth Month, Public Works - Sustainability Division Staff hosted the *More*

Flavor Less Plastic Campaign poster contest to 4th and 5th grade students living and/or attending school in Fort Lauderdale. The contest involved creating a poster to creatively convey love for our planet and highlight the importance of reducing plastic and polystyrene usage, reminding the community of the impact and importance of reducing plastics in our environment.

Commissioner Sorensen presented Certificates to the following winners: First Place Winner - Bernadette Longo - Bayview Elementary; Second Place Winner - Phoebe Dixon - Harbordale Elementary; and Third Place Winner - Vy Dao - Bennett Elementary.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0519](#)
2

Vice Mayor Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Basketball Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 4A State Champions

Mayor Trantalis requested Pine Crest basketball team members and administration join him at the podium. He presented a Proclamation declaring *June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Basketball Team Day - FHSAA 2A State Champions* in the City of Fort Lauderdale, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Pine Crest Athletic Director Jeff Johnson, on behalf of Pine Crest President Dr. Dana Markham, Upper School Head Joseph Walters, Head Coach Isaac Smith, Assistant Coach Essie Hollis, Assistant Coach James Bartholomew and Pine Crest Basketball Team members, accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor Trantalis for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0560](#)
3

Vice Mayor Moraitis will present a Proclamation declaring June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Tennis Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 4A State Champions

Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *June 1, 2021 as Pine Crest Boys Tennis Team Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale - FHSAA 2A State Champions*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Pine Crest President Dr. Dana Markham, accepted the Proclamation. Pine Crest Head Tennis Coach Corey Marsh commented on the work and effort of the team during a COVID challenged year and thanked Mayor Trantalis for this recognition.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0561](#)
4

Commissioner Glassman will present a Proclamation declaring June 2021 as Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Glassman requested Miik Martorell, President, *Greater Fort Lauderdale Pride, Inc.*, (*Pride Fort Lauderdale*) and other members of the LGBTQ+ community join him at the podium. Commissioner Glassman presented a Proclamation declaring *June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

Mr. Martorell accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commission and Mayor Trantalis. He commented on the upcoming events taking place in June 2021.

PRESENTED

PRES- [21-0562](#)
5

Mayor Trantalis will present a Proclamation declaring June 4, 2021 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Trantalis requested Cristina Rodrigues, Tanya Reid, Beth Wiegard and Lucy Rowles-Springer join him at the podium. Mayor Trantalis presented a Proclamation declaring *June 4, 2021 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale*, reading the Proclamation in its entirety.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Trantalis explained procedures and details regarding how members of the public could speak on *Consent Agenda* items.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

Approve the Consent Agenda

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-1 [21-0510](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement for Fort Lauderdale Concours - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-2 [21-0524](#)

Motion Approving an Event Agreement and Related Road Closures for the Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade & Street Festival - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-3 [21-0585](#)

Motion Approving Agreement between Clean Waterways, LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a Pilot Protein Skimming Program in the Himmarshee Canal - \$350,000 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-4 [21-0497](#)

Motion Approving First Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between KMAC LLC and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Property Located at 255 NE 3rd Avenue - \$680,760.96 (60-month rent) - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-5 [21-0487](#)

Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Five-Year Agreement with the School Board of Broward County for Reciprocal Use of City Parks and School Board Facilities in the City - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-6 [21-0533](#)

Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Accepting a Grant of \$50,000 for Horta Park Playground, Changing the Agreement to a Retroactive Project - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-7 [21-0488](#)

Motion Accepting Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Grant Extension (FY2021/2022) and Increase in Funding \$27,777 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-8 [21-0491](#)

Motion Approving Funding Contribution for Design of Shared Use Paths on Cypress Creek Road - (Commission District 1)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-9 [21-0542](#)

Motion Approving an Amendment to an Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a City-wide Architectural Resource Survey to Extend the Length of the Agreement - \$10,000 - (Commission District 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CM-10 [21-0597](#)

Motion Approving a Comprehensive Agreement for Design and Construction of the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center South Building - Hensel Phelps Construction Company - (Commission District 2)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT RESOLUTION

CR-1 [21-0162](#)

Resolution Authorizing a Sublicense Agreement with Broward County for Property Located at 1799 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 - \$76,225 (60-month rent) - (Commission District 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-2 [21-0230](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Terms of a State Housing

Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Rental Rehabilitation Program Loan Agreement, Mortgage, and Promissory Note between Housing Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance, & Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S., Inc.) and the City of Fort Lauderdale - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-3 [21-0539](#)

Resolution Disposing of City-Owned Surplus Property Located at 2200 NW 6th Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 - (Commission District 3)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-4 [21-0568](#)

Resolution Declaring Notice of Intent to Lease City Owned Property Located at 2000 NE 16 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, Known as the Fire Prevention Bureau Building, Pursuant to Section 8.13 of the City Charter, to Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters, Inc. IAFF Local 765 - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-5 [21-0457](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and Authorizing Execution and the Acceptance of Grant Funds for the Northwest Community Link and Neighborhood Link Routes - \$200,000 - (Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CR-6 [21-0458](#)

Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and Authorizing Execution and the Acceptance of Grant Funds for the Downtown Link Route - \$182,680 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

- CR-7** [21-0509](#) Resolution Approving a Landscape Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement for State Road 5 with the Florida Department of Transportation for Improvements within the Right-of-Way of State Road 5 (US1) and Assumption of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with 105 North Federal BSD, LLC - (Commission District 2)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

- CR-8** [21-0095](#) Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 - Appropriation - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CONSENT PURCHASE

- CP-1** [21-0495](#) Motion Approving Agreement for Stormwater Infrastructure Desilting Services - FG Construction, LLC - \$1,247,500 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

- CP-2** [21-0548](#) Motion Approving Change Order No. 1 for Refurbishment of the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant 5 MG Steel Tank (North) - Southern Road & Bridge, LLC - \$193,211.96 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

- CP-3** [21-0521](#) Motion Approving Agreements for the Purchase of Stormwater Construction Contract Services - Various Contractors - \$9,000,000 (two-year total) - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

- CP-4** [21-0591](#) Motion Approving an Increase in Funding for Pool Resurfacing -

Riverland Park Pool, Carter Park Pool, Croissant Park Water Playground - VPR Construction Corporation in the amount of \$31,722 - (Commission Districts 3 and 4)

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

NEIGHBOR PRESENTATIONS

NP-1 [21-0563](#)

Sarah Leonardi - Recognizing Pride Month

Sarah Leonardi, District 3 Broward County School Board (School Board) Member, commented on support of *Pride Month* celebrating the LGBTQ Community. Ms. Leonardi also commented on the need to address gun violence in the community. She recommended informing School Board regarding gun violence in the community occurring after school. Ms. Leonardi noted the importance of partnering with the School Board to provide services to victims of trauma.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on a recent incident on a street outside of *Bass Park*, clarified related details discussed earlier today at the Commission Conference Meeting and emphasized the need for all similar incidents to be addressed in the same manner. He expounded on his viewpoint regarding the positive relationship he has built with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in District 3 and the impact of an alternate perspective regarding this incident. Commissioner McKinzie confirmed efforts towards moving forward with all stakeholders to address gun violence.

Commissioner Sorensen confirmed work with Commissioner McKinzie to address gun violence holistically in all areas of the City. Mayor Trantalis recommended this topic be on a future Commission Meeting Agenda for discussion to address and achieve solutions.

RECEIVED

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [21-0555](#)

Appointment of Board and Committee Members - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

City Clerk Jeffrey Modarelli read the names of the Board and Committee nominees for appointment and/or reappointment at the upcoming June 15, 2021 Commission Regular Meeting.

City Clerk Modarelli read into the record the names of Board and Committee appointments and/or reappointments for Agenda item R-1.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

R-3 [21-0586](#)

Resolution Providing Notice of Intent to Enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a Qualifying Project Submitted as Unsolicited Proposals and Notice of Intent to Accept Other Proposals for the Same Project - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, City Attorney Boileau explained the Commission had determined a ninety (90) day time frame.

Commissioner Glassman reiterated that every applicant and proposal would be treated equally and go through the same vetting process as the initial proposal in terms of extra scrutiny related to vetting the extra \$70,000. City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed and expounded on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on the timeline.

In response to Vice Mayor Moraitis' questions, City Manager Lagerbloom explained details associated with the timeline and Staff preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this Project and confirmed it is on a parallel path with the unsolicited proposal. He noted selection of an unsolicited proposal would provide a shorter timeline. An Owner's Representative would assist in preparation of the RFP but has not yet been hired.

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Nay: 1 - Vice Mayor Moraitis

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 [21-0493](#)

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Athletic Field Lighting Projects - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

PH-2 [21-0372](#)

Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Vacating Right-of-Way Identified as a 50-Foot Wide by 209-Foot-Long Roadway between Broward Boulevard and SW 1st Street known as SW 15th Terrace - Len & Melody Renne and Christian Garay - Case No. PLN-VAC-20060001 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Andrew J. Schein, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, 1401 E. Broward Boulevard, on behalf of the applicants. Mr. Schein commented he was available for any questions related to this item.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Glassman made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions regarding unsigned correspondence and neighborhood discussions, Mr. Schein confirmed the street vacation, rezoning and Site Plan associated with this item had been discussed with the neighborhood. Planned *Historic Preservation Board* hearings were also discussed. Mr. Schein noted unsigned letters

of support were addressed by the *Sailboat Bend Civic Association President*.

Commissioner Glassman introduced this Ordinance for the First Reading which was read by title only.

PASSED FIRST READING

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

OSR-1 [21-0547](#)

Second Reading - Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from Residential Multifamily Low Rise/Medium-High Density District (RML-25) District to Community Business (CB) District with 0.227 Acres of Commercial Flex Allocation and Conditional Use for a Marina Sales and Service Facility - Len & Melody Renne - Case No. PLN-SITE-20060001 - (Commission District 2)

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each Commission Member disclosed verbal communications, written communications, site visits and expert opinions received.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: **AYES:** Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Commissioner Sorensen introduced this Ordinance for the Second Reading which was read by title only.

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

R-2 [21-0206](#)

Resolution Accepting the Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Mayor Trantalis acknowledged and thanked all stakeholders who had participated in developing the *Las Olas Boulevard Vision Plan (Plan)*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director. Mr. Rogers provided a brief historical overview of *Plan* efforts to date and confirming it is conceptual.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen, Mayor Trantalis commented on the numerous facets and segments of the *Plan*, discussion and neighbor feedback. He recommended scheduling a subsequent *Commission Workshop* for a detailed review of each segment.

Commissioner Glassman thanked Commissioner Sorensen, Staff, *The Corradino Group* and efforts of all stakeholders toward developing the *Plan*. He reiterated Mr. Roger's comment that the *Plan* is conceptual and noted tasks involved in the process and additional work to be done. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis commented on her perspective regarding the *Plan* and the need for a consensus regarding approved aspects of the *Plan* to ensure eligibility for future Federal infrastructure funding opportunities.

Commission Glassman commented on the need to ensure members of the public are aware of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joseph M. Corradino, AICP, *The Corradino Group, Inc., (Corradino)*, conceptual streetscape design consultant for the *Plan*. Mr. Corradino provided an overview and details of the *Plan*.

Comment and discussion ensued on traffic flow on *SE 15th Avenue* in the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood impacted by intersections that require improved capacity. Mr. Corradino confirmed the overriding objective is to preserve the character and quality of life in the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood, expounding on related details.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, City Manager Lagerbloom explained details associated with the process when the Commission approves the *Plan*.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question, Mr. Corradino discussed traffic flow on *SE 15th Street* and plans to double intersection capacity.

Eric Churninsky, Director of Traffic for *Corradino*, discussed proposed

intersection design improvements, in coordination with *Broward County Transportation*, at *Broward Boulevard* on the northbound approach to *Las Olas Boulevard*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Mayor Trantalis' question, Mr. Rogers explained additional intersection modification details allowing a dual lane for left-hand turns along *SE 15th Street* southbound at *Las Olas Boulevard* and northbound at *Broward Boulevard*. Comment and discussion ensued regarding the acquisition of land to provide the dual left-hand turn lanes.

Mr. Corradino explained traffic calming measures in the *Plan* to address speeding along *The Isles* portion of *Las Olas Boulevard*, including pedestrian crosswalks with traffic signalization, and bicycle lanes. Further comment and discussion ensued. Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to address crosswalks soon.

Edward Ng, AICP, on behalf of *Corradino*, expounded on details related to the acquisition of new rights-of-way for a dual left-hand turn lane along *SE 15th Avenue* at *Las Olas Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis opened the public hearing.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Tom Godart, 330 Isle Of Capri, Vice President of the *Las Olas Homeowner's Association*. Mr. Godart spoke in support of *Plan* approval and expounded on his extensive involvement with improving *Las Olas Boulevard*. He concurred with Vice Mayor Moraitis' recommendation to keep aspects of the *Plan* moving forward to address area infrastructure.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Christina Currie, Esq., 644 SE Fifth Avenue. Ms. Currie spoke in support of *Plan* approval and preserving the character and quality of life in the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Cabot Edewaard, 621 SE Sixth Street. Mr. Edewaard spoke in support of the *Plan*, expounding on his perspective and recommended moving forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Albetta, 1117 NE Tenth Avenue. Mr. Albetta concurred with Ms. Currie's comments and confirmed support of the *Plan*. He described drivers consistently ignoring traffic signs along SE 16th Street.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Molly Taylor, 1620 SE Second Street. Ms. Taylor spoke in support of the *Plan* and a dual left-hand turn lane along

SE 15th Street. She explained her support of the closure of *SE 16th Avenue* citing use as a thoroughfare for traffic accessing *Broward Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Peter Partington, 1521 NE 53 Street. Mr. Partington commented on his experience as an engineer with the City and support of the *Plan* to move forward. He emphasized the importance of Neighborhood Master Plans and maintaining low-traffic neighborhoods.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Burns, One Las Olas Circle. Mr. Burns recommended including a bike path and pedestrian sidewalk improvements along the portion of *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Las Olas Bridge* to *Seabreeze Boulevard* due to increased pedestrian traffic from the *Las Olas Garage*. He recommended a thirty (30) mile per hour speed limit along *The Isles* portion of *Las Olas Boulevard*, similar to *Seabreeze Boulevard*. Mr. Burns also commented on his perspective regarding aspects of *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue*.

Commissioner Glassman noted that *Las Olas Boulevard* east of Las Olas Bridge was not in the scope of work for the *Plan*. TAM Staff is working with beach residents to address concerns noted by Mr. Burns.

Mayor Trantalis recognized James Carlson, 1601 SE First Street. Mr. Carlson commented on numerous traffic incidents occurring along *SE 16th Avenue*. He spoke in support of the *Plan*, including its traffic calming measures along *Las Olas Boulevard* and planned studies to address *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Paul Daly, 401 Idlewyld Drive. Mr. Daly commented on current aspects of traffic flow along *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue* and the need for safety. He spoke in opposition to this *Plan* due to its plan to narrow roads in *The Isles*, bicycle lanes and parking nodes. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Steve Hudson, 1799 SE Ninth Street. Mr. Hudson spoke in support of the *Plan*. He recommended a *Commission Workshop* allowing Commission Members the opportunity for a thorough understanding. He recommended coordinating the *Plan* with the *Tunnel Top Park Project* to reduce construction impact on area businesses.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Luciano Bonaldo, 1710 SE Second Court. Mr. Bonaldo spoke in support of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Poinciana Drive, on behalf of the *Idlewyld Improvement Association*. Ms. Fertig explained *Idlewyld Improvement Association* joins other homeowner's associations, including *Rivera Isles, Seven Isles, Marine Tower, Nurmi Isles* and *Isles of Venice*, in opposition to portions of the *Plan*.

Ms. Fertig expounded on traffic congestion, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response times and necessity to maintain evacuation routes. Ms. Fertig commented on need for bicycle and walkability paths parallel to *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* at *River Walk* connecting downtown with *Las Olas Boulevard* to the *Las Olas Boulevard shopping area (Shops)* and the beach. Ms. Fertig expounded on recommendations to the *Plan*, comments from homeowner's associations. She concurred with the recommendation to hold a *Commission Workshop* on this item.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on ongoing efforts to address EMS response times. Ms. Fertig explained that the EMS concerns relate to traffic congestion during high-season and special events impacting EMS response time and patient transport time to hospitals. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Karen Owen, 2500 East *Las Olas Boulevard*, on behalf of *Marine Tower*. Ms. Owen opposed the *Plan* explaining the adverse impact of the *Plan* on *Marine Towers*, the adjacent pump station and *Merle Fogg Park*.

Commissioner Glassman commented on the need for coordination among all stakeholders, expounding on details of the *Plan* related to narrowed roadways to address traffic calming. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding the methodology utilized and the ability, process and standards associated with modifying the speed limit along *Las Olas Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Howard Steinholz, 2600 Barcelona Drive, on behalf of *Seven Isles Homeowner's Association (Seven Isles HOA)*. Mr. Steinholz concurred with Ms. Fertig's comments, the impact of traffic congestion on *Seven Isles HOA* residents and the need for improvements to enhance the quality of life of residents.

Mayor Trantalis commented on traffic-calming measures implemented along *NE 13th Street* and *Dixie Highway* for consideration in residential areas along *Las Olas Boulevard* that experience high-speed traffic. Commissioner Glassman concurred, expounding on details and noting a

possible future underground tunnel from *Brightline Station* to the beach.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Michael Ruddy, 610 Solar Isle Drive, President of *Riviera Isles Homeowner's Association* (*Riviera Isles HOA*). Dr. Ruddy concurred with Ms. Fertig's comments and confirmed *Riviera Isles HOA* opposition to the current *Plan* east of *Isle of Capri*. Dr. Ruddy commented on the history of high school students in the early part of the 20th Century who had planted existing palm trees lining this portion of *Las Olas Boulevard* as a memorial monument to those lost in *World War I*.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Dr. Ruddy explained the palm tree memorial portion of *Las Olas Drive* extended east of *Isle of Capri* to *Las Olas Bridge*, formerly known as *Memorial Drive*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Suzee Bailey, 105 Nurmi Drive, President of *Nurmi Isles Homeowner's Associations* (*Nurmi Isles HOA*). Ms. Bailey confirmed support of removing *The Isles* segment of the *Plan* pending resolution of concerns discussed. She commented on opposition to the closure of *SE 16th Avenue* and the need for traffic safety measures along *Las Olas Boulevard*, including the need for crosswalks.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Robert B. Lochrie III, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, 1401 E. Broward Boulevard, on behalf of *Stiles Corporation*. Mr. Lochrie spoke in opposition to capacity reduction along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Henry E. Kinney Tunnel* (*Tunnel*), citing details and the need for four (4) traffic lanes.

Mayor Trantalis recognized John Milledge, Esq., 200 SW First Avenue, on behalf of the McTigue Family. Mr. Milledge spoke in opposition to removing the fifty (50) parking spaces at the *Shops* portion of the *Plan* within the segment from the *Tunnel* to *SE 12th Avenue*. He explained details regarding the importance of this parking to *Shop* owners and negative impact of removing this parking on surrounding residential neighbors.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Corradino explained removing those parking spaces is designed to significantly increase pedestrian space. Mr. Corradino expounded on details, noting the ability to maintain those parking spaces. Further comment and discussion ensued on the pedestrian area and parking illustrations on pages 32 and 67 of the *Plan*.

A copy is part of the backup to this Agenda item.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's questions, Mr. Corradino explained eliminating the parking lane from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Tunnel* would allow a permanent bicycle path. Mr. Corradino said should parallel parking remain in this portion of *Las Olas Boulevard*, bicycle paths could be placed on parallel streets connecting to eastern segments of the *Plan*. Commissioner Glassman commented on not eliminating lanes due to future growth along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Tunnel*.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended the *Plan* segment along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to *Federal Highway* maintain four (4) traffic lanes and utilize one (1) traffic lane as a bicycle sharrow lane (sharrow lane). The sharrow lane could connect with bicycle paths on adjacent parallel streets that would connect to eastern segments of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jenni Morejon, President and Chief Executive Officer, *Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA)*. Ms. Morejon commented on her perspective regarding the *Plan*, the large density and planned growth along *Las Olas Boulevard* from *Andrews Avenue* to the *Tunnel*. She recommended maintaining the four (4) lanes right-of-way width, including on-street parking. Ms. Morejon recommend maintaining parking along the *Shops* segment of the *Plan*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Timothy J. Cleary, 518 Solar Isle Drive, *Riviera Isles HOA* member. Mr. Cleary recommended modifications to the *Plan* prior to Commission approval. He commented on *SE 15th Avenue* traffic congestion and the need for *SE 16th Avenue* to remain open allowing access to *Victoria Park* and eastern *Sunrise Boulevard*.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Anthony Abbate, 1222 SE First Street. Mr. Abbate referenced three elements of the *Plan* in need of further study. He cited specific items in *Exhibit 1* and explained concerns regarding the impact of these items on the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Jacquelyn Scott, 1626 SE 17th Avenue, President of the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood. Ms. Scott confirmed support of the *Plan* and a possible future tunnel from the *Brightline Station* to the beach. She discussed the need to protect the *Colee Hammock* neighborhood by keeping *SE 16th Avenue* open as a two-way street for residents but preventing *Las Olas Boulevard* vehicle traffic from entering.

Ms. Scott explained the *1990 Colee Hammock Neighborhood Master Plan Program* designated *SE 15th Avenue* as the connector from *Las Olas Boulevard* to *Broward Boulevard*, which was approved by a previous Commission. Ms. Scott submitted a copy of the *1990 Colee Hammock Neighborhood Master Plan Program* for the record.

A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Trantalis commented on limiting access to *SE 16th Avenue* and additional modifications. Ms. Scott explained the use of *SE 15th Avenue* and historical aspects related to traffic management. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Mike Weymouth, 600 Sagamore Road, President and CEO of the *Las Olas Company*. Mr. Weymouth clarified aspects of the *Plan* related to sidewalks from the *Tunnel* to *Himmarshee Canal*. Comment and discussion ensued.

Mr. Weymouth discussed his perspective and the need for professionals to develop the *Plan* to include pedestrian safety, wider sidewalks and on-street parking in the *Shops* segment. He emphasized and expounded on the need to couple the *Tunnel Top Park* project planned for 2022 with improvements to the *Shops* segment of the *Plan*. Mayor Trantalis concurred. Further comment and discussion on coupling these improvements. Commissioner Sorensen agreed and said Staff is working to coordinate.

Mayor Trantalis discussed the *Shops* segment of the *Plan*, the impact of eliminating the center median on pedestrians crossing *Las Olas Boulevard*, the need for good tree landscaping to provide pedestrian shade tree canopies on both sides of *Las Olas Boulevard* and maintaining on-street parking.

21-0622

WALK-ON - Motion to extend Regular Meeting to 10:30 p.m.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to extend this meeting until 10:30 p.m. and was seconded by Vice Mayor Moraitis.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

Mayor Trantalis recognized Charlie Ladd, 442 NE Seventh Avenue, Chair of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Mr. Ladd commented on his perspective and acknowledged concerns to be addressed and the need to keep moving forward with segments of *Plan*. He supports maintaining travel lanes east of the Tunnel and parallel parking on both sides of Las Olas Boulevard along the Shops segment of the *Plan*.

Mr. Ladd commented on aspects of the Colee Hammock neighborhood and traffic improvements along *SE 15th Avenue* in the *Plan*. He recommended bifurcating segments of the *Plan* and working towards a consensus the *Las Olas Isles* segment, permitting other segments of the *Plan* to move forward.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Joel Lee, 1613 SE First Street. Mr. Lee noted his support of the *Plan* and commented on traffic speed issues related to the previous one-way pairings of *SE 16th Avenue* and *SE 17th Avenue*. He addressed the need for additional speed humps on *Colee Hammock* streets and other vehicle traffic concerns in need of Police Department monitoring.

Mayor Trantalis recognized Margaret McCormick, 111 SE 17th Avenue, speaking on behalf of her parents who reside at this address. Ms. McCormick supported the *Plan* and opposed one-way pairings of *SE 15th Avenue* and *SE 16th Avenue*.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman. Roll call showed: AYES: Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

In response to Commissioner Glassman's request to clarify conflicting *Plan* language and ambiguity about *SE 16th Avenue* (comments on page 9 and the *Plan* subsequently recommending a Study), Mr. Rogers clarified the Staff recommendation will further analyze *SE 16th Avenue* and *Las Olas Boulevard* intersection to determine next steps. Staff has collected quotes for data collection, review and analysis (Study). Staff would finalize a Study for Commission presentation to obtain Commission direction.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's inquiry regarding a speed analysis referenced in the Plan (page 10), Mr. Rogers confirmed vehicle speeds are an issue only along *The Isles* segment of the Plan. He verified review of additional traffic calming measures along *The Isles* segment. This area of *Las Olas Boulevard* connects the downtown to the beach and explained efforts to alter driving habits.

Commissioner Glassman commented about other considerations and items listed in the Plan, including *Himmarshree Canal and Sospiro Canal Bridges* to be addressed by the City (page 30). He asked how quickly we could see these included in a Public Works *capital improvement/Community Investment Plan (CIP)* and moved forward. Mr. Rogers said the design phase of the Plan would address the timing and sequencing *Sospiro Canal Bridge (Sospiro Bridge)*. He noted discussions with Raj Verma, Public Works Director, who is analyzing *Sospiro Bridge* needs and historical elements. Mr. Rogers commented on estimated costs for rehabilitation and replacement of the *Sospiro Bridge*. Commissioner Glassman remarked that Plan recommendations would improve traffic flow and assist pedestrian and bicycle travel in this segment. He noted the crucial importance of promptly determining *Sospiro Bridge CIP* funding.

Commissioner Glassman noted recommendations within *The Isles* segment (page 82) regarding vehicular travel lanes and the need to address visibility issues on the north side of each *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge lane* with sight-triangle extensions with reconstruction of bridge walls and rails. Commissioner Glassman explained this needs to be addressed soon. It cannot wait until the Plan is implemented. Further comment and discussion ensued regarding approval of the current design of the *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge*. Mr. Rogers noted related discussions with Raj Verma, Public Works Director. Mr. Rogers commented on limited funding allocated for bridges and explained other bridges have extreme priority. Staff would provide additional information to Commissioner Glassman. Commissioner Glassman reiterated the importance of this item.

Commissioner Glassman commented on *The Isles* segment sidewalks and the recommendation (page 83, item 3B) for multiple new pedestrian crossings proposed at *S. Gordon Road, Hendrick Isles, Coral Way, Seven Isles Drive and the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge*.

He commented on discussions of this topic at recent meetings with *The Isles* residents and said this topic was new and not discussed during Working Group final meetings. This recommendation needs to be addressed as soon as possible, before design phases and construction.

Mr. Rogers clarified his understanding that proposed signalized crosswalks are pedestrian-activated, citing examples and explaining this would not contribute to traffic congestion. He is building the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and explained the reallocation of approximately \$200,000 for a signalized is proposed for consideration by City Manager Lagerbloom. Commissioner Glassman reiterated the need to move forward with this item.

Mayor Trantalis commented on addressing each *Plan* segment separately due to the numerous items to be addressed. He recommended holding Commission Workshops to address each *Plan* segment individually. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen commented on his perspective, noting alignment on the *Andrews Avenue to Federal Highway Plan* segment and *Federal Highway to SE 12th Avenue Plan* segment, including the *Shops* area. He emphasized time is of the essence for the *Federal Highway to SE 12th Avenue* segment of the *Plan* to ensure coordination with the *Tunnel Top Park Project*.

Commissioner Sorensen discussed the need to improve *SE 15th Avenue* and concerns about property in that area to implement *Plan* recommendations. He confirmed agreement with a study of *SE 16th Avenue*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Moraitis noted the consensus for a pedestrian crosswalk in *The Isles* segment of the *Plan*. She confirmed support of closing *SE 16th Avenue* and widening *SE 15th Street*, citing similar efforts in her neighborhood which proved beneficial. She confirmed support of prioritizing and moving forward with the *Shops* segment of the *Plan* for coordination with the *Tunnel Top Park Project*.

Mayor Trantalis recommended further discussion with stakeholders regarding the *Plan* in the segment from *SE 12th Avenue* south to the *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge*.

City Manager Lagerbloom reminded the Commission that CIP funding is balanced through the next five (5) years. New requests for funding could occur in year six (6) or 2028. Should items discussed tonight become priorities, a review of CIP funding with the Commission would become necessary. Mayor Trantalis commented on possible funding from the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Further comment and discussion ensued.

City Manager Lagerbloom confirmed efforts to maximize grant funding opportunities for shovel-ready projects and the ability to accept parts of the Plan. City Attorney Boileau commented on related process details.

Commissioner Sorensen recommended Corradino provide an updated Plan for the Andrews Avenue to SE 12th Avenue segment at the next Commission Meeting. The Commission would discuss the segments of the *Plan* from *SE 12th Avenue* east to the beach at a *Workshop* prior to the *Commission Summer Break*. Further comment and discussion ensued.

There was a consensus to hold a *Commission Workshop* on segments of the *Plan* on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to defer this item until Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

DEFERRED to June 15, 2021, 6 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

21-0623

WALK-ON - Motion to extend Regular Meeting to 11 p.m.

Vice Mayor Moraitis made a motion to extend this meeting until 10:30 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Mayor Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman and Mayor Trantalis

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Lagerbloom announced *The Beach Boys* appearing during the *Fourth of July Spectacular 2021* special event on the beach.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION

City Attorney Alain Boileau announced that pursuant to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, he is requesting *an Executive Closed-Door Session* be held on June 15, 2021, to discuss the matter of:

James Smith vs. The City of Fort Lauderdale - Case No. 19-004547
(03)

City Attorney Boileau said he anticipates discussions on this matter would take approximately 20 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.



Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk

June 1, 2021 R-2

Provided by Jackie Scott

**NEIGHBORHOOD
MASTER
PLAN**

COLEE HAMMOCK

COLEE HAMMOCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER, 1990

AESTHETICS

GOALS

1. To maintain and preserve the quality of life for the residents in one of Fort Lauderdale's oldest neighborhoods.
2. To recognize existing natural arbored splendor and enhance its effect by prudent planting and maintenance of additional trees and flora.
3. To create guidelines regarding swale improvement and provide guidance for homeowners to implement these improvements.
4. To delineate and unify the neighborhood aesthetically through the use of common lighting, signage, tree planting and curb improvements.
5. To quietly aid in traffic control through the use of arbored canopies and curbside architecture.
6. To accomplish aesthetic ideals while preserving the historic nature of Colee Hammock

ARBOR STREETS

An obvious attraction in Colee Hammock is the many old, mature trees that provide shade and a general feeling of relaxation to our residents and visitors. Many people walk, jog and bicycle beneath the stately oaks that our neighborhood's founders had the forethought to plant. These trees must be maintained and their numbers increased. Southeast seventeenth Avenue is a prime example of an arbor street and its beauty must be protected.

Recommendation:

1. Initially, all avenues should be designated Arbor Street. As a second phase of our beautification project all streets will be included as Arbor Streets. Live Oaks planted at regular intervals will serve to provide shade and beauty. It has been shown that traffic will naturally slow down on roads that are heavily tree-lined.

SIGNS

Street signs of a similar material and lettering will serve to unify and delineate neighborhood boundaries. Old style lettering on an ornamental street sign creates a feeling of an old maintained and preserved neighborhood, one that residents will be proud to be a part of and that passerby will admire and respect.

Recommendation:

1. All the neighborhood signs should reflect the original word name of the streets as well as the number of the streets.

LIGHTING

In keeping with the desire to preserve and protect the historic quality of Colee Hammock, old style street lamps are recommended to provide lighting for the safety and comfort of residents and visitors.

Recommendation:

1. FP&L colonial lights should be installed, replacing the current light fixtures.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN

All common areas in the neighborhood require periodic attention. Sidewalks must be clean, attractive and inviting for safe passage. Commercial garbage collectors should be properly closed. Alleys should be maintained and kept clean of debris. Everyone must be involved to preserve the integrity of Colee Hammock as a quiet yet urban place to live.

VACANT LOTS

Since no one lives at a vacant lot, it is particularly vulnerable to neglect. It can quickly become overgrown with weeds and strewn with trash, again sending the negative signal "we don't care" to residents and visitors. When properly cared for, a vacant lot can become a greenspace, enhancing neighborhood aesthetics.

Recommendation:

1. Catalog existing vacant lots and create attractive mulch walkways and encourage owners to maintain.

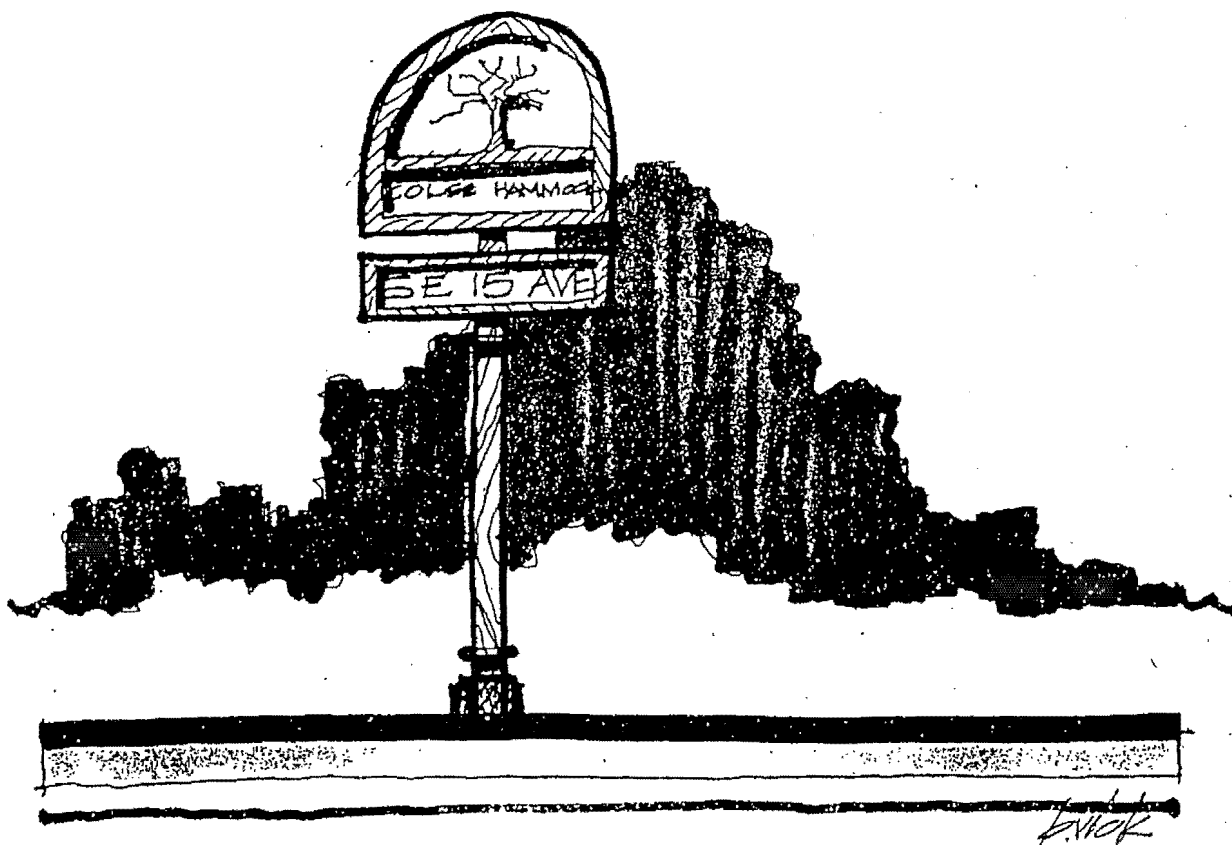
TREE CANOPY / LARGE AND OLD TREES

One of the prettiest attributes of Colee Hammock is its many trees. Their beauty and shade, plus their ability to reduce noise, purify and cool the air make them a priceless resource. A number of our trees have taken years to reach their size and stature, and have become historically significant to the neighborhood. Because of these factors, the preservation of a healthy tree canopy is essential.

Recommendation:

1. Identify and catalog trees of special significance.

2. Make nearby residents aware of special trees to make sure they are not cut down, bulldozed, or hat-racked.
3. Educate residents regarding the important distinction between desirable trees and "weed" trees, such as Florida Holly, Maleleuca and Australian Pine.
4. Discourage the planting of weed trees and encourage their removal where they compete with desirable trees for sunlight and space.
5. Encourage the planting of native hammock trees, i.e. live oaks and gumbo limbos.
6. It is recommended that the native trees be protected by ordinance on single, multiple, and commercial properties.



INFRASTRUCTURE

GOALS

To use infrastructure improvements to enhance the beauty, historic nature and the general quality of life in Colee Hammock.

BICYCLE LANES

Because of Colee Hammock's proximity to Riverwalk, Beverly Heights, Victoria Park, and various parks and recreational facilities, bicycles will be a popular form of transportation in our area.

Recommendation:

1. That Southeast 12th Avenue and Southeast 16th Avenue be used for bicycles and provide a designated bicycle lane where street construction allows.

DUMPSTERS

Trash dumpsters in public view create unsightly and unsanitary conditions in the neighborhood. Dumpsters that are not in legal positions or are not adequately serviced by sanitation companies can create safety problems for residents and visitors alike. Additionally, dumpster sites are frequently used as a dumping ground for others not authorized to use the facility.

Recommendation:

1. Educate residents that dumpsters are for use of tenants at a specific property only. Use by others contributes to dumpster overflow.
2. Enforce the legal positioning of dumpsters, away from streets and out of right of ways, where parking space is not in conflict. Make sure dumpsters are not in swale areas.
3. Encourage use of full scale shrouds for dumpsters and provide design samples to property owners who have dumpsters.
4. Insist that sanitation companies maintain dumpsters in state of proper repair and sanitation.
5. Dumpsters that are not properly maintained should be turned in to City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement, by the Association to assure compliance with the City's Dumpster Ordinance.

CURBS

Curbs define paved areas and reduce street edge crumbling. Their use imparts a sense of order and definition to a neighborhood when they are in good repair and well-maintained.

Recommendation:

1. Repair crumbling and broken curbing where necessary.
2. Install header curbs where needed.

USE OF SWALES

The swale is often the part of the neighborhood first noticed from the street making a visual impact that suggest neighborhood values. The swale, the land between the edge of the street and the sidewalk, is city right of way. Even though it is city right of way the maintenance of swale area is the sole responsibility of the property owner.

Poorly maintained and neglected swale areas invite abuse such as parking, litter, and vandalism. Well-kept swale signals the presence of residents who are aware and in control of their neighborhood.

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a campaign to inform residents of their responsibility for swale maintenance.
2. Obtain agreement with City of Fort Lauderdale that if swale is maintained as green area no parking is allowed. This should be enforced.
3. Encourage residents who must use swale area for parking on a regular basis to make the parking area look as if it were intended for that use and maintain it as such. Swale area should be appropriately surfaced or it will become unsightly.
4. Repair and replace swale areas at the suggested locations where agreement has been reached with resident for proper maintenance.
5. Provide swale areas in right of way where there are none to assist in providing better drainage where temporary flooding is a problem. Specifically Tarpon Terrace and Brickell Drive (west side south of Tarpon Drive).
6. Provide dry retention in drainage structure, i.e. manhole with grate to alleviate flooding problems within rights of way. An interconnected storm drainage system is not practical if trees are to be preserved.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks that are broken or cracked are unsafe as well as unsightly. Sidewalks in need of repair give our neighborhood a poor image and invite further abuse and make it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely.

Recommendations:

1. Encourage residents to repair existing sidewalks as a shared expense with Master Plan funds.
2. Sidewalks in need of repair for current and future renovation, per attached document.
3. Require sidewalks of all renovation and new commercial development and in all high density areas.

PARK FACILITIES

All recreational facilities should be properly maintained at all times for optimal use and to prevent damage to facilities. Colee hammock park is our neighborhood park. Its appearance and condition are a reflection of our neighborhood and has an impact both on residents and visitors.

Recommendation:

1. Maintain the tree canopy through proper pruning and planting of desirable trees where needed, per City ordinance.
2. Clearly post signs which state "No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted".
3. Change hours that the park is closed to state "Park Closed From 10:00 pm to 6:00 am" and enforce these times through the Parks and Recreation Department patrol and Fort lauderdale Police.

For optimum benefit and for residents and visitors safety, park facilities should be in good repair and well maintained. Because of its proximity to First Presbyterian Church and residential areas, care and consideration must be given to restricting hours of use of the park. Properly controlled access to the area is essential to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. Parks of similar size in other residential areas ie Rio Vista, Coral Ridge have more restrictive hours than Colee Hammock Park, and still allow many hours for use and enjoyment without disrupting the residential neighbors.

PUBLIC SAFETY

GOALS

The purpose of the Public Safety Chapter is to improve the quality of life for the residents by documenting and studying any safety related issues that affect residents and their property and to implement the appropriate recommendations.

INCREASED POLICE PATROLS

Crime is a major concern throughout Colee Hammock. An increase in police patrols would address this problem. This would not only serve to reduce and deter crime, but would alleviate fear as residents witness the increased police presence. Additionally, positive interaction between police and residents would be established and maintained. The concept of police/residents interaction is receiving renewed popularity as police analysis' are confirming its effectiveness in other U. S. cities. Law enforcement experts are now realizing that a more effective means of controlling crime is needed, as the present standard of reaction-style patrol, particularly with limited police personnel, cannot sufficiently address crime prevention. The current use of police, for the most part, is as reactionary force responding to crimes after they occur. However, many residents have reported that response time to calls for assistance is inadequate. For Lauderdale Police do an excellent job of apprehending criminals, but, it has been shown that when police officers and residents work together, crime can actually be prevented.

Recommendation:

1. Work with the City of Fort Lauderdale to partake of a Community Policing Unit in Colee Hammock. This program should include: Exchange of information and ideas between police and residents through regular meetings and surveys to determine security needs, fears and concerns of residents.
2. Encourage Police Department to supplement Community Police and Regular patrols (with Canine Patrol in park areas) and Mounted Patrol in Colee Hammock whenever possible.
3. Support Community Police as follows: write judges and representatives encouraging the adoption of stronger sentencing guidelines; follow-up arrests and attend trials; invite speakers to Association Meetings to teach crime prevention and the proper procedure for reporting crimes.
4. Police patrol must be multiplied in the evening proportionally with the increase in crime in Colee Hammock. Statistics show a marked increase in crime, however, this residential area has not been up-graded in protection. We need more police in Colee Hammock (with canine patrols in the park) for the preservation of the residential area nearest to downtown Fort Lauderdale, It must be now.

5. Due to our close proximity to downtown our area is constantly being subjected to intrusion by vagrants and undesirables. We therefore request an increase in Police Patrol.

CRIME ALERT

The Citizens Crime Alert Program is a program designed to supplement regular police work with citizen awareness and involvement in the prevention and proper reporting of crime. With the neighborhood association currently healthy and organized and with the advent of the Neighborhood Master Plan, community, cohesiveness, and communication have been heightened, and the time is right to have the experts furnish the neighborhood with details. Through this program we can assist the police department and contribute to our own safety.

Recommendation:

1. Invite representatives of the Citizens Crime Alert program to give information to the neighborhood association.
2. Organize a Citizen Crime Alert program and encourage individual block residents to pursue their own active program.
3. Encourage residents to participate in Annual Night Out program each August.

ABSENTEE LANDLORDS

People who do not live in Colee Hammock, but own and offer property for rent in the neighborhood, are absentee landlords. Landlords have a legal responsibility to provide decent living conditions for their tenants. Landlords offer their property for rent, assumedly at a profit. This is particularly true at the high density locations, where the property owner typically does not reside. This is legitimate business, but the landlord's profit must not be at the expense of the neighborhood's safety, security and/or property values.

Landlords profit at the neighborhood's expense when they: fail to furnish clean, decent living conditions; fail to maintain (or designate someone to maintain) the appearance and grounds of their property as per City Code section 20-4; fail to use rental applications and verify the given information; or when they rent to (and thus provide a base of operation for) criminals that may prey upon residents.

It is imperative that the association implement procedures so that all landlords recognize their responsibilities to the neighborhood.

Recommendation:

1. Absentee landlords must offer legal, quality, clean and well maintained housing.
2. Encourage absentee landlords to adopt high standards of property appearance.

3. Encourage residents to notify property owners, in writing, of any illegal activity taking place at property owner's buildings(s). With property owner notified, he is aware of the illegal activity in his building, and may be liable under State and Federal "Conspiracy" laws and local "Harassment" statutes if he continues to rent to criminals.
4. Enforce any and all applicable City Codes when landlords fail to comply voluntarily.
5. Offer aesthetic advice to absentee landlords for their use on a voluntary basis.
6. Owners to select qualified and responsible manager to appropriately manage the property.
7. Owners to periodically visit their property.

VACATING ALLEYS

Alleys in the neighborhood provide opportunities for crime by offering access and escape routes for burglars. Alleys are seldom traveled, narrow, are not always lit and offer hiding places. Because of this, they provide an inviting area of operation for criminals. Additionally, the city's chronic failure to maintain the alleys contributes to the general problem of deteriorating appearances. The perception that a neighborhood doesn't care is another factor that can invite crime.

The committee believes that all alleys should be vacated, and alley land area turned over to the adjacent property owners. This strategy enables residents along an alley to legally close the alley to strangers. The vacating of the alley alone does nothing to deter crime. It is essential that the newly acquired land area be made impassable by installing fences and hedges to encompass the area after vacating. The "care for" appearance will send the message that "the area is privately owned--keep out."

Recommendation:

1. Encourage the vacating of alleys in Colee Hammock whenever and wherever possible.
2. Convey to owners of the newly acquired land the critical importance of physically closing off the area with fences.
3. Recommend that owners extend their fences and foliage to the center of the alleyway.
4. The City of Fort Lauderdale to close the following alleys: Block 45; Block 32.
5. Vacate East End of Southeast 4th Street at Sospiro Canal because of garbage buildup and vagrant problems.

STREET LIGHTING

Properly lighted streets and parks are essential to help prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime during nighttime hours. There are several areas in Colee Hammock that are dark or insufficiently lit. This is a dangerous condition that must be corrected.

Recommendation:

1. Make the needed corrections and additions to Colee Hammock street and park lighting network in order to provide good visibility and enhanced safety to residents.
2. Report defective and/or obstructed street lights to Florida Power and Light for corrective action. (Refer to Infrastructure).

LIGHTS IN PARKS

As with street lighting, lighting in the parks is essential to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime.

Recommendation:

1. Install light fixtures at strategic locations in Colee Hammock for personal safety enhancement.
2. Coordinate with City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation to determine the ideal areas of the park to be lighted with a recommendation for the interior to be lit and perimeter dark for best security.
3. Review candle power in R-1 areas to ensure that appropriate standards are maintained.

HOUSE NUMBERING

We have learned from Broward County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Fort Lauderdale Fire and Police Departments that their response time for accident, emergency and/or fire could be greatly improved if all our building numbers could be easily seen from the street, especially at night and in bad weather. When emergency personnel have difficulty finding an address, it causes needed help to be delayed. There are buildings in Colee Hammock that are not numbered clearly. Correcting this situation is essential to the individual and overall safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

Recommendation:

1. Initiate a neighborhood-wide house numbering campaign. This would involve a door-to-door educational drive to encourage residents to participate in this inexpensive but essential project.

2. Maintain all street signs. If missing call City of Fort Lauderdale Public Work.

DUMPSTERS

Dumpsters can become threats to personal safety when: (1) Improper and/or illegal positioning interferes with traffic; (2) garbage and trash spills from containers and spreads due to improper use by residents, and/or inadequate emptying schedule; (3) container has holes in the bottom allowing seepage of liquid wastes; (4) lid will not close properly and fails to secure garbage and odors within the container and (5) truck drivers fail to spray the required disinfectant into dumpsters after they are emptied.

Recommendation:

1. Alert property owner when dumpsters are dangerously positioned, improperly used or habitually overflowing.
2. Insist that property owners take responsibility for dumpster(s) and surrounding areas and the return of dumpsters to hidden area out of swales.
3. If property owner takes no corrective action, seek City intervention through Code Enforcement.
4. Insist that sanitation companies that operate in Colee Hammock furnish containers that are in proper repair at all times and instruct their drivers to disinfect containers with every emptying.
5. Seek City intervention if sanitation companies take no corrective action to furnish adequate and sanitary containers.
6. Work jointly with the City and other neighborhoods to make a decisive commitment to strictly enforce applicable ordinances.
7. Encourage property owners to contract for more frequent pick-ups if needed.
8. Enforce the legal position of dumpster--away for street--where parking space is not in conflict.

NOISE POLLUTION

Vehicles with defective and/or improper mufflers and/or over amplified sound, although they do not inflict obvious physical injury, are, never the less, a serious menace. Normal neighborhood sounds become inaudible and residents are forced to contend with the intrusion of noise and vibration within their private living area. This is actually a form of vandalism and is often an indirect and symbolic attack on a neighborhood and its residents.

Recommendation:

1. Encourage residents to take license tag number and/or address of offender and report information to Community Police and/or a Neighborhood Association Officer.

COMMERCIAL TRUCKS AND VEHICLES

Current traffic routes permit large trucks to cut through Colee Hammock. Nearly empty buses run every half-hour during the day and evening on residential thoroughfares. Trucks in the neighborhood are a serious threat to resident's personal safety because of: (1) the resulting physical danger to pedestrians and motorists, when out of necessity because of their size, the truck crosses into the oncoming lane to negotiate a turn; (2) interference with other traffic movement, even when buses and trucks are able to turn safely; and (3) interference with other driver's visibility on narrow streets.

Recommendation:

1. That the current shortcut route used by through trucks be eliminated with traffic reduction measures.
2. Eliminate Broward County Transit Stop on Broward Boulevard between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue to reduce traffic hazard.
3. City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department to enforce "no through truck" regulation.
4. Send letter to the School Board, Department of Transportation and private schools regarding empty school buses traveling through the neighborhood.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Automobile traffic traveling at excess speed in our neighborhood is a safety hazard to the driver, other motorists, bicyclists and residents, especially children.

Recommendation:

1. Employ traffic reduction measures to eliminate speeding traffic.
2. Enforcement - encourage police.
3. 25 MPH speed limit throughout Colee Hammock.
4. Reduce speed limit on Broward Boulevard east of U.S.1 to 25 MPH.
5. Reduce speed limit on Las Olas Boulevard to 25 MPH west of the Sospiro Canal.

NEIGHBORHOOD POROSITY

Porosity is defined as the state of allowing passage. As applied to neighborhoods, porosity is determined by the number of ways into and out of that neighborhood. This has a great bearing on the character of the neighborhood. The penetrability of an area from the outside affects, among other things, its ability to set and maintain a code of social standards.

Neighborhood porosity has tremendous personal safety significance because every entrance into the neighborhood can be a road to outside traffic and outside crime. Extra traffic presents an unnecessary hazard to residents, especially to children and the elderly.

We as a neighborhood cannot expect to control criminal's ever-present desire to enter and victimize our neighborhood. But we can control their ability to enter and exist freely and anonymously.

Limited access, whether occurring naturally or accomplished by physical means, has the same effect for the same reasons: (1) Where access is limited, criminals are physically repelled by lack of entrance opportunities. (2) The lack of an easy escape route and limitation of offender mobility deters criminals. (3) If a crime does occur, the ability of the police to apprehend a criminal is enhanced by limited escape opportunities. (4) Where entrances and exists are abundant, criminals can operate in an atmosphere of anonymity, blending in with many other non-residents. But where entrance opportunities are limited, a neighborhood's ability to recognize those who don't belong there is greatly enhanced because non-residents become conspicuous and more easily identified by residents and police. (5) When a neighborhood is porous, it is anyone's territory. A person detained for field interrogation under suspicion of casing a residence for a burglary, for example, can easily claim to be on the way from anywhere or to anywhere through the neighborhood. When a neighborhood has limited entrance, the ability of the police to use field interrogation of suspicious persons is greatly enhanced because the "passing through" alibi is no longer usable.

For these reasons, the few ways in and out of a neighborhood, the better the chances for the controlling crime.

The proven principle of limiting porosity to control crime could be well applied to Colee Hammock while preserving access for neighborhood residents, fire, police and emergency services.

Recommendation:

1. Install traffic signal at Broward Boulevard and Southeast 8th Avenue.
2. Improve signalization of Southeast 15th Avenue, by installing left turn green arrows on Broward Boulevard and Las Olas Boulevard.
3. Utilize traffic calming methods to discourage cut-through traffic on Southeast 12th, Southeast 13th, Southeast 16th and Southeast 17th Avenues.
4. Implement stop signs, as per traffic plan.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Drivers of the police patrol cars, fire trucks and ambulances that respond to emergencies are the professional guardians of our persons and property. In the event that they are needed, it is essential that emergency vehicles have access to every address in the neighborhood. It is also essential that street signs and building numbers be prominently displayed in order to quickly find any address.

Recommendation:

1. Implement measures to augment emergency personnel effectiveness:
 - a. House numbering campaign.
 - b. Resident CPR training (offered at Activity Center).
2. Advise police, fire and EMS of any implemented traffic control measures.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)

Authorities of the Emergency Medical Service have made us aware that Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) skills are an important part of citizen's responsibility and could save lives. CPR can help save a life or gain time while waiting for an emergency vehicle to arrive. Ideally, every citizen should be familiar with, and trained in basic CPR techniques so that in the event of a drowning, choking, automobile accident, heart attack, or other emergency, he or she would be able to act quickly and decisively. Citizens preparedness enhances personal safety by supplementing the emergency, fire, and police departments.

Recommendation:

1. Encourage residents to take CPR classes.
2. Organize CPR training session when enough residents to form a class have shown interest.

STRAY DOGS, CATS, OTHER ANIMALS AND RODENTS

Stray dogs, cats, and other animals and rodents, are a threat to personal safety for many obvious reasons, including: (1) they spread and perpetuate diseases such as rabies, parvo, ringworm and heartworm; (2) there is a possibility that people or other animals could be injured or disfigured by bites; (3) they leave "unsanitary conditions" behind them; (4) they upset trash cans and spread garbage, including used diapers; (5) they can cause property destruction and (6) they can upset properly controlled animals. In addition, home security is compromised when stray animals upset dogs used for security reasons. Because many watchdogs instinctively bark at stray animals, they lose their effectiveness as a warning of intruders.

Recommendation:

1. Distribute an educational flyer throughout the neighborhood informing residents of the dangers of stray animals. The flyer should enumerate the many personal

safety and aesthetic problems associated with stray animals, encourage residents to keep their own pets contained at all times and to call Broward County Animal Control at (305) 765-4700, when they see stray animals.

2. Enforce the "pooper-scooper" ordinance and encourage compliance and enforcement.
3. Enforce the "leash law" and encourage compliance and enforcement.
4. Encourage citizens to report rodent infestations to Broward County Environmental Control at (305) 467-4823.
5. Consider implementing racoon control measures.

HEALTH HAZARDS

A health hazard is any potentially dangerous situation. health hazards, such as speeding traffic, flooded streets, and improper street lighting are dealt with in the Traffic, Infrastructure and Public Safety chapters, respectively. Examples of other health hazards are mosquito breeding areas (including stagnant water in swimming pools) and illegally dumped garbage. For the well-being of all residents, these problems must be recognized and corrected. Whether causes by nature, deliberate abuse or neglect, every property owner has a social and legal responsibility to promptly correct health hazards that appear on their property.

Recommendation:

1. Encourage all residents to take note of, and immediately report all emergency health hazards to the police or health department and a resident's association code enforcement.
2. Encourage residents to alert the responsible party or a Civic Association who will, in turn, initiate written contact as outlined in Zoning and Land Use, Health Hazards and Eyesores (i.e., overgrown yard, standing pools of water).

WAYS AND MEANS

GOALS

1. To assist the Neighborhood Master Plan Committee in the development of the Neighborhood Master Plan.
2. To publicize and promotion neighborhood meetings.
3. To identify and coordinate resources from within the neighborhood for implementation of Neighborhood Master Plan projects.
4. To identify and obtain sources of funding for implementation of Neighborhood Master Plan projects.
5. To promote Colee Hammock as a good place to invest and live.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

In order for the Neighborhood Master Plan Committee to develop and implement projects, it will be necessary for people to donate time, materials and/or special skills. Identification of the people within the neighborhood who would be willing to help is the first step. This can be done by door-to-door distribution of an invitation to assist including a coupon for residents to fill-in, listing what they would be willing to contribute.

When resource identification coupons are assembled, the volunteer should be contacted and given work to do. If their services are not immediately needed, so inform the person and file the information to use when a particular need arises.

Recommendation:

1. Develop and circulate Neighborhood Resource Flyer.
2. Contact volunteer and assign task.
3. File returns for future task assignment.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION

To assure that every resident in the neighborhood knows about and has the opportunity to participate in the Master Plan process, it is necessary to publicize the neighborhood association and Neighborhood Mast Plan Committee meetings as well as related community functions. This is best done through the use of signs and banners in addition to door-to-door flyer distribution. The sign and banner materials can be obtained by donation in exchange for

acknowledgement. Artists can be located to do the printing through the resource identification process.

Recommendation:

1. Use signs, banners and flyers to publicize neighborhood meetings and related community functions.
2. Continue to use these visual communication tools to publicize and promote neighborhood meetings, related community functions and Master Plan implementation projects.

FUNDING OPTIONS

The proposed Master Plan, if approved for implementation, will include a variety of projects. Some, such as the house numbering campaign, can be implemented by individual homeowners at minimal expense, or coordinated by the neighborhood association as a fund raising venture. Others, such as landscaping, would likely require sources of funding and/or materials from outside the neighborhood.

Funding for all projects could come from a variety of sources including: (1) neighborhood volunteer labor, (2) resident donation of materials, (3) labor from City work crews, (4) material from City, (5) funding from Master Plan seed money, (6) City of Fort Lauderdale capital improvement funding, (7) funding from Florida Department of Transportation, (9) donated labor from private contractors, (10) funding from private business, and (11) grand funding.

Recommendation:

1. Catalog all sources for material, labor and funding.
2. Approach contact persons as needed.
3. Offer recognition and publicity as a return when soliciting donations for private business.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROMOTION

The perception of our neighborhood's assets, progress and future have considerable bearing on our ability to attract quality residents and healthy investment. Promotional techniques could include: (1) a brief promotional flyer distributed at real estate offices, (2) press releases furnished to the news media, (3) booths at local festivals and fairs, (4) slide presentations, (5) printing and distributing T-shirts, (6) annual street party, (7) community used art sale, (8) Neighborhood garage sale.

The perception of the neighborhood by residents themselves should not be overlooked. The neighborhood should have a logo and a theme as focus of neighborhood identity and progress.

These promotional tools, together with the ongoing Neighborhood Master Plan, can generate considerable interest in Colee Hammock, but it is essential that trash removal, dumpster and other eyesore issues be resolved in order to achieve maximum results from promotional efforts.

Recommendation:

1. Develop and use promotional techniques such as:
 - a. A brief promotional flyer distributed at real estate offices.
 - b. Press releases furnished to the news media.
 - c. Printing and distributing T-shirts.
 - d. Slide presentations.
 - e. Booths at local festivals and fairs.
 - f. Neighborhood used art and treasure sale.
 - g. Neighborhood garage sale.

COSTS AND FINANCING

The determination of costs and arrangements for financing of Neighborhood Master Plan Projects are important aspects in the implementation of the Plan and should be considered during the planning phase. However, the Neighborhood Master Plan does not include detailed costs and predetermined sources for recommended improvements because neighborhood acceptance of the principles and purpose of the Plan needs to be determined before the specialized, time consuming work of precise cost analysis is done.

The Neighborhood Master Plan Committee planned for the ideal, and that philosophy is reflected in the Plan's text. Because of our commitment to keep projects attainable, we have applied the principles of thrift and common sense while developing the Plan. We are certain that with the dedication and resourcefulness of the neighborhood, and continued support from the City, sources for financing can be arranged.

TRAFFIC

GOALS

1. To enhance neighborhood safety by reducing traffic speed and volume.
2. To enhance neighborhood security by managing traffic access into Colee Hammock
3. To develop the means for managing traffic volume, direction and speed while preserving access to neighborhood residents and emergency vehicles.

TOPICS RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS

Through Trucks
Shortcutting Traffic
Speeding Traffic
Signage
Emergency Vehicles
Neighborhood Entrances
Medians and Curbs

THROUGH TRUCKS

Trucks are observed on a regular basis traveling through Colee Hammock, especially along Southeast 15th Avenue. Having those trucks on neighborhood streets poses a serious hazard to residents. Our neighborhood streets were not built for this type of truck traffic, and street life is shortened by this use. Trucks interfere with traffic movement and visibility. There are major traffic arteries close by that are designed for through truck traffic, making it unnecessary for them to have to use the streets of Colee Hammock.

The only trucks in Colee Hammock should be those that are carrying out legitimate business. What must be corrected is the habitual use of our neighborhood streets for through truck traffic.

The use of "No Through Trucks" signs should be placed at all streets leading into Colee Hammock.

Recommendation:

1. Place "No Through Trucks" signs at all streets leading into Colee Hammock, east of 8th Avenue.
2. Trucks (6 wheels) parked in neighborhood overnight are illegal. Contact owner or Code Enforcement.

3. Signage on Las Olas and Broward Boulevard directing (E & W) truck traffic to Southeast 8th Avenue leading onto Broward Boulevard or onto Las Olas eastbound.

SHORTCUTTING TRAFFIC

Residents of the neighborhood use our streets daily to travel to and from work, recreation, etc. This local traffic is essential to the life of the neighborhood. Shortcutting traffic is defined as nonresident motorists using our streets to travel through, rather than to, the neighborhood. This constitutes a misuse of Colee Hammock's streets because: (1) Our neighborhood streets were not designated from through traffic, and (2) There are major roads nearby that were designed for, and can properly handle, this traffic. It is not surprising, then, that if non-resident motorists discover that the quickest route available is through out neighborhood, they will use it. Shortcutting through neighborhoods is caused when this tendency is given opportunity.

Some of the more heavily traveled routes that are currently open to, and used, by shortcutting traffic are: Southeast 12th Avenue, southeast 13th Avenue, Southeast 16th Avenue, Southeast 17th Avenue, and Southeast 4th Street.

As long as shortcutting traffic continues to carve up our neighborhood, we will experience the serious problems that it brings: (1) Because shortcutting traffic is non-resident motorists cutting through to save time, it brings extra traffic volume into the neighborhood and creates the potential for speeding. This is a serious concern to Colee Hammock residents, especially our children and elderly. (2) Since our neighborhood streets are not designed for through traffic, the excess vehicles cause excess road wear. (3) The streets of the neighborhood are every bit as important a part of its identity as its homes, parks and trees. The continuing presence of outside traffic on neighborhood streets strains the neighborhood's sense of territory and erodes its identity. Many residents withdraw into their homes and/or behind their fences rather than attempt to compete for the streets. Their influence over what goes on in and near the streets is lost, and with it a key ingredient of neighborhood cohesiveness. (4) The presence of automobiles of anonymous origin gravely compromises neighborhood security by enhancing criminals' ability to operate inconspicuously from their cars. If shortcutting were eliminated (in conjunction with reducing porosity) it would end this desirable climate for criminal operation. (5) Motorists who have no stake in the neighborhood are throwing litter onto streets and lawns.

The impact of shortcutting traffic on the well-being of the neighborhood is profound. Shortcutting traffic, along with neighborhood porosity, are one of the most serious threats to Colee Hammock.

Recommendation:

1. Implement recommended street stop signs (See traffic map).
2. Implement recommended street signage (See traffic map).

3. Implement recommended traffic light with advanced left turn indicators at the traffic light located at Southeast 15th Avenue and Las Olas Boulevard and at the light located at Southeast 15th Avenue and Broward.
4. Implement City Commission's recommendation that the walls around the tunnel on Las Olas Boulevard be lowered thereby allowing unobstructed vision for motorists coming off southbound Federal Highway onto Las Olas to turn either left or right. Eliminate ramp parking on both sides of tunnel and replace with travel lands. Extend the southbound right turn lane on Federal Highway located at Broward Boulevard to Las Olas Boulevard.
5. Implement traffic light at Southeast 8th Avenue at Broward Boulevard. Install proper signage.
6. Maintain two way traffic patterns on all streets in Colee Hammock. One way pairs will not be considered again in Colee Hammock.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

The threat that speeding traffic poses to residents, particularly children and the elderly, is obvious.

Speeding occurs primarily along Las Olas Boulevard, Southeast 12th Avenue, Southeast 13th Avenue, Southeast 15th Avenue, Southeast 16th Avenue, Southeast 17th Avenue and Southeast 2nd Court. During the peak traffic times of the day, motorists speed along Las Olas Boulevard and up and down Southeast 15th Avenue in an attempt to avoid stopping for the traffic lights.

Recommendation:

1. Announce to motorists, by the use of neighborhood entrances, that Colee hammock is a residential neighborhood and should be respected as such.
2. petition the City of Fort Lauderdale for reduced speed limits in all areas of the neighborhood, to 25 MPH, including Broward Boulevard east of U.S.1 and Las Olas Boulevard west of Sispiro Canal. (See attached Florida Statute 316.189)
3. Implement bike paths on Southeast 16th Avenue and Southeast 12th Avenue.
4. Planting additional trees on all neighborhood streets to create a canopy which creates a narrow road effect on motorists.

SIGNAGE

Signs plan an important role in traffic as well as emergency and resident identification of streets. Traffic signs must be comprehensive, visible, and accurate. Some new signs will be necessary if proposed traffic friction measures are adopted.

Recommendation:

1. Street signs should be brought into a state of thorough repair for accurate street identification by emergency vehicles and residents.
2. The installation of the following traffic signs is recommended.
 - a) "No Through Trucks" signs at all entrances into Colee Hammock from both Broward Boulevard and from Las Olas Boulevard.
 - b) Repaid and reinstall "No Parking From Her To Corner", and "No Parking This Side Of Street" where needed in neighborhood. Enforce sight distance regulations at intersections.
 - c) Installation of the following additional signs:
 1. 25 MPH through Colee Hammock
 2. 25 MPH on Las Olas Boulevard and Broward Boulevard (Broward Boulevard from Federal Highway eastbound into Victoria Park)
3. New stop signs/signage:
 - a) 3 Way Stop at Southeast 12th Avenue and Southeast 2nd Street.
 - b) 4 Way Stop at Southeast 13th Avenue and Southeast 2nd Street.
 - c) 4 Way Stop at Southeast 16th Avenue and Southeast 2nd Street.
 - d) 4 Way Stop at Southeast 17th Avenue and Southeast 2nd Street.
 - e) Relocate Stop Signs from north/south to east/west at 2nd Court and Southeast 13th Avenue.
4. Install signage on Las Olas Boulevard to direct traffic to Broward Boulevard via Las Olas and Southeast 8th Avenue. For motorists eastbound across U.S. 1, signage should be installed directing traffic to turn right onto Southeast 8th Avenue to Las Olas Boulevard and then to turn left to proceed eastbound on Las Olas Boulevard. Signs should be installed above travel lane on Broward Boulevard eastbound at U.S. 1 and at Southeast 8th Avenue to direct through traffic to Las Olas Boulevard.
5. Advanced green left turn arrow installed at the following intersections:
 - a) Southeast 15th Avenue and Las Olas Boulevard.
 - b) Southeast 15th Avenue and Broward Boulevard.
 - c) Southeast 8th Avenue and Broward Boulevard for motorists proceeding westbound on Broward.
6. Recommend to the City to enforce illegal parking occurring on all streets throughout the neighborhood.
7. Recommend to the City that it pursue and assist the neighborhood with additional signage along major routes which will direct motorists around the neighborhood.
8. Recommend to the City to enforce speeding violations which is presently occurring throughout the neighborhood--the entire Colee Hammock neighborhood.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

The importance of emergency vehicles to our neighborhood's well-being is discussed in Personal Safety, Emergency Vehicles. It is essential that emergency vehicle's access to all addresses be preserved.

Recommendation:

1. Implement measures to augment emergency personnel effectiveness:
 - a) House numbering campaign.
 - b) maintain street signs.
 - c) Install house number range signs at the mouth of dead end streets.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES

It is noted that motorist's desire to find shorter routes, the opportunities for shortcutting that Colee Hammock presents, and the pressures of downtown development combine to create our traffic problems. Strategically positioned street signage making shortcutting unattractive is recommended. It would be desirable, in addition to the physical traffic friction measures, to further strengthen our resistance to outside traffic pressure by establishing pronounced entrances. An identification sign, trees and other plant materials and curbs and/or medians. Highlighting and defining entrance points into a neighborhood can actually help control traffic in these ways: (1) A highly visible entrance that includes a sign serves to identify a street as an entrance into a residential neighborhood, and gives notice as such, to would be shortcutters. (2) When two structures are sited, one on either side of the street, some non-resident motorists doing "exploratory driving", will be reluctant to enter. (3) Any motorist who does ~~not~~ enter that street must drive between the structures, as if they were passing through a gate. This commands the motorists attention, if not respect, and send the important psychological message: "You are entering a neighborhood--drive accordingly." (4) When a change in road surface texture (such as paver blocks) is used at entrance sites, the psychology is reinforced by the change in appearance in that section of the road. In addition, the motorist feels the difference in the road texture and is further served notice that the area being entered is special.

Beside the entrances ability to modify traffic penetration and speed, entrances serve as a source of community pride, and remind the residents of the neighborhood of appropriate driving conduct on neighborhood streets. In addition, enhanced entrances express the presence of the residents who built, planted and maintained the area. This care-for appearance demonstrates the neighborhood's awareness of its boundaries and contributes to its ability to set a social standard.

Currently, exists and entrances from either Las Olas Boulevard or Broward Boulevard are characterized by dirt, pavement, trash and excess traffic.

Recommendation:

1. See attached drawing/street signage. *3a.*

CURBS

To assist the neighborhood in keeping illegal parking to a minimum, the repainting of the curbs from "here to corner" should be Instituted immediately. Enforcement of the violators is essential to the preservation of the neighborhood.

Recommendation:

1. Repaint all appropriate curbs within the neighborhood boundaries.
2. Increase radius of curbs at all intersections and install handicapped curbs.

Street Markings:

1. Recommend that the City Repaint the faded street lane lines.
Remark the "left turn" lanes on Las Olas Boulevard and Southeast 15th Avenue.
Remark the "Right Turn Only" lane on Southeast 13th Avenue onto Las Olas Boulevard and Southeast 16th Avenue onto Las Olas Boulevard.
2. Repaint the yellow and white lane markings throughout the entire neighborhood.

ZONING

GENERAL POLICIES

1. It is the policy of the Colee Hammock Homeowner's Association to support with all possible means the integrity of existing residential zoning, and to expand residential zoning wherever possible. As part of the policy, this policy, the Association strongly opposes any of the following changes.
 - a. The creation of any "transitional" zones;
 - b. The creation of any R-1-P zones;
 - c. The extension of B-1, RO, ROA, or R-3 zoning to any property not already so classified.

Existing R-3-B zones are particularly vulnerable to pressures for change to transitional and R-1-P zones and should be guarded with special vigilance.

2. In existing R-3-B zones, we support the development of one and two-family dwellings. In structures with two habitable floors, hip roofs should be allowed to exceed the maximum height limit of 22 feet. We support and encourage the development of fee-simple properties in townhouse or zero-lot-line formats.
3. Neither the R-O zone along Broward Boulevard from 12th to 16th Avenues nor the B-1 zone along Las Olas Boulevard should be expanded. Properties in these zones should be maintained and upgraded in present uses.
4. We support redevelopment of R-O and B-1 properties. Such redevelopment may include adjoining R-3-B properties so long as the formerly residential area of the project shall be confined to R-3-B uses and standards. This would allow opportunity for integrated, mixed use projects which renew both existing R-O or B-1 properties and existing R-3-B properties without diminishing the residential component of the neighborhood. Such an approach might foster creative redevelopments of older R-O, B-1 and R-3-B properties. It might also make it economical to convert R-O properties to R-3-B uses. (B-1 properties are not likely to convert in this way.)
4. The Shepherd Estate and the Fort Lauderdale Hospital are the only R-3-C properties within the neighborhood. The Shepherd Estate will continue to be under pressure for redevelopment until some long term disposition of the property is made. We urge that any new construction on the Estate property be required to meet R-3-C standards within a 35 foot height limit.
5. The small (3-lot) ROA zone on 15th Avenue and Southeast 4th Street should be maintained in its current use, but we repeat that no expansion of this zoning category should be allowed anywhere within Colee Hammock. Neither should there be any intensification of the use in the present zone. Proposed redevelopment of an existing

ROA property in uses other than those permitted in ROA should be held to the uses and standards of R-3-B.

6. Non-conforming uses within the neighborhood are few in number, but they should nevertheless be phased out gradually. In part, this can be done by combining them with adjoining residential uses and redeveloping them as residences (R-1 or R-3-B), in accordance with the general policy stated above.

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February 19, 1991

Ms. Janis Mink
Acting Neighborhood Development Co-ordinator
Planning Dept.
City of Ft. Lauderdale
P.O. Box 14250
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33302

To: The Master Plan Steering Committee and the City
Commission

The following costs and priorities have been agreed upon by
the Colee Hammock Master Plan Committees:

1. Signage - Solid carved wood signs marking the street
names or numbers through out the neighborhood with a
Colee Hammock logo at all Broward Blvd. and Las Olas
Streets. (\$ 44,500)
2. Landscaping - Provide a unified plan for S.E. 15th
Avenue. Oak street trees are preferred, however
other species will be considered. Blighted areas
or tree canopies are to be supplemented throughout
the neighborhood. Swales are to be improved with
grass where care can be provided. (\$ 25,500)
3. Sidewalks - They are to be repaired where damaged,
supplemented where necessary. A 50/50 split
(homeowners and Master Plan Funds) has been proposed
on damaged sidewalks. (\$ 10,000)
4. Drainage - (\$ 14,500)
5. Park - We propose new benches and trash containers
along with a new sign with revised hours of park.
50/50 split with parks and recreation. (\$ 5,000)

Total amount assessed\$ 99,500

Sincerely,

Robert Vick, AIA

MASTER PLAN

1. 4-way stop signs at:

S.E. 2nd St. and S.E. 16th Ave.

S.E. 2nd St. and S.E. 17th Ave. .

2. 3-way stop sign at:

S.E. 2nd St. and S.E. 12th Ave.

3. Relocate stop signs from north/south to east/west at S.E. 2nd Ct. and S.E. 13th Ave.

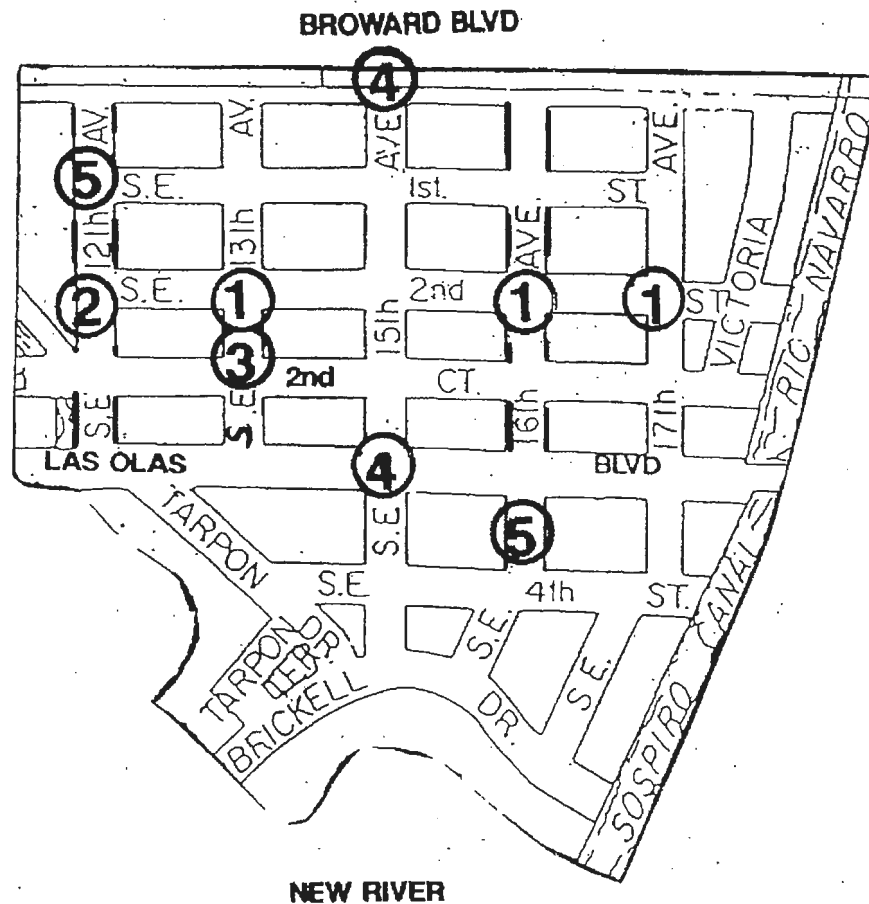
4. Advance green: left turn arrow at:

S.E. 15th Ave. and Broward Blvd.

S.E. 15th Ave. and Las Olas Blvd.

S.E. 8th Ave. and Broward Blvd. for motorists proceeding westbound on Broward Blvd. * (We support this even though it is not within our neighborhood boundary).

5. Implement bike paths on S.E. 12th Ave. and S.E. 16th Ave.



BACKGROUND

The Neighborhood Master Plan (NMP) Program is funded through a General Obligation Bond (GOB) issue approved by City voters November 4, 1986. The NMP Program is allocated \$1 million of the GOB to be appropriated as \$100,000 grants to ten neighborhoods for capital improvements. Colee Hammock Homeowners Association (CHHA) applied for the NMP Program, was selected and was designated by the City Commission as one of the neighborhoods to participate in the Program.

The CHHA Master Plan has been developed over the past 2 years and incorporates efforts of the CHHA Master Plan Committee's research, neighborhood input and the advice and suggestion of City staff professionals. The recommended Master Plan is the plan preferred by consensus of the residents.

In order for GOB monies to be used for improvements under the NMP Program, the City Commission must accept your Master Plan, but only after the CHHA residents have supported it. For Commission approval, the CHHA Master Plan must receive approval by 70% of the voters who vote on February 4th.

BECOME INFORMED

There will be a General Presentation to present the Master Plan to all residents. Members of the CHHA Master Plan Committee will be available for explanations and to answer questions on the CHHA Master Plan.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Fort Lauderdale
Choir Room
401 S.E. 15th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale
on
Monday, January 21, 1991
7:00 p.m.**

NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION CENTER

Familiarize yourself with the CHHA Master Plan. Stop in at the Neighborhood Information Center located at:

**CENTURY 21
Posmak Realty
1501 E. Las Olas Blvd.
(During Business Hours)**

**(We neither endorse or
oppose the Master Plan)**

ELIGIBLE VOTERS

In order to vote on the CHHA Master Plan you must be a **registered voter** who has voted in the past two years (or re-register now and

(1) For eligibility to vote as a resident, the address on your voter registration card **MUST** be located in CHHA neighborhood;

OR

(2) As an owner of property in CHHA neighborhood, regardless of the number of parcels owned or co-owned per parcel, you or a co-owner will be qualified for one vote.

You will have until January 30, 1991 to register your correct local address. Absentee ballots will be available through the City Planning Division at **761-5863**, or 101 N Andrews Avenue.

Vote

**3:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. at
All Saints Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
333 Tarpon Drive
Fort Lauderdale**

**Support Your Neighborhood
VOTE!**

February 4, 1991

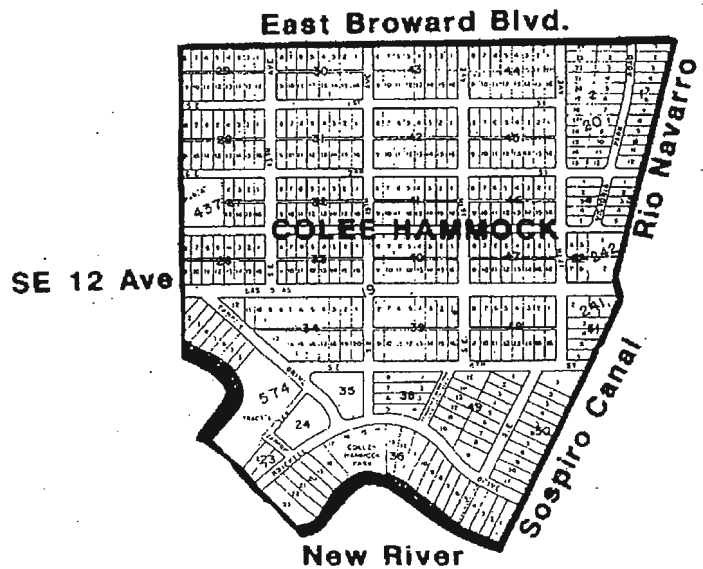
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On Your Neighborhood Master Plan

Monday, February 4, 1991 - 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
(or absentee Ballots Available at the City's Planning Division)

**All Saints Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
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Fort Lauderdale**

**YOUR
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REGISTER TO VOTE!**



City of Fort Lauderdale
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FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

March 5, 1991

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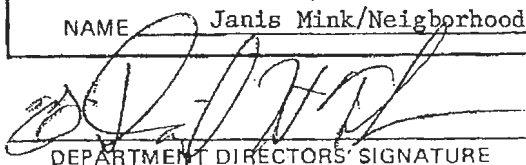
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TITLE: Colee Hammock Neighborhood Master Plan			
ITEM: A motion accepting the Colee Hammock Neighborhood Master Plan as meeting the Neighborhood Master Plan guidelines for the GOB monies.			
FUNDS:			
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to accept.			
APPEARANCE:			
EXHIBIT(S): Memo No. 91-234 from City Manager and attachments.			
SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: will work on sign East?			
PERSON WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:			
NAME: Janis Mink/Neighborhood Dev. Coord.		PHONE: 5261	

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BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 4, 1991

VOTING
POSITION

PRECINCT

156

BALLOTS CAST

POSN COUNT

TOTAL

AESTHETICS

FOR 83

83 131 1 142 87.7%

AGAINST 84

84 20 20

INFRASTRUCTURE

FOR 85

35 133 1 144 87.3%

AGAINST 86

36 21 21

PUBLIC SAFETY

FOR 87

37 135 1 146 89.6

AGAINST 88

88 17 17

WAYS and MEANS

FOR 89

39 125 1 136 84.5

AGAINST 90

90 25 25

TRAFFIC

FOR 91

91 127 1 138 83

AGAINST 92

92 27 28

ZONING

FOR 93

93 117 1 127 77.9

AGAINST 94

94 35 36

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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Aesthetics
Infrastructure
Public Safety
Ways Means
Traffic
Zoning

FOR AGAINST

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