

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

## City Commission Conference Meeting

### *FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner*  
*ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III*  
*BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I*  
*DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II*  
*ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV*

*LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager*  
*JOHN HERBST, City Auditor*  
*JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Assistant City Clerk*  
*CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney*

Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice Mayor Robert L. McKinzie  
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J.  
Trantalis, and Commissioner Romney Rogers, Commissioner

**Also Present:** City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk  
Senior City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett  
and Sergeant At Arms Sergeant Adam Solomon

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

### Events and Matters of Interest

*Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.*

#### Flakka

Commissioner McKinzie expressed concerns about the prevalence of the street drug Flakka. Discussion ensued about whether cameras would help address the problem. Commissioner Roberts emphasized the need for continual enforcement. Mayor Seiler noted that the drug was not illegal until recently due to the changing nature of its components. Commissioner Roberts felt that there should be a multi-pronged approach, and state and federal assistance may be required. Commissioner Trantalis noted that it is causing additional stress on emergency rooms and recovery centers.

Commissioner Rogers commented the United Way was instrumental in working with the community on pill mills. Mayor Seiler suggested determining what additional tools the Fire Department and Police Department would need. Commissioner Rogers said it may not be beneficial to have a countywide task force to address the problem when it is primarily concentrated in Fort Lauderdale. He suggested City Manager Feldman reach out to the United Way to find ways in which they can assist. Commissioner Trantalis suggested looking for ways to activate parks and other areas to deter the loitering of criminals.

#### Boil Water Notice

Commissioner Rogers questioned whether there may be additional and better methods of distributing information when a boil water notice is issued. Mayor Seiler clarified that there were no positive tests for E. Coli. Commissioner Roberts said he was pleased with the notification process but noted there was fallout in his district related to the general quality of the water. City Manager Feldman advised the source was a well west of the airport. Daily testing is conducted, and the water is regularly treated. Commissioner Rogers suggested a shorter time frame than 24 hours for testing.

City Manager Feldman noted that the County Water Department wants to control the messaging and timing of when messages are issued. City Manager Feldman later explained that because the water system is interconnected, an event anywhere in the system triggers a system-wide occurrence.

Stranahan High School

Commissioner Rogers expressed concern about needed improvements at Stranahan High School. He encouraged all members of the Commission to speak to School Board representatives.

Valet Parking

Commissioner Rogers expressed concern about traffic created by valet parking at The Icon on Las Olas Boulevard and said he felt it should be moved. Mayor Seiler agreed and felt that it was unsafe. Commissioner Rogers said the Transportation and Mobility Department has the authority to pull the ordinance. Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility, Julie Leonard, said the valet parking is serviced by Eagle Parking and their operations manager has met with City Staff. She noted they are eager to make necessary improvements stating not all the problems are with valet. Mayor Seiler said he believed the valet service created the situation. Mayor Seiler noted tourist season is approaching and a solution is needed by October 1st.

Lighting on State Road A1A

Commissioner Trantalis commented his constituents have voiced concerns about lighting on the beach and would prefer Amber lighting.

Graffiti

Commissioner Trantalis expressed concern that Code Enforcement is marking discarded furniture with spray paint, meaning it cannot be usable for a future owner. Mayor Seiler agreed that furniture should not be destroyed. City Manager Feldman explained there is an anti-scavenging ordinance that is enforced.

Crescent House

Commissioner Trantalis noted a code violation citation has been issued to Crescent House. The problem relates to unsupervised youth at Crescent which many believe contributes to crime in the area.

Sharon Ragoonan, Community Inspections Manager, addressed the Commission stating a violation notice was issued and Crescent House has 14 days to respond or comply. City Manager Feldman confirmed that the only way to cure the violation would be if they ceased operations. The establishment has existed since 1982, and the City's Code has been in place since 1986.

Assistant City Attorney Rhonda Hasan addressed the Commission stating a response was received earlier today and given to Mayor Seiler for a brief review. Assistant City Attorney Brad Weissman noted that Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) has supervision over Crescent House via a contract with ChildNet. Mayor Seiler pointed out that the property is owned by the State. Assistant City Attorney Rhonda Hasan stated the DCF's response specified the City's nuisance violation was vague and also that they can legally operate a Social Service Residential Facility under the City's Unified Land Development Regulations. Assistant City Attorney Weissman elaborated on his assertion that Crescent House is not in compliance. Mayor Seiler believed it should be approached on all fronts. Commissioner Roberts noted a similar situation at a juvenile facility near Executive Airport. Further discussions ensued on this subject.

Las Olas Traffic Calming

Commissioner Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman where the City is regarding traffic calming issues in the Las Olas area noting addressing this seems to have come to a halt. City Manager Feldman stated City Staff is working on this item. However, permitting will not happen until a Community Meeting has taken place which is scheduled for September.

Everglades Drilling

Mayor Seiler noted he will compose correspondence to the State documenting the City's opposition to drilling in the Everglades. Mayor Seiler noted that the County has the authority to address this issue as it is within the County's boundaries.

Police Body Cameras

In response to Commissioner Trantalis, City Manager Feldman advised that the matter of police body cameras will ultimately go before the Commission as a policy decision. Commissioner Roberts felt that they should lobby for a statewide policy and procedures on implementation and request grant funding for police body cameras. Mayor Seiler expressed concern about implementing a law that could conflict with what is imposed by the State legislature. Mayor Seiler requested the City Attorney's Office provide updated information at the second meeting in September 2015 pertaining to what other cities in the State are doing regarding policy and procedures for police body cameras. Commissioner Roberts noted he would like to see a holistic approach on this item at the direction of the State to ensure compliance on all levels from a legal perspective, a uniform statewide policy. Further discussions ensued noting that the City needs to make an informed decision.

Transportation Issues

Commissioner Roberts noted he and Commissioner Rogers are on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Board working to address congestion and transportation issues in the area. Commissioner Roberts stated the Sun Trolley Community Bus Service is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the State. Commissioner Rogers felt the transportation needs of the area requires all involved with providing transportation need to work together to address county and city-wide transportation needs. Commissioner Roberts also noted the MPO is working on providing grant awards to local municipalities to address transportation needs.

State of the City Reception

Mayor Seiler noted that the State of the City Reception for the City's Committees and Boards address will take place at the Custom's Building in Commissioner Robert's District on September 9, 2016.

National Urban League Conference

Mayor Seiler noted his attendance at the National Urban League Conference held in Fort Lauderdale at the Broward Convention Center July 29 – August 1, 2016. Mayor Seiler stated it was an extremely successful conference primarily due to the fact that both issues and successfully implemented solutions from various jurisdictions were presented, deliberated and discussed.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

**CF-1 15-0933 WaterWorks Lien Reductions**

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Danielle Fulco, 308 SW 12 Avenue, said she changed from septic to sewer service in 2008 at her four-plex apartment. The property is no longer in foreclosure, and she has complied with the City's Code.

Commissioner Trantalis noted that there was a substantial reduction to the fine, adding that she had seven years to comply. She chose to not pay her mortgage and not pay her sewer hookup fee.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, said he sympathizes with the property owner but noted that banks were involved and were losing money. Ms. Fulco confirmed she rented these units out.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, expressed his concerns on this regarding bank's being given lien reductions.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

**CF-2 15-0962 Shippey House Update**

City Manager Feldman advised that a 60-day extension was granted at the beginning of the summer when the grant was coming to an end. He noted here still are issues regarding final costs and the availability of funds to do the work.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Genia Ellis, representing Friends of Shippey House, said they met with the City Attorney's Office on July 1 to execute the deal, and a 60-day extension was provided. Construction drawings recently were provided and they are working to determine cost estimates. Commissioner Trantalis noted that the project is moving forward. Funding concerns were discussed. Mayor Seiler suggested placing the item on the next agenda.

Bradley Deckelbaum, representing Friends of Shippey House, spoke regarding the funding gaps stating he expected more answers to be available by September 1, 2016. Commissioner Rogers asked Mr. Deckelbaum to come back to the Commission with hard numbers.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, supported demolishing Shippey House.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

**CF-3 15-0996 South Side School Update**

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Alan Levy, representing Broward Workshop, said the school bond issue was not misleading. Such projects take time. He felt that the South Side School property was an incredible piece of land and the building is well-preserved. He also encouraged the Commission to find a good use for the building.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, stated that the bid was \$1.9 million over budget. He expressed frustration about the slow progress being made on the project.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

Commissioner Rogers said the only reasonable action is to do a resolution and negotiate with the lowest bidder. No contractor wants to take on the work that has already been done and paid. City Manager Feldman has suggested carving out the pieces that have value. There is a time crunch and the low bidder is already ready to go.

Commissioner Trantalis said he could not believe a contractor would not find value in the work already completed.

City Manager Feldman said that City Staff could negotiate with the lowest bidder and ask them to produce a schedule of values for each of the building components. They would then look at mechanical engineering and plumbing to ensure they are in agreement. Additional dollars could be saved on things like the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. Discussion ensued about imposing a spending cap.

Mayor Seiler said he would rather do a contract negotiation. City Manager Feldman said he expected to award the project at the September 1, 2016 City Commission meeting. Mayor Seiler believed the structure could have been built from scratch for less than \$3 million.

There was consensus to bring the item back for review on September 1, 2016.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **BUS-1 15-1030 Regulations for Transportation Network Company Services**

Mayor Seiler noted that the item is a moot issue until the County deals with it; then it will be brought back for review.

Commissioner Roberts said he wanted to raise the issue of whether taxis and other transportation modes should be regulated. Sometimes it restricts competition.

There was consensus to place the item on a future agenda for discussion. Mayor Seiler said he supports more transportation options; however there should be good faith negotiations on both sides.

Commissioner Rogers pointed out that Fort Lauderdale is the only city in the county that can impose such restrictions. Mayor Seiler added that in order to become a walkable community, every transportation option should be available.

Commissioner Trantalis said the medallion concept appears to have worked in other locales. He felt that the City could provide minimum requirements. Commissioner Rogers noted that when the ordinance was formed, there were few transportation options in Fort Lauderdale. Over time it has not grown. Discussion ensued about options going forward.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, did not address the subject matter.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

### **BUS-2 15-0952 Beach Streetscape Lighting Along SR A1A**

City Manager Feldman stated that a year-round solution is needed.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, spoke in opposition to the project.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

**BUS-3 15-0975** Presentation on the Evaluation and Appraisal of the City's Comprehensive Plan

Principal Planner Todd Okolichany provided introductory remarks.

Consultant Jerry Bell with The Corradino Group addressed the Commission giving the presentation on the City's Comprehensive Plan.

***A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes.\****

Mr. Okolichany noted that the Comprehensive Plan will include the future land use map, which should be reflective of all the density workshops. City Staff will continue working on the Comprehensive Plan and recommending changes.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, spoke in opposition to the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

**BUS-4 15-1022** Update on State Road A1A and Sunrise Boulevard Intersection Lane

City Manager Feldman stated that the current plan is to have one lane on the right dedicated to north only, the center lane and left lane be left-turn only. Commissioner Trantalis said the area beach residents are supportive.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Raymond Cox, no address provided, spoke in opposition to the project.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

**BUS-5 15-1041** Human Resources Informational Presentation

Human Resources Director Averill Dorsett, Risk Manager Guy Hine, and Deputy Director of Human Resources Kristin Tigner each contributed to a portion of the Human Resources Informational Slide Presentation presented to the Commission.

***A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes.***

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BD-1 15-1082** Board and Committee Vacancies

Please see regular meeting item R-3.

**BD-2 15-1080** Communications to the City Commission

No discussion.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None.

The City Commission Conference Meeting ended at 5:19 p.m.

The City Commission convened the Executive Closed Door Session at 5:19 p.m. to meet privately with City Attorney Everett and City Manager Feldman pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

**15-1067** The City Commission will meet privately pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

*Shadia Traish v. City of Fort Lauderdale Case No.: 14-00093 (12)*

*Annette Mancuso-Wieland v. City of Fort Lauderdale Case No.: 11-23086 (21)*



# 2015

## Comprehensive Plan Evaluation

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## Appraisal Report



# FORT LAUDERDALE



# What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- + The Comprehensive Plan is the City's blueprint for existing and future development.
- + Plan's goals, objectives and policies reflect:  
The **City's vision** for its future, and how it will meet the needs of existing and future residents, visitors, and businesses.



Source (Left and Right): City of Fort Lauderdale Urban Design and Planning Division

# What is an EAR?

**+ An Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) is an assessment and UPDATE of the City's Comprehensive Plan.**

- Local governments are required to evaluate their Comprehensive Plan to ensure that it meets all relevant statutory requirements every 7 years
- This evaluation also presents an opportunity to ensure that the Plan is working, up to date, and accurately addresses community needs

# Comprehensive Plan Elements

## + Required Elements

Future Land Use  
Transportation  
Housing  
Infrastructure  
Conservation Coastal Management  
Recreation and Open Space  
Intergovernmental Coordination  
Capital Improvements Elements  
Public Schools  
Administration and Implementation

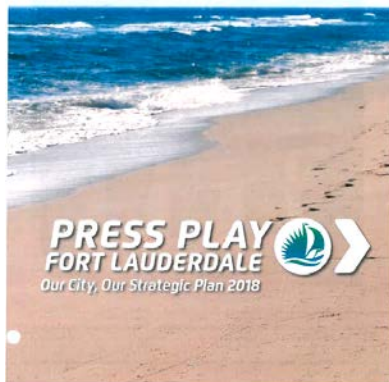
## + New Elements

Climate Change  
Urban Design  
Historic Preservation  
Economic Development

# Comprehensive Plan Elements *continued*

## + Opportunity to organize the Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with the Press Play Strategic Plan and Fast Forward Vision Plan

Align elements with the Infrastructure, Public Places, Neighborhood Enhancement, Business Development, and Public Safety platforms



Coming Soon – *Livable Fort Lauderdale*

CAM #15-0975

Exhibit 1  
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## Evaluation Topics

### + The EAR addresses seven major topic areas, summarized as follows :

How can we best respond to the effects of **climate change** and become more **resilient**?

How can we achieve **sustainability** at all levels?

How can we meet existing and future **infrastructure** and facility needs?

How can we ensure the provision of **housing** to meet current and future needs?

# Evaluation Topics

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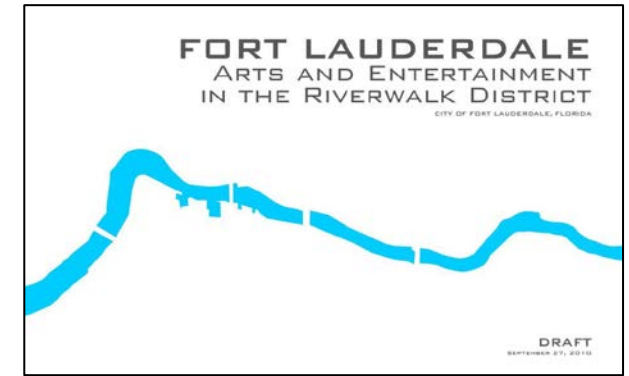
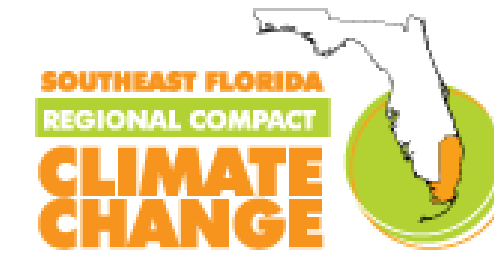
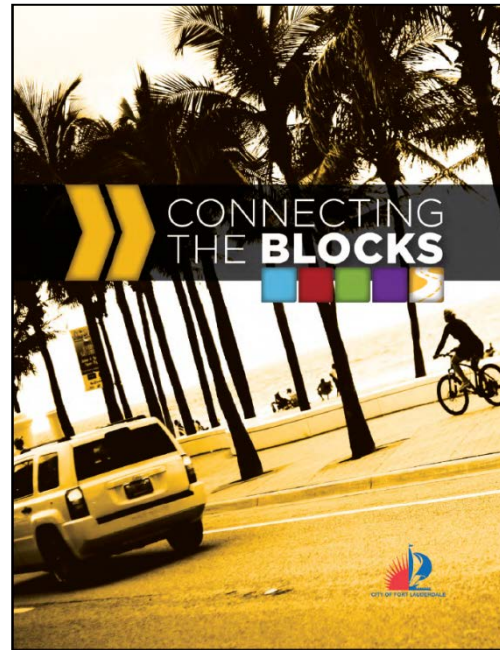
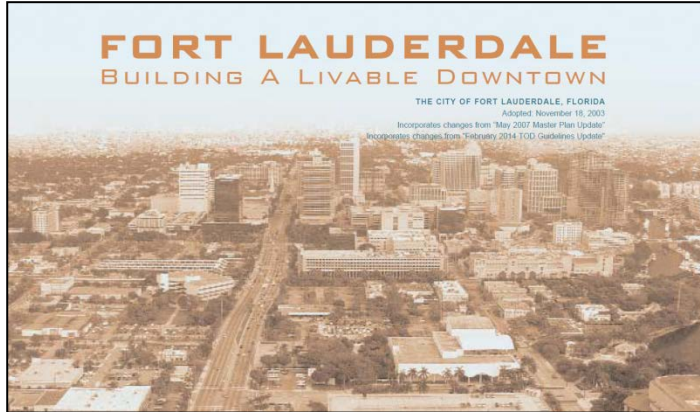
How can we increase safe multi-modal **transportation** options, and create a more walkable City?

How can we enhance the City's character and **sense of place** to foster an exceptional experience throughout the City?

How can we take advantage of **economic opportunities** and optimize the City's unique assets?



# Existing Plans





# Public Involvement

**Interagency Scoping meeting** on January 26, 2015

**Public workshop** on February 11, 2015

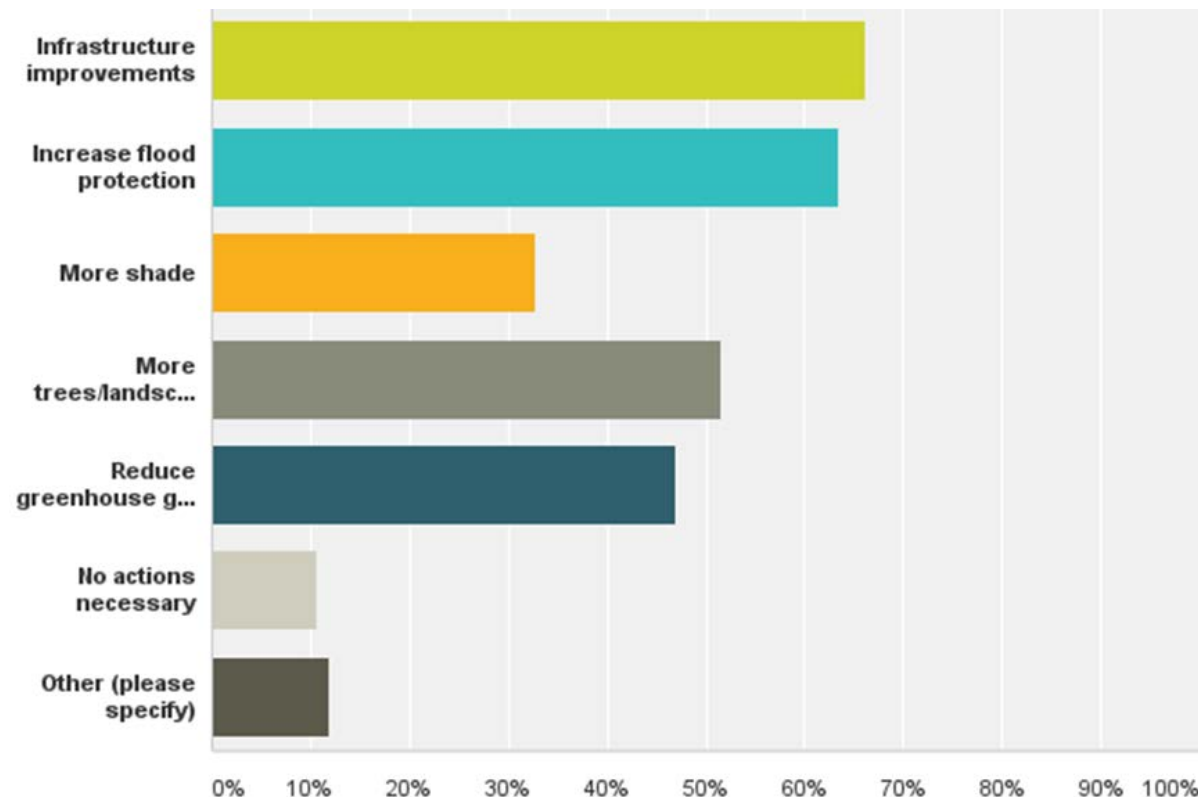
**Council of Civic Associations** presentation scheduled

**Questionnaire** pertaining to the seven topic areas posted on City website and emailed to community groups

**618** questionnaires received between February 12 and April 15, 2015

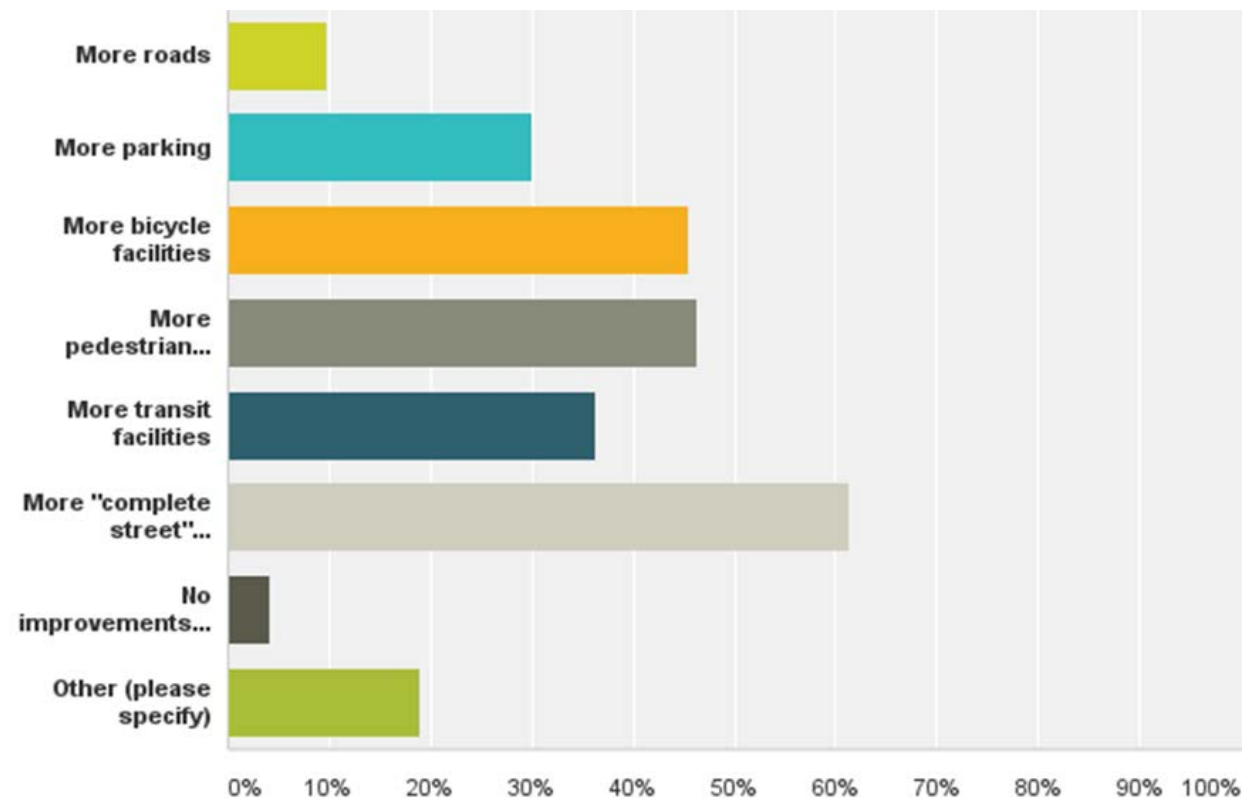
# Q2: What steps should the City take to address climate change? (Please Check All That Apply)

- Answered: 601 Skipped: 17



# Q11: What types of transportation improvements should the City make? (Please Check All That Apply)

- Answered: 560 Skipped: 58



## Next Steps

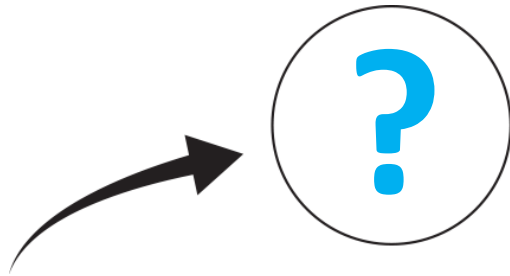
Presentation to Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations on **September 8, 2015**

Planning and Zoning Board presentation on **October 21, 2015**

City Commission presentation in **December 2015**

Amend Comprehensive Plan in **2016**

# *Questions*



**Thank You!**

City of Fort Lauderdale  
The Corradino Group



# Human Resources Department

Informational Presentation  
To City Commission

August 18, 2015



# Completed

- Maximize participation with the employee health and wellness center
  - *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 Initiative*
    - Goal 11: Be a well-trained, innovative, and neighbor-centric workforce that builds community.
    - Objective 2: Improve employee safety and wellness



# Employee Health and Wellness Center

- Temporary Site Opened May 22, 2013
- Permanent Site Opened July 8, 2013

Happy Anniversary





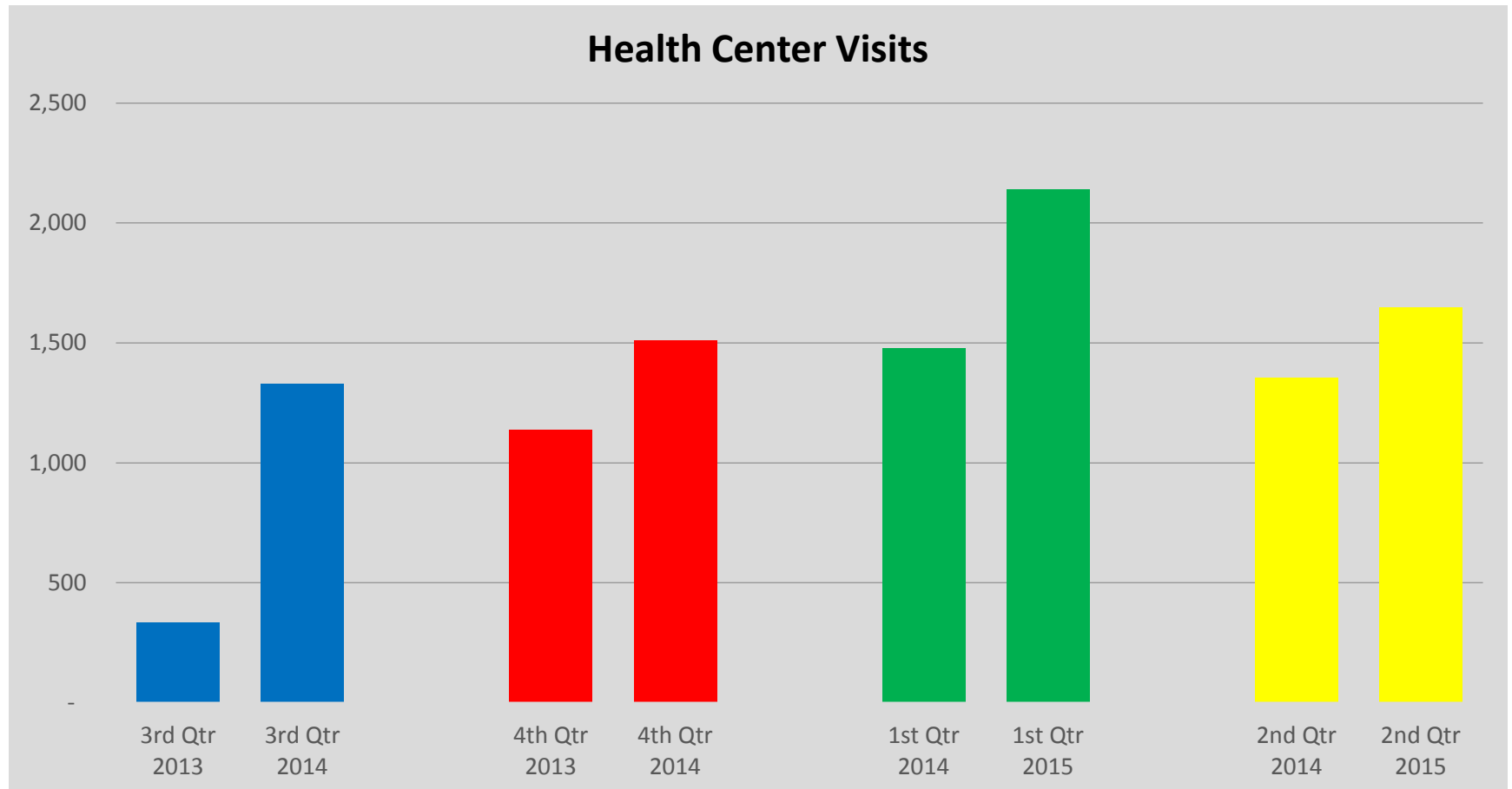


# Employee Health and Wellness Center

- Available to employees and covered dependents (age 6 and over) in the self-funded health plan administered by Cigna
- 76% of all eligible employees and 19% of covered dependents have utilized the Health Center



# Utilization





# Employee Health and Wellness Center

- In both 2014 and 2015, 98% of all eligible employees completed a biometric testing and a Health Risk Assessment
- 63% had chronic conditions or were high risk
  - 85% have been engaged with staff at the Health Center, with 71% making clinically documented reductions in risk



# Employee Health and Wellness Center

- Recently conducted patient satisfaction survey indicated out of 69 respondents:
  - 90% Very Satisfied
  - 10% Satisfied
  - 0% Dissatisfied
- Comments from employees about their experience at the Health Center



# Health and Wellness Awards

- American Heart Association Fit Friendly Award
  - 2013 and 2014 – Platinum
- Florida's Surgeon General Worksite Wellness Award
  - 2014
- Marathon's "Healthy Like Me" Award
  - Retired employee John McDowell received this award from Marathon the 4th quarter of 2014



# Wellness Initiatives

- Fitbits and blood pressure monitoring devices are being distributed at the Health Center
- Employee led Yoga classes
- Ongoing Wellness Events





# In Progress

- Establish a comprehensive “We Build Talent” employee training and development program
  - *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 Initiative*
    - Goal 11: Be a well-trained, innovative, and neighbor-centric workforce that builds community.
    - Objective 1: Foster professional and rewarding careers



# “We Build Talent”

Minimal Topics



Holistic Opportunities

Training



Learning and Development

Expenditure  
for Employees



Investment  
in Employees

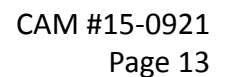




# “We Build Talent”

- Compliance Guidance
- Professional Development
- Personal Development

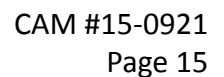






# Professional Development







# “We Build Community”

- Need to be mindful of needs of all Community Builders
- Shift the paradigm from transactional training to strategic, holistic development
- Challenges to success include competing priorities limiting staff availability for opportunities



# In Conclusion

We wish you

- Continued Growth and Development
- Much Health and Wellness
- and

