

**APPROVED
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
2022 WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Committee Members Present

Lillian Small
Robert Lochrie
Genia Ellis
George Hanbury [Arrived 2:17 PM]
Gale Butler
Denyse Cunningham

Staff Present

Sarah Hannah-Spurlock, Nighttime Economy Manager

Also Present

Ina Lee
John Burns
Michelle Dallas
Steve Buckley
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Hannah-Spurlock introduced herself as Staff Liaison. She works for the city of Fort Lauderdale in the City Manager's Office as the Nighttime Economy Manager.

II. Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Spurlock called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

She informed the Committee that Bennie Lynch did not appear in their PDF documents, but he did appear in the hard copy booklet they were handed. She gave them a few minutes to review Mr. Lynch's document.

III. Approval of the March 30, 2021 Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Lochrie, seconded by Ms. Small to approve the March 30, 2021, minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously.

IV. Selection of Chair for 2022

Motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Butler to nominate Robert Lochrie as Chair. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously.

V. Discussion of 2022 Walk of Fame Nominations

Chair Lochrie noted there are a lot of nominations from different sources. He asked how many recipients they will be selecting.

Ms. Spurlock answered that they can recommend up to four (4) recipients but are not required to pick four (4). She sent a tally sheet on Friday and asked each committee member to select their Top 8. She will record scores on a tally sheet in an effort to create a shortlist for the committee to discuss. She said last year's committee asked her to let nominators know when the meeting is held. She noted the application process and the procedures in the past are based on applications submitted and not the people who come to speak on their behalf. She said it is up to Board if they want to hear from audience. She recommended the committee make their choices based on the materials submitted.

Ms. Ellis asked for clarification on what the intent is for the Walk of Fame and criteria.

Ms. Spurlock provided the background on the Walk of Fame, which began in 2010. She reviewed the criteria for the honorees. She noted the City Commission makes the final decision at their March 15 meeting.

Chair Lochrie asked about the two other City Other two recognition opportunities.

Ms. Ellis replied that the other opportunities for recognition are:

- Distinguished Citizen
- Citizen of the Year
- Former City Employee
- Honor Founder

Chair Lochrie suggested the Committee allow the public audience to speak. Consensus was reached to allow the public to speak on their nominees.

Ina Lee nominated Bill Walker. She spoke on his accomplishments with water taxi and his volunteerism.

John Burns nominated both Jerry Taylor and Nancy Bryant. He spoke on their careers, philanthropy, and commitment to the arts. He presented two letters to support his nomination.

Michelle Dallas nominated James Dallas. She spoke on the impact of his musical entertainment career. She shared a photo of her father, Leonce Picot and Count Basey.

Steve Buckley nominated Ivy Stranahan. He spoke on her educational career as the first schoolteacher in Fort Lauderdale and her volunteerism.

Ms. Spurlock said to rank in order 1-8, with one being most preferred down to eight.

VI. 2022 Walk of Fame Selections

Committee members listed their top eight choices and Ms. Spurlock tallied the votes. The top four vote getters were: Ivy Cromatie Stranahan, James Dallas, William Walker, and Lisa Scott Founds.

MOTION made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Butler to recognize the following people as 2022 Walk of Fame Honorees: Ivy Cromatie Stranahan, James Dallas, William Walker, and Lisa Scott Founds. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously.

Ms. Ellis asked if they could make recommendations for remaining nominees for other City recognition. She recommended Hal Barnes and Bennie Lynch be considered for Former City Employee.

Chair Lochrie encouraged anyone who submitted this year to resubmit a nomination next year.

VII. Other Matters of Interest or Concern

Ina Lee mentioned that the current pavers were difficult to read and asked that the City address the issue. The committee members agreed to note the issue in the minutes.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.