



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#18-1155

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 4, 2018

TITLE: Motion to Approve Recommendations for the 2018 Citizens Recognition
Awards

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion accepting the Citizens Committee of Recognition recommendations for the 2018 Citizen Recognition Awards.

Update – November 29, 2018

The Citizens Committee of Recognition met on Thursday, November 29, 2018 after a request was made to reconvene with two newly appointed committee members, Mary Fertig and Michael Albetta. Following discussion, the committee voted to add a second recommendation, Gale Butler, to the Distinguished Citizen award category for 2018, and thereby, honor two individuals in this category (see updated list below).

Background

The Citizens Committee of Recognition met on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, to consider nominations for those citizens most deserving of recognition in 2018. Following discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the individuals listed below for the 2018 awards:

Citizens Committee of Recognition Recommendations for 2018 Awards

Citizen of the Year – JoAnn Smith

Distinguished Citizens – Tim Smith and **Gale Butler (added on Nov. 29)**

Honored Founder – Ramola and Ramesh “Bob” Motwani

Exemplary Former City Employee – Frank Adderley

The nominee applications or background information are attached as Exhibit 1.

Approved minutes from the October 9, 2018 Committee meeting are attached as Exhibit 2.

Upon confirmation by the City Commission, the honorees will be officially notified of their selection. A date for the awards ceremony will be proposed pending the availability of the honorees and their families.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with this CAM.

Strategic Connection

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 5:** Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- **Objective 1:** Increase neighbor engagement and improve communication networks within and among neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Nominee Applications and Background Information

Exhibit 2 – Citizens Committee of Recognition Approved Minutes – October 9, 2018

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Department Director: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Eugenia Duncan Ellis
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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

Please select the category this nomination is for. You may only select one category per submission.

(o) CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (Nominee must be a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.) - The Citizen of the Year award is for that person who, in the opinion of the Committee and the City Commission, has made the greatest contribution to the community in the current year.

4. Based on the category selected above, please describe in detail the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, including specific examples (1,000 words or less). Examples include significant contributions to the welfare and betterment of the community or the City, civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, leadership, projects accomplished, or other ways this person has improved the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale. A resume may not be substituted as a response to this question.

Jo Ann annually participates as a guiding member of the Citizen's Volunteer Corp, coordinates volunteers for all public city events on behalf of the City, coordinates volunteers for information kiosks for Riverwalk and routinely volunteers her time and energy to any project presented to her. She works tirelessly at Stranahan Park in the only botanical garden in Broward County and responsible for coordinating the donations for all of the exotic plants installed for the public. She consistently and constantly is vigilant in overseeing that public land to assure it's cleanliness and accessibility to the Public. As PResident of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Clubs she opens those door to the public for events, including the city, and often found cooking food to be served. She is known to offer her time and expertise to decorate during the holidays for the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society - often bringing her own decorations and she also decorates for the Broward Partnership for the Homeless Breakfast and often is a guide during the event. She is active in her neighborhood and always willing to step up to help other neighborhoods.

She serves on the Parks Board and has helped to guide the growth and development of existing parks and to identify and secure new ones.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

She is a community partner to many groups and organizations, always willing to step up, provide time, services and equipment for the betterment of our city. She can be seen in every district volunteering her time and services on a variety of city and public boards and organizations that value her gifts.

6. Please provide a brief biography of the nominee (250 words or less). Please include information such as positions held, where the nominee is originally from, years lived in Fort Lauderdale, high school/college name, occupation, sports played, number of children/grandchildren, awards received, publications, etc.

Jo Ann hails from Illinois and has lived in Fort Lauderdale for over 30 years that I am aware of. If I had to give her a profession - it would be all round citizen and volunteer for any project with our community.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the City: Not answered
Position(s) held: Not answered

8. SUPPORTING MATERIALS

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Mark Hartman
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Phone: (954) 478-2076
Email address: hartman_mark@hotmail.com

3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

Please select the category this nomination is for. You may only select one category per submission.

(o) DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN - The Distinguished Citizen award is given to that resident of the community who has contributed to the development of Fort Lauderdale over a number of years (i.e., a pioneer).

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Tim has worked for over 35 years for the betterment of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Examples of his successes are numerous and diverse. His entry into civic duty may well have begun in 1979 with foiling a

robbery at a hotel on the beach, which resulted in a letter of commendation from the late Ron Cochran for his bravery.

He has a long history of crime fighting throughout the City. he worked closely with the Police Department, launching ainti-crime walks which were instrumental in lowering the crime statistics in many downtrodden neighborhoods. He formed 4 Civic Associations: Flagler Heights, Progresso, Middle River Terrace and the Central City Alliance. He eventually pushed for the incorporation of the Progresso neighborhood into Middle River Terrace neighborhood to better combat problems in the Progresso neighborhood. Under Smith's leadership, Middle River Terrace won the Neighborhood USA (NUSA) Award in 1995 for improvement in crime rates, the creation of a dock for community use, the addition of a City park to the neighborhood which Smith spearheaded, the addition of a mile-long sidewalk and numerous community events, such as the clean-up of blighted areas.

As a City Commissioner for 2 terms beginning in 1997, he initiated the following:

The Nuisance Abatement Board

City bike registrations

Teen Curfews

City term-limits for elected officials

Finance Reform

A building moratorium of Fort Lauderdale Beach

The District II Citizen Awards

He was the founder of the Police and Fire Appreciation Day.

He proposed and Chaired the Citizens Volunteer Corp.

He sat on the Visioning Committee and the Central City CRA Board.

He was on the MPO Board

He formulated the financially successful Code Amnesty Board.

He held toy drives, and still does, for underprivileged children.

Volunteer Flag Football Coach

Mentored at-risk youth.

He created "Tim's tours" which educated the public on points of interest within the city, touring facilities including the Police Department, Water Treatment facilities, City Hall and other landmarks such as Bonnet House.

He served as Vice Mayor while on the Fort Lauderdale City Commission.

After leaving public office, he never stopped working for the community. He was instrumental in getting the Shippy House moved to its current location. He was on the Board of Directors for the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation and was instrumental in saving the Annie Beck House. He gave talks to various local clubs on the City's history, and he wrote about the City's history, including his still popular online blog and 2 plays which were performed by City officials and community volunteers. He continues to write about area news and events. He wrote a book about his life in Fort Lauderdale, POLITICS 101. He is the current President of Central City Alliance, and through his leadership and volunteer efforts, the 13th Street corridor has gone through dramatic changes for the better.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Everything about the Distinguished Citizen Award speaks to the long tenure of Tim Smith's outstanding contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and he will be a well deserved recipient. Over 35 years he has tirelessly and enthusiastically supported City programs and events for the betterment of the City. Where existing municipal and community services did not suffice, or new problems arose, Smith created partnerships to find new solutions, as cited above. He has uplifted people and properties in our community unlike any other City leader. And his enthusiasm is contagious. People of all ages and walks of life have contributed countless hours of volunteer work to this City, at his prodding. Myself included. Tim Smith nudged me to serve on our neighborhood's Board where I eventually served as President. When he saw the

need, he connected me with the City's Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board, on which I served 6 years and Chaired for 4 years.

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Tim Smith has been married to his wife Cindy for 40 years. They moved into our community in 1979 from Maryland. They have a son, Tim Jr., "Timmy" who grew up in Fort Lauderdale and who now operates the award winning local business, "Oddballs".

Smith is known for his successful business enterprises in Fort Lauderdale, including the landscape company, "TLC Landscaping", which stands for Tim Loves Cindy.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

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Position(s) held: Not answered

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☒ Word of Mouth (i.e., friend, neighbor, etc.)

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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Tim began his 40 year career in giving back to the city began with foiling a robbery attempt at a hotel on the beach which resulted in a letter of commendation from the late Ron Cochran for bravery. He has a long

history of crime fighting throughout the city. He worked closely with the police department and began anti crime walks that were instrumental in lowering the crime stats in many downtrodden neighborhoods. He formed 4 associations in such neighborhoods, with the best success being in the MRT neighborhood, which in 1995 won the NUSA award for all the hard work under his leadership for improving crime, creation of a dock, a park, a mile long sidewalk, and numerous clean up events.. As city commissioner for 2 terms, he initiated the following; Nuisance abatement board, bicycle registration, teen curfew, city term limits, finance reform, the citizens volunteer corp, a building moratorium on Ft. Lauderdale beach, and the district 2 citizen awards. He was the founder of police and fire appreciation day, sat on the visioning committee, and central city CRA board. After leaving politics, he never stopped his civic duty- he was instrumental in getting the Shippy House moved to its current location, was on the board for the Broward trust for historic preservation, gave talks to various local clubs on the city's history, and written plays about the city's history. He writes an informative blog about area news and events, and penned a book about his life in Fort Lauderdale. He is the current president of the Central City Alliance, and through his leadership and volunteer efforts, the 13th street corridor has gone through a dramatic change for the better. He truly was a pioneer for NE 13th street.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

He has dedicated 30+ years to the betterment of the city, long after his terms as a politician. His efforts from hard work that began decades ago continue to appear today, as seen in the rebirth and future potential along the 13th street corridor. This year alone, the 13th street improvements have won several awards, and notoriety through printed and social media.

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Positions held; Chair of Visioning Committee, Central City CRA, MPO, Proposed and Chaired the Citizen Volunteer corp. Broward Trust, formulated the financially successful Code Amnesty board. Chair of the Central City Alliance. Writes an informational blog regarding city matters with many followers, and penned a book called Politics 101. He is from Maryland, Coached Flag Football for the city for many years, invested in numerous properties in areas of the city that have needed improvement. He has been with his wife Cindy for 40 years, who has been a volunteer for FLPD's COP program for 20 years, and also is the Vice Chair of the Nuisance Abatement board. His son Timothy Charles is a successful business person, and owns and operates Oddballs Thrift on NE 13th. street, donates proceeds of his business to the community, is a mentor, and the Wrestling Coach of Fort Lauderdale High.

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

Please select the category this nomination is for. You may only select one category per submission.

(o) HONORED FOUNDER - The Honored Founder award is for a courageous citizen who prepared the way for future growth and harmony in Fort Lauderdale. This person may be deceased.

4. Based on the category selected above, please describe in detail the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, including specific examples (1,000 words or less). Examples include significant contributions to the welfare and betterment of the community or the City, civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, leadership, projects accomplished, or other ways this person has improved the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale. A resume may not be substituted as a response to this question.

Ramola and Bob Motwani have been tireless leaders for the Hospitality Industry and the Fort Lauderdale

Beach Community for over 3 decades, putting in their personal resources and efforts with the constant goal of bettering the community and fulfilling a vision for an upscale family oriented beach destination. Collectively they served on nearly every board in a leadership position including the CVB's Marketing and Advertising Committee, Chamber's Beach Council, the TDC, FRLA, and Broward Workshop, to name a few. Since the minute they arrived in Fort Lauderdale, starting with Bob's involvement and continuing with Ramola's efforts, they have committed both their time and resources to bettering the community. From Bob's efforts to form the new vision for the beach in the late 80's, including promoting the destination overseas and debating former Mayor Bob Cox on TV about the need for focus on tourism, to Ramola's efforts to make that vision a reality by growing the business and redeveloping much of Fort Lauderdale Beach, there's little doubt that the success of Fort Lauderdale Beach's redevelopment would be possible without their involvement. Although Bob passed away in 1994, less than a decade after arriving to town, the Chamber, CVB and City dedicated a plaque on the beach in recognition and honor for his achievements. The Motwani family today led by Ramola and their two sons, continues in those footsteps, helping take Fort Lauderdale to a new level.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

This husband and wife duo came to town with a dream of building a business. They then helped shape a vision for the Fort Lauderdale Beach Community, and then spent the next 3 decades making that vision a reality. There's no question they're an honored founder of the new Fort Lauderdale Beach, an upscale family oriented destination with major events (Air Show) and upscale properties (Four Seasons, Paramount, etc) thanks to their efforts.

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Ramola Motwani is the Chairwoman of Merrimac Ventures, a real estate management, investment and development company with interests around the US and India, which she started with her late husband Bob. The company is based in Fort Lauderdale, FL where it employs over 100 people. Merrimac Ventures has properties in Florida, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, Arizona and Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Motwani began their 35+ year business career in the US with an import/export business in St. Charles, MO. In the mid-1980's, they owned and operated (among others) the Merrimac and Gold Coast Beach Resort Hotels on the Fort Lauderdale Beach together for many years, until Bob passed away in 1994. Ramola took over the entire company, while also raising two sons, Nitin and Dev. She also managed to expand the business while becoming one of the most active local community members on Fort Lauderdale Beach. She put together the group to bring back the Fort Lauderdale Air Show in 2012.

She's been an extremely active member of the Fort Lauderdale community since Bob's passing, following in his footsteps as he was very active in the Chamber and with the CVB's Marketing and Advertising (MAC) Committee. She was instrumental in securing major sponsors to assist with the cost of updating the wave-wall lights when the city didn't have the funding to do so. She helped plan the Centennial Beachfest celebration with the entire City Commission, and she started the annual holiday lights effort on the beach. She was also the founding Chairwomen of the annual Jeb Bush Classic Beach Bash fundraiser benefitting Cystic Fibrosis, and recently Co-Chaired the Mayors Gala benefitting the United Way for many years.

She was appointed by the county mayor to the Tourist Development Council, which oversees all tourism related monies and efforts for the county. She is an active member of the Broward Workshop, serving on both the Education and Government Relations Committee. She recently served on

the Advisory Committee for the Business Improvement District on the Fort Lauderdale Beach, was previously the Vice Chair of the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board which advises the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, and is the Former Chair of the Beach Council, a group she has actively participated in as a Chamber of Commerce Trustee for over 20 years. She is a State Board Member of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and was appointed by the governor's office to the FL Commission on the Status of Women. She has helped expand the FRLA Hospitality program in Broward County Schools, starting at 0 and now at 12 High Schools.

Her civic-minded affiliations include being a volunteer with the Citizens Volunteer Corps, Trustee of the South Florida Hindu Temple for 14 years, Vice President of the India - US Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Sindhi Association of S. Florida. She is also a member of the Alliance of the Associations of Sindhi's in America.

Ramola and Bob were born and raised in India and received her law degree from the Government Law College located in Mumbai, India and he attended Northern Illinois University in the US for his Master's degree. She was recently given the Sun-Sentinel's Excalibur Award and is an NSU's Entrepreneur Hall of Fame inductee. She won the 2006 Chamber Women's Circle of Excellence Award for Hospitality and the 2007 Salute to Business Award. She has also been honored by the March of Dimes, among many other charities.

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Exemplary Former City Employee – Background information on Frank Adderley

Frank Adderley served the City of Fort Lauderdale for 36 years as a member of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

In 2008, he was appointed as the first African-American Chief of Police in the history of Fort Lauderdale, a position he served in until 2016 overseeing an annual budget of \$100 million, 511 sworn police officers and 190 civilian employees.

A south Florida native, Frank Adderley

- Grew up in the northwest section of Fort Lauderdale
- Graduated from Stranahan High School in 1979

He attended college at Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, and the FBI National Academy for police executives

- Received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from Florida Gulf Coast University

He joined the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department in October 1980

- Was the youngest cadet in the 81st graduating class of the Broward County Police Academy

In addition to being the City's first African-American Police Chief, Frank Adderley was the first African-American in the history of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to be promoted to the ranks of Major and Assistant Chief.

He was the first African-American elected as President of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association in 2013.

He became a Narcotics Detective in 1985 and worked on the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Task Force

- Authored 31 court authorized state and federal wiretaps
- Recognized as an expert in the distribution of crack cocaine in federal court

He was promoted to Sergeant in 1993 where he served in Patrol, Street Narcotics Unit, and the Office of Internal Affairs

He was promoted to Captain in 2000 where he served in Patrol, the Community Support Division, and the Special Investigations Division

He was promoted to Major in 2006 and, less than a year later, was promoted to Assistant Chief where he oversaw investigations, which encompassed 164 investigators assigned to the Criminal and Special Investigations Divisions

Frank Adderley is a graduate of the following:

- 206 Session of the FBI National Academy,
- 52nd Session of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Commanders Course,
- Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Program at Florida Atlantic University, and the
- 33rd Session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.



Chief Franklin C. Adderley is a native of Fort Lauderdale and the youngest son of Bahamian immigrants, the late George and Frankielee Adderley. Chief Adderley was raised in the Fort Lauderdale's Northwest Community. He attended Broward County Public Schools and is a 1979 graduate of Stranahan High School. Chief Adderley joined the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department in October 1980. He was the youngest cadet in the 81st graduating class of the Broward County Police Academy.

In 1985, Chief Adderley became a Major Narcotics Detective where he worked on the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Task Force. During this time, he authored 31 court authorized state and federal wiretaps. He was recognized as an expert in the distribution of crack cocaine in federal court, and was named Officer of the Month in February 1986.

Chief Adderley was promoted to Sergeant in 1993 where he served in Patrol, Street Narcotics Unit, and the Office of Internal Affairs. In 1996, he was one of two supervisors in charge of the Street Narcotics Unit that was responsible for the apprehension of over 2,500 felony suspects without receiving any Internal Affairs complaints.

In 2000, Chief Adderley was promoted to the rank of Captain where he served in Patrol, the Community Support Division, and the Special Investigations Division. In 2006, Chief Adderley was promoted to the rank of Major making him the first African-American to hold such a rank in the Department's history. Less than a year later, he was promoted to Assistant Chief where he oversaw investigations, which encompassed 164 investigators assigned to the Criminal and Special Investigations Divisions.

On June 1, 2008, he was appointed as the first African-American Chief of Police in the history of Fort Lauderdale. Chief Adderley oversees a department which includes an annual budget of \$100 million, 511 sworn police officers and 190 civilian employees.

Chief Adderley received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida International University. He is a graduate of the 206 Session of the FBI National Academy, Graduate of the 52nd Session of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Commanders Course, Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Program at Florida Atlantic University and a graduate of the 33rd Session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Chief Adderley is the President of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association, serves on the IACP's Dangerous Narcotics and Drug Committee and is a former member of the Florida Commission on the Status of Black Men and Boys. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and his hobbies include golf, tennis and running. He is the proud father of one son.



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF RECOGNITION DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 | 9 a.m.

**Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue
7th Floor Conference Room**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Former Mayors:

Mayor James Naugle

Mayor John "Jack" P. Seiler

Former Commissioner:

Commissioner John Aurelius

Former Award Winners:

Courtney Crush, Chairperson

Eugenia Ellis

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Birch Willey

STAFF PRESENT

Monique J. Damiano, Sr. Strategic Communications Specialist/Staff Liaison

Safeea Ali, Administrative Assistant II

Carla Foster, Administrative Assistant

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting was for the Citizens Committee of Recognition to discuss nominations for the 2018 Citizens Recognition Awards and make their final recommendations to the City Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairperson Crush. It was noted that a quorum was present and included two former mayors, one former commissioner, and two former award winners.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The current committee welcomed newest members former Fort Lauderdale Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler and former City Commissioner John Aurelius.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Ellis/Naugle. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARDS

Chairperson Crush opened the 2018 Citizens Recognition Awards discussion.

Member Aurelius inquired about the nomination process and the voting for categories for the Citizen Recognition Awards.

Chairperson Crush opened the discussion regarding the nomination process to orient new member Aurelius and new member Seiler. The Committee discussed the importance of finding the right person for the right category and reserving the right to move nominees into other categories, if more appropriate, based on the nominee's application and accomplishments. Chairperson Crush further explained that committee members can make a motion regarding a nominee, speak on behalf of nominees, and provide input on why they feel a nominee should be considered for an award.

Member Ellis added that although rare, the Committee can entertain nominations from the floor.

Member Seiler asked whether the Committee has recommended more than one person for an award in the past (e.g., husband and wife) in the same category, in the same year. Chairperson Crush confirmed that more than one person has been awarded in the past. Liaison Damiano shared that the Honorable W. Herbert Moriarty and the Honorable Estella Moriarty were named Distinguished Citizens in 2002.

Citizen of the Year

Chairperson Crush opened the floor for discussion of the Citizen of the Year and read the description for this category.

Member Ellis spoke on behalf of JoAnn Smith. Member Ellis explained that Ms. Smith volunteers for every City event, oversees City volunteers, served on the Parks & Recreation Board for years, was instrumental in building the botanical garden in Stranahan Park, and makes a continuous commitment to the City of Fort Lauderdale without expecting anything in return.

Member Naugle supported Member Ellis' recommendation, and Member Seiler stated that Ms. Smith certainly has volunteer spirit, is always positive, and is a perfect nominee for Citizen of the Year.

Motion: Ellis/Seiler. A motion was made to recommend JoAnn Smith as the Citizen of the Year for 2018. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Distinguished Citizen

Chairperson Crush opened the floor for discussion of the Distinguished Citizen and read the description for this category.

Member Naugle brought Micky Hinton's name forward, stating that Mr. Hinton was always involved in the construction industry.

Member Seiler noted Beverly Morley's nomination and mentioned he did not recall seeing anyone that represents the vitally important marine industry recognized in the past.

Member Aurelius recommended former City Commissioner Tim Smith, noting Mr. Smith's contributions to the N.E. 13th Street transformation, Middle River Terrace Park, Annie Beck House, Citizens Volunteer Corps, Fort Lauderdale Fire and Safety Museum, and other extensive public service initiatives.

Member Crush brought Ramola Motwani's name forward, highlighting Ms. Motwani as a long-standing property owner who not only invested in

development on Fort Lauderdale Beach, but also devotes a significant amount of time to supporting community organizations.

Member Aurelius stated that he understands the historical perspective of the roles of the Motwani family and how important they have been to the City.

Member Seiler felt Ms. Motwani should be considered in the Honor Founder category. Ms. Motwani and her late husband, Ramesh "Bob" Motwani, were also nominated in the Honored Founder category.

Member Naugle shared that Mr. Motwani was instrumental in shutting down spring break on the beach and always supported City initiatives.

Member Seiler mentioned Mr. Smith's 35 years of supporting the City and building community, and aside from serving as an elected official, Mr. Smith initiated many charitable and volunteer efforts, such as toy drives, crime walks, neighborhood events, and cleanup projects.

Member Aurelius introduced Marge Anderson's name for possible consideration.

Member Naugle introduced Planning and Zoning Board member Barbara Curtis for consideration, stating Ms. Curtis was very instrumental in battling against Multidyne Medical Waste Management's waste incinerator facility in Fort Lauderdale.

Chairperson Crush discussed the long-term significant impact Hadny Fayyaz has had on the City.

Member Seiler added that Ms. Fayyaz was a champion for Hortic Park in the Shady Banks neighborhood and stated that the Citizen of the Year category may be more appropriate for Ms. Fayyaz.

Member Ellis brought Gale Butler's name forward for consideration, stating Ms. Butler was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, has been very active in Fort Lauderdale's community for years and is now serving as executive director of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

Member Naugle stated he was surprised Ms. Butler had not been honored in the past.

Member Aurelius stated Ms. Butler is doing a great job at Birch State Park, but continued to express his support for Mr. Smith.

Motion: Aurelius/Seiler. A motion was made to recommend Tim Smith as the Distinguished Citizen for 2018. In a voice vote, the motion passed 3/2.

Exemplary Former City Employee

Chairperson Crush opened the floor for discussion of the Exemplary Former City Employee and read the description for this category.

Member Ellis noted that Bob Dunckel was nominated in this category again this year. Member Seiler stated that Bob is a natural for Exemplary Former City

Employee. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Dunckel's current part-time employment with the City, making him ineligible for consideration this year.

Member Seiler recommended carrying Mr. Dunckel's nomination over to next year.

Member Aurelius made a nomination from the table, bringing former Police Chief Frank Adderley's name forward for consideration. Member Aurelius explained that Mr. Adderley had been a long-standing resident, worked through the ranks of the Police Department, and retired as Police Chief.

Member Naugle and member Seiler expressed their support for Mr. Adderley as the recommended Exemplary Former City Employee.

Motion: Aurelius/Naugle. A motion was made to recommend Frank Adderley as the Exemplary Former City Employee for 2018. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Honored Founder

Chairperson Crush opened the floor for discussion of the Honored Founder and read the description for this category.

Member Aurelius spoke on behalf of former Commissioner Carlton B. Moore, stating Mr. Moore was elected to represent District 3 in 1985 and contributed substantially during his time in office.

Member Seiler stated that he thought the City Commission was planning to do something on a larger-scale (i.e., street naming, park naming) for former Commissioner Moore and expressed that the City needs to do something in Carlton's honor for his years of service.

Member Naugle mentioned that if the Commission is in the process of a street/park naming, perhaps the City also name an annual signature event after former Commissioner Moore, similar to naming David Deal Playday after former City employee David Deal.

All five Committee members strongly expressed the need to do something beyond a Citizens Recognition Award for former Commissioner Moore and requested that Liaison Damiano include a note in the Communication to the City Commission on behalf of the Committee (see below).

Member Seiler recommended that the Committee consider the Motwani's in the Honored Founder category and mentioned that Mr. Motwani never had the opportunity to see his vision through, although his wife and sons have successfully completed his vision.

Member Aurelius stated Mrs. Motwani's role is continuing and recognized the role of the Motwani family from a historical perspective, stating both Mr. & Mrs. Motwani have been very important to the City's history.

Motion: Seiler/Naugle. A motion was made to recommend Ramola and Ramesh Motwani as the Honored Founders for 2018. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- Citizen of the Year – JoAnn Smith
- Distinguished Citizen – Tim Smith
- Honored Founder – Ramola and Ramesh “Bob” Motwani
- Exemplary Former City Employee – Former Police Chief Frank Adderley

SELECTION OF 2019 CHAIR

Chairperson Crush asked for nominations for a new chairperson. Member Naugle recommended that Chairperson Crush remain in the position for the upcoming year.

Member Crush thanked member Naugle for the recommendation, but explained that although she would be happy to continue as chairperson, her term on the committee may soon expire.

Motion: Naugle/Crush. A motion was made to name member Seiler as the as the 2019 Citizens Committee of Recognition Chairperson. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

CARRYOVERS

Robert Dunckel – Exemplary Former City Employee

COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

After a lengthy discussion regarding former Commissioner Carlton Moore’s nomination for Honored Founder, the Committee feels that while former Commissioner Moore is more than qualifies as a recipient for a Citizens Recognition Award, former Commissioner Moore deserves permanent recognition from the City Commission. The Committee is under the impression that the current Commission is in the process of determining the appropriate vehicle to honor former Commission Moore and the Committee encourages the Commission to continue that discussion and to recognize former Commissioner Moore in the very near future in a manner that aligns with his significant contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST OR CONCERN

Event Date

The 2018 Citizens Recognition Awards ceremony is tentatively set for 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at Fort Lauderdale City Hall. This date is subject to change pending availability of the honorees and their families.

Liaison Role

Liaison Damiano announced that Ms. Safeea Ali would be closely involved in this year’s event planning activities, as Ms. Ali is transitioning into the liaison role in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

[Minutes prepared by Monique J. Damiano, Liaison]