



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 28th, 2019 4:00 PM

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Mission: To develop and connect partners for economic growth.

Vision: *Inspiring prosperity within the business community.*

Present:

Pam Adams, Joe Akin, Gerry Angeli, Louis Balbirer, Gary Bitner, David Black, Suzanne Bogdan, Robert Boo, Mark Budwig, Dick Clark, Danielle Clermont, Tim Curtain, Heiko Dobrikow, William Feinberg, Janet Granger, Suzanne Higgins, Robert Keesler, Kelly Kolb, Lynne Lulfs, Doug McCraw, Jean McIntyre, Rozeta Mahboubi, Maria Medina, Malena Mendez-Dorn, Laurie Menekou, Gordon Merle, Melissa Milroy, Jenni Morejon, Burnadette Norris Weeks, Tom Parke, Jon Polenberg, Andy Rogow, Juliet Roulhac, Ed Simon, Adam Spiegel, Yamilet Strauss, Stephan Tilbrook, Jon Turton, Bill Walker, Lori Wheeler, Vince Yarina

By Phone:

Alec Bogdanoff, Kareen Boutros, Angie Davis, Mark Gale, Michael Goldstein, Tim Hart, Chris Lagerbloom, Fred Livingston, Mike Long, Andrew Martineau, Julie Medley, Amy Perry, Miguel Pilgram, Jack Seiler, Michelle Young

Absent:

Steve Cernak, Lori Chevy, David Coddington, Lori Duarte-Roberts, Robert Esposito, Andy Fernandez, Eduardo Fernandez, Greg Haile, Anne Hotte, Rufus James, Bob Janco, Barry Johnson, Ina Lee, Jon Marcus, Fernando Mesia, Iwan Mohamed, Marilyn Oliva, Melinda Perry, Cynthia Peterson, Amuary Piedra, Phil Purcell, Jean Francois Roy, Greg Stuart, Ashley Walker

Staff: Michael Cobelo, Kristy Favata, Dan Lindblade, Carolyn Michaels

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** **Bill Feinberg Chair-Elect, Allied Kitchen and Bath**
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - b. **Welcome and Self Introductions**

- II. **CHAIR'S REPORT** **Feinberg**
 - a. **Recognition of Directors and Kudos**
 - b. **Balanced Scorecard**
 - c. **Annual Meeting:**
 - The Annual Meeting presented by Broward Health was a huge success. We had about 450 in attendance and everyone we spoke to had nothing but good things to say about the event.
 - d. **Business Plans:**
 - The Business Plans have been slowing coming in to the Chamber staff / Suzanne. We have received all of the Council's we are still waiting on quite a few of the Committee's to send theirs still.
 - All Business Plans must be in no later than March 31st.



- e. **Planning Retreat Recap:**
- The retreat at the Riverside Hotel on Saturday February 2nd went really well. About 55 Board members attended the retreat.
 - The BOD defined the path the GFLCC is going in for 2019
 - Our key goals are: Workforce housing, workforce transportation and the third is essentially a workforce initiatives to connect employees in our community to employers, in ways that they're trained and available, whether that is professionals or vocational individuals
 - Short term – The bonds – Police station / Parks
- f. **State of the City of Fort Lauderdale:**
- Tonight is the State of the City address and the Awards for Citizen of the Year along with several other awards.
 - This will be at the Museum of Arts and starts at 6pm.
- g. **Downtowner of the Year—Heiko Dobrikow, Executive Vice President, The Las Olas Co.**
- The event will be on April 11th 2019 at 11:30 am at the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale.
- III. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Nancy Meyer, Publisher and General Manager, Southeast Region, Tribune Publishing**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA** **Feinberg**
- a. **Approval of the January 31, 2019 Minutes**
 - b. **Approval of the January 2019 Financial Statement**
 - c. **Approval of New Members**
 - A motion was made to approve of the Consent Agenda (H. Dobrikow) seconded by (M. Pilgram) motion carried.
- V. **ACTION ITEMS**
- a. **Nominating Committee** **Juliet Roulhac, Immediate Past Chair, FPL**
 - A motion was made to appoint Shira Kastan Goldstein to the Chair of our Political Affairs Committee (J. Polenber) seconded by (L. Menekou) motioned passed.
 - b. **Government Affairs Committee Motions** **Vince Yarina, Chair, Langan Engineering**
 - To oppose seismic blasts and drilling in support of the position established by the City of Fort Lauderdale. S. Tilbrook made the motion seconded by J. Polenber, motion passed.
 - c. **Council of Economic Advisors** **Dick Clark, Chair, Clark Leadership Consulting**
 - COEA slides are in BOD packet for review.
 - d. **Appointment to Infrastructure Work Group** **Feinberg**
 - A motion was made to appoint Gerry Angeli – DTG Group – to the Infrastructure Work Group (B. Walker) seconded by (L. Wheeler) motion approved.
- VI. **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**



- a. **Women's Council—Excuse Me... That's My Seat** **Maria Medina, Chair, Minuteman**
Press
- Discussed the upcoming Women's Council event on International Women's Day – Friday March 8th, 2019 from 7:30 – 3:00 PM.
- VII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Dan Lindblade, CAE
- a. **Uptown Proposals:**
- There are two proposals on the table for land that Lockhart Stadium is currently, the Beckham Group and FXE.
 - The City Commission will be picking which direction they want to go in March.
- b. **Bonnet House:** Willed to the Florida Land trust and they are giving Bonnet House notice and releasing them from their duties.
- c. **Gay Pride Parade:** People have asked why the Chamber was not involved in the parade. This event was not in the GLBX's Business Plan and was not done in time to get involved once it was discussed.
- d. **Scooters:** NR
- e. **Economic Update:** Slides in packet for review.
- VIII. **New Business:**
- Small Business nominations are open. The award will be on May 3rd at the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale – Global Event Center
- IX. **Old Business:** N/R
- X. **Next Board Meeting: March , 2019, 4:00 pm**
- XI. **Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM**