



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK LUNCH BUNCH MEETING MINUTES

Coconut Creek Community Center
1100 Lyons Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: April 29, 2024
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Present:

City of Coconut Creek Elected Officials and Staff

Sandra L. Welch	Mayor
Jacqueline Railey	Vice Mayor
John A. Brodie	Commissioner
Sheila N. Rose	City Manager
Scott Stoudenmire	Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Director
Bernadette Hughes	Assistant to the City Manager
Kathy Mehaffey	Deputy City Attorney
Jeff Gary	Fire Chief
Dan Eberly	Sergeant, School Resource Officer Supervisor
Maureen DeLaunay	Executive Administrative Assistant
Albert "Butch" Arenal	Police Chief
Wayne Tobey	Director of Parks and Recreation
Danielle Nowak	Administrative Coordinator

School Officials

Vicky LaPorte	Atlantic Technical College and Magnet High School
Neeta Rancourt	Atlantic Technical College
Dr. Jamoinca Rolle	Broward College
Debra Hixon	Broward County School Board
Nora Rupert	Broward County School Board
Ricardo Santana	Broward County School North Region Director
Dr. Bree Miron	Coconut Creek Elementary School
Sabine Phillips	Margate Middle School
Dr. Moira Sweeting-Miller	Monarch High School
Dr. Priscille Elie	Tradewinds Elementary School
Carolyn Eggelletion	Winston Park Elementary School

Other Officials

Tina Polsky	State Senator
Christine Hunschofsky	State Representative
Shannon Cohen	State Senator Tina Polsky's Office

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Savannah Marshall
Linda Beauport
Theresa Brier
Leni Smith

State Senator Tina Polsky's Office
State Representative Christine Hunschofsky's Office
Congressman Jared Moskowitz' Office
Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc.

Other Attendees

Felicia Shuman Newkirk Resident
Roderick Newkirk Resident

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER / WELCOME

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. She highlighted the upcoming end of school year and thanked those gathered for all they do in the community.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

a. City Update

Assistant City Manager and Sustainable Development Director Scott Stoudenmire provided a brief City Update. He discussed roadway projects in progress, including Lyons Road from the Sawgrass Expressway north to the County line, the intersection at Copans Road and Lyons Road, as well as projects in the design phase, including pedestrian and mobility improvements on Copans Road from State Road 7 to Lyons Road, Sample Road from Lyons Road east to the entrance to Tradewinds Park, and Hillsboro Boulevard. He noted plans to widen the Sawgrass Expressway and improve the interchange in the future.

Mr. Stoudenmire discussed other development projects that could have an impact on area schools, including construction of the self-storage facility planned for the east side of Solaire at Coconut Creek. He noted there would be impacts to Wiles Road.

b. Police Department Update

Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal provided a Police Department update. He shared that he and Fire Chief Jeff Gary were taking part in a working group with Broward County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Howard Hepburn. He highlighted that the last "Do The Right Thing" award ceremony of the school year would take place on May 23 and thanked those involved. He briefly addressed a recent tragedy involving the homicide of a 15-year-old on the Winston Park Nature Trail. He assured that every resource in the Police Department was working on the case, and that it was not a random act.

Sergeant Dan Eberly reiterated Chief Arenal's comments that this tragedy was an isolated incident and there was no risk in the schools or neighborhoods. He commented on data from School Resource Officers (SRO) in Coconut Creek, and highlighted efforts

to notice and catch issues early. He provided an update on the analysis of traffic patterns at Lyons Creek Middle School and hiring an SRO for Atlantic Technical College. He shared that notice of DARE graduation would be sent out shortly and noted plans for the summer, including K9 Taylor assisting at Coconut Creek Elementary School and Atlantic Technical College.

c. Fire Rescue Update

Fire Chief Jeff Gary provided a Fire Rescue Department update, noting the Fire Prevention Tours as a highlight of the school year and thanked the administrators and staff for their assistance. He stated plans were moving forward regarding driving the Student of the Year and Teacher of the Year to school in a fire truck. He noted Coconut Creek Elementary School had been the inaugural school, and it would be expanded in the next school year. He advised that safety evaluations would begin in June and noted he was working with the Broward County School District on fire alarm evacuation and bi-directional amplifiers.

d. Student Awards and Teen Political Forum Update

Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes provided a brief overview of the Student Recognition Awards Ceremony planned for May 9. She shared that the program had been in place for 20 years to recognize elementary, middle, and high school students who excelled in outstanding academics, leadership, and character. She asked that schools provide the name of the administrator attending the event.

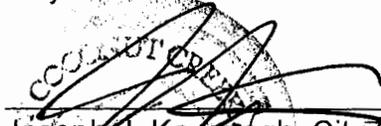
Ms. Hughes discussed the Teen Political Forum, explaining it was a program created to bring together students from all of the City's high schools to engage them in the government process and design an event with elected officials to ask questions and have their voices heard. She recognized those elected officials who had participated. She stated this year's trophy had gone to Atlantic Technical College for the highest percentage of participants. She shared that participation had waned over the years, and this would be the final year of the program.

3. SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND SCHOOL INPUT

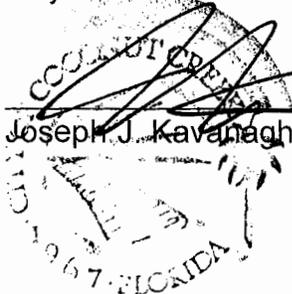
There was round table input from each of the attendees regarding activities at the schools and in the City along with self-introductions.

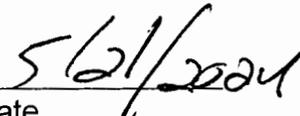
4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Welch thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk





Date