

CITY OF COCONUT CREEK LUNCH BUNCH MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING – October 30, 2017

Meeting Location: Atlantic Technical College and Technical School
4700 Coconut Creek Parkway
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063

Present:

City of Coconut Creek Elected Officials and Staff

Becky Tooley	Mayor
Mikkie Belvedere	Commissioner
Sandra Welch	Commissioner
Mary C. Blasi	City Manager
Karen Brooks	Deputy City Manager
Sheila Rose	Assistant City Manager
Terrill C. Pyburn	City Attorney
Butch Arenal	Police Chief
Jeffrey Gary	Fire Marshal
Bernadette Hughes	Assistant to the City Manager
Maureen DeLaunay	Executive Administrative Assistant
Leslie May	City Clerk
Wayne Tobey	Director of Parks and Recreation
Yvonne Lopez	Community Relations Director
Justin Ayers	Staff Assistant

School Officials

Robert B. Crawford	Atlantic Technical College
Vicky LaPorte	Atlantic Technical College
Nicole Willis	Atlantic Technical College
Robert W. Runcie	Broward County School Board
Leslie Brown	Broward County School Board
Alan Strauss	Broward County School Board
Robin Bartleman	Broward County School Board-District 9
Nora Rupert	Broward County School Board- District 7
Hope Depelisi	Broward County Crime Commission
Wade Edmond	Coconut Creek High School
Jill Ridinger	Coconut Creek High School
Synithia Crawford	Dave Thomas Education Center
Debbie Fairholm	Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc.
Leni Smith	Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc.
David Levine	Liberty Elementary School
Horace Hamm	Lyons Creek Middle School
Thomas Howard	Lyons Creek Middle School

Earnest C. Toliver	Margate Middle School
James Neer	Monarch High School
Bruce Fawcett	North Broward Preparatory School
Ron McCarthy	North Broward Preparatory School
Ronnie Kowal	North Regional/Broward College Library
Michael Breslaw	Tradewinds Elementary School
Carolyn Eggelletion	Winston Park Elementary

Other Officials

Theresa Brier	Congressman Ted Deutch's Office
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1. WELCOME ALL: Mayor Tooley called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. A 20 minute recess was taken to allow for attendees to be served lunch.
2. Self-introductions were made by the attendees.
3. Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools Robert Runcie thanked everyone for attending the luncheon. He announced that Broward County has had the highest graduation rates in five years. He noted that the graduation rate in Coconut Creek schools is 87 percent, which is out performing the district average. He highlighted some of the student achievement numbers in Coconut Creek, which included English language arts proficiency at 68 percent, math proficiency at 52 percent, science at 58 percent, and social studies at 76 percent. He further explained that the Broward County Public Schools have worked very hard to reduce the number schools receiving a grade letter of F in the district, which has gone from 22 schools in 2015 down to only two schools in 2017. He added that Broward County Public Schools have been expanding various programs including: the magnet programs, access to technology, the debate program, and dual language programs. He also noted that this year 24,000 musical instruments were provided to schools throughout Broward County. Lastly, he stated the goal of Broward County Public Schools is to ensure that students are career ready and life ready.
4. Assistant City Manager / Director of Sustainable Development Sheila Rose spoke about the updates on the new development projects in the City:
 - Midtown residential project
 - Dunkin Donuts
 - Ballet Studio
 - Texas Roadhouse
 - Smoothie Company in Promenade
5. Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal distributed flyers for the upcoming 9th Annual 5K Police Explorers run. He explained that the Explorers Program is for young men and women between the ages of 14 to 18 years old. He mentioned a few of the individuals who went

through the program and have become Coconut Creek police officers. He noted that all proceeds from the 5K run donations go directly to the Explorers Program.

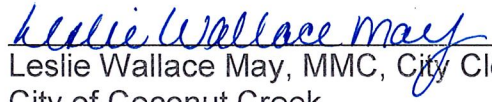
He gave a brief overview of the new program called, "Do the Right Thing," which allows for the schools or anyone in the community to nominate a child for doing something right or for showing good judgement.

Nora Rupert asked if nominations could be made online, and police Chief Arenal responded that online nominations would be an option.

6. There was round table input from each of the attendees regarding various activities at each of the Coconut Creek schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Justin Ayers


Leslie Wallace May, MMC, City Clerk
City of Coconut Creek

