



**COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 8TH FLOOR CITY HALL
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	CUMULATIVE	
		1/09-12/09	
		Present	Absent
Ayisha Gordon (arr. 6:24)	P	6	0
Franci Bindler	P	6	0
Greg Stuart, Chair	P	5	1
Jason Johnson	A	5	1
John Castelli	A	6	0
Marilyn Mammano, Vice Chair	A	6	0
Pearl Maloney	P	1	5
Ryan Paton	A	6	0
Pieter Coetzee	A	5	1
Randall Vitale	P	5	1
Shon Cash	A	4	2
Shelley Walker	A	5	0
Rick Murphy	P	4	1
Barbara A. Van Voast	P	4	0
Robert McNair	A	0	3
Kenneth Green	A	1	0
Larry Nielsen	P	1	0
Patrick Maloy	P	1	0

As of this date, there were 18 appointed members to the Board, which means 10 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Linda Gee, Staff Liaison, Public Works Department
Jennifer Picinich, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None at this time.

Call to Order

- **Roll Call**

Chair Stuart called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was not present.

- **Welcome New Members and Introductions**

Chair Stuart welcomed new member Patrick Maloy and explained the purpose of the Board, including the monthly WOW Awards and the Annual Event.

Mr. Maloy lives in District 2 and was appointed by Mayor John P. Seiler.

- **Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2009 Meeting**

As a quorum was not present, the minutes could not be approved at this time.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Murphy advised that the City Commission has approved the transfer of \$1500 from the Board's subsidiary account to their operating account to cover the cost of plaques for Annual Event winners. Ms. Gee reminded the members that funds will only be transferred to the operating account on an as-needed basis; otherwise they remain in the subsidiary account, where they may be held over after the fiscal year expires on September 30, 2009.

Mr. Murphy continued that the only receipt he has received for an expense was a \$210.95 charge for flowers at the Annual Event. Ms. Gee affirmed that this expense has been paid through accounts payable.

- **Secretary's Report**

Mr. Murphy stated there is nothing to report at this time.

- **Community Outreach Coordinator's Report**

Chair Stuart noted that Mr. Paton could not attend today's meeting.

WOW Awards

- **Vote on August WOW Nomination**

While the Board could not vote on this Award in the absence of a quorum, Ms. Bindler described the nominated home to the members. This was a self-nominated property. She noted that the house was described as dramatically different from its previous appearance; the homeowner was said to have "before"

photographs. Ms. Gee advised if she is given the address, she could have "after" pictures taken.

Chair Stuart noted that the Board has received three nominations for District 2, including a self-nomination; he added that, as the Board does not plan to meet in August, the August WOW nominees should have been brought to tonight's meeting for a vote.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the August WOW Award be eliminated, and the home that is nominated for the August award would then become the September nominee. This would "push everything back one month."

Chair Stuart recognized that this could not be done by a vote, as there is no quorum, but requested a consensus on the issue. All Board members were in agreement. It was noted that this would mean the award would "double up" in the month of November.

It was asked if the Board could select what would now be the September WOW Award by consensus, but Chair Stuart pointed out that there is no photograph of the house for members to vote upon. It was agreed that the Board would vote on the September WOW Award nomination at their next scheduled meeting, which is in September 2009.

Ms. Gee stated she would need the September WOW Award nomination no later than the first week of that month. She suggested that Ms. Bindler obtain a "before" picture and send it to her; Ms. Gee would then ask a Staff member to take a current picture, and would email these to the Board members and ask them to respond directly to her in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Ms. Bindler added that homeowners who receive WOW Awards must come to the City Commission meeting to be presented with their award; many homeowners do not wish their address to be placed on the City's website, which removes them from consideration.

Liaison's Report

- **Notebook Updates**

Ms. Gee pointed out that while the schedule for WOW Awards has been updated, the change of excluding the month of August would not yet be reflected in that report. She offered to email this to the members in August, and asked if Mr. Maloy might wish to be added to the schedule before she prints it out.

She noted that there will be at least one new member in attendance at the September 2009 meeting, and that the Board should contact its new members who have not yet attended a meeting.

Due to the changes in the WOW Award schedule, she advised that the District 3 Award, which is nominated by Mr. Green, Ms. Gordon, and Mr. Nielsen, will now be a November selection.

Ms. Gee informed the Board that the Rio Vista Newsletter had "picked up the story about the awards," and provided copies of this for interested members.

She also had an updated roster for the members, but advised that this may change as well, as new members join.

Letters have been sent to sponsors as requested, stating that they will be recognized at the July 21 City Commission meeting. They have been asked to RSVP regarding their attendance to accept their plaques. Ms. Gee recalled that Ms. Gordon had offered to handle the plaques, and asked that a Board member follow up with the sponsor companies to find out who will represent them at the City Commission meeting. Mr. Murphy volunteered for this responsibility.

The WOW Award winner from May will be able to attend the July 21 City Commission meeting as well. The homeowner had been previously delayed due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Vitale confirmed he will be at that meeting to present them with their award, as did Chair Stuart. The presentations will be at the beginning of the meeting, which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Former liaison Monique Damiano will be present at that meeting as well to ensure all goes smoothly.

Once the plaques for sponsors have been purchased, roughly \$168 will remain in the sponsorship account, and it will carry over into the next budget year. The Board's request is for the budget to remain the same in 2010.

She also reminded the Board that the City Commission has added a "Communications to City Commission" section at the beginning of each month's minutes as a way to bring items of importance to attention. For instance, any community projects could be highlighted in this section.

Ms. Van Voast suggested this section could be used to invite City Commissioners to nominate properties in their Districts for the WOW Awards. This would also serve as a way for them to become more involved with the Board. Ms. Van Voast added that she has asked her own homeowners' association to mention the WOW Award, as more nominations are often needed.

Chair Stuart advised that he would prefer voting on this suggestion before placing it in the "Communications" section of the minutes.

Ms. Gordon joined the meeting at this time (6:24 p.m.).

Motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Vitale, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Vitale, to table the July WOW Award nomination approval until the next scheduled Board meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** carried unanimously.

Other Matters of Interest or Concern

Mr. Nielsen asked if the Board is limited strictly to WOW Awards on a monthly basis, or if they may address more general concerns regarding community appearance as well. Chair Stuart replied that he hopes the Board will discuss community appearance on a wider scale, particularly since they may pass along communications to the City Commission.

Mr. Nielsen stated that there has been an issue in his neighborhood regarding when items for trash pickup may be set out for this service. He asked if it might be possible for the water or other utilities bill to remind City residents that these items may be put out 24 hours in advance of pickup, and no sooner.

Chair Stuart asked if Mr. Nielsen might wish to make this suggestion a motion and pass it along to the City Commission. Ms. Gee advised, however, that she works for the Utilities Bureau and will pass this suggestion along "to the source."

Regarding the plaques for Annual Event sponsors, Ms. Gordon asked if she could have the vendor send the purchase order to Ms. Gee for these items. Ms. Gee confirmed this.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.