

**City of Fort Lauderdale
WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE
City Hall, 8th Conference Room
Friday, April 21, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

Committee Members Present

Sonya Burrows
Gale Butler
Louise Crocco
Ina Lee
Dan Santoro
Tim Schiavone
George Smith

Staff Present

Chaz Adams, Public Affairs Office
Angela Sabina, Parks and Recreation
Tim McGovern, Staff Liaison

Also Present

John Lonergan, MD

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Each committee member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Lee/Santoro. Motion was made to approve the 2016 Walk of Fame Committee minutes. Passed unanimously.

Selection of Chair

Committee members discussed the selection of a chair for 2017.

MOTION: Lee/Schiavone. Motion was made to appoint Gale Butler as Chair of the 2017 Walk of Fame Committee. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on Award Criteria

A discussion was held regarding the award criteria. Lee said she felt that the honorees should be someone who made a difference in the community who went above and beyond and continues to be involved in the City.

Butler raised the question about whether the award honors those that impacted the whole city or is it only Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Santoro discussed former city managers, politicians, or employees being added to the Walk of Fame.

Schiavone agreed with the importance of discussing award criteria but suggested the public discussion be held first as a courtesy to those in attendance.

Public Discussion on 2017 Walk of Fame Nominations

Chair Butler opened the floor for public discussion of the 2017 Walk of Fame honorees.

Chair Butler recognized John Lonergan. Lonergan spoke in support of Dr. George L. Hanbury, II's nomination and his dedication to bringing national distinction to Fort Lauderdale and making it a better place as a previous City Manager and as President of Nova Southeastern University.

Chair Butler closed the public discussion of the 2017 Walk of Fame honorees.

2017 Walk of Fame Selection

Chair Butler opened the floor for committee discussion of the 2017 Walk of Fame honorees. Committee members discussed their top three selections.

Santoro discussed his support of Kaye Pearson and his significant role of establishing the City of Fort Lauderdale in the marine industry.

Lee spoke in support of the Motwani family who were Fort Lauderdale Beach visionaries who helped bring luxury hotel brands such as the Four Seasons and the Ritz-Carlton to the beach. Lee also discussed their philanthropic contributions to the community as a whole family.

Adams discussed the history of the awards and that the impact Citywide.

Smith spoke in support of the Zloch brothers and their impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale through sports, law, finance and community service.

Schiavone discussed his support of Aiton Joseph "AJ" Yaari and his commitment to Fort Lauderdale Beach.

MOTION: Butler/Schiavone. A motion was made to recognize the following people as 2017 Walk of Fame Honorees: Dr. George L. Hanbury, II, Kaye Pearson, the Motwani Family, and the Zloch Brothers. Passed unanimously.

Continued Discussion on Award Criteria

Schiavone suggested that the Committee select up to four honorees per year with no names carried forward. Schiavone also suggested that maybe the award should have categories.

Burrows discussed that the award should honor contributions to the City as a whole.

Santoro suggested holding carryovers for one year.

A discussion as held regarding carryovers. The Committee decided not to carryover names from previous years.

McGovern told committee members that they are welcome to attend the Walk of Fame Honoree reception at the Great American Beach Party at 4 p.m.

MOTION: Lee/Crocco. A motion was made to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Passed unanimously.