

**Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Agenda**

**MONDAY November 5th, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**FLIPANY Board Room, 1777 North Dixie Highway**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**-Treasurer Report**

**-Police Report**

**-GYR Report**

**-Code Report**

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Monthly Dashboard)**

**-Beautification/Improvements and Redevelopment** – transition of sidewalks, Annie Beck House

**-Community Engagement and Capacity Building** – Defend Yourself Workshop success, Gulfstream Microbrewery Opening, SoFAR event on 10/30, new neighborhood development and redevelopment activity.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**-HVAC/other high school issues**

**-Updating Bylaws** – finalize board approval of bylaws

**-Board recruitment**

## 6. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS:

**-Dockless Mobility initiative:** Robert C. Modys, Mobility Planner, City of Fort Lauderdale, Transportation and Mobility Department

II <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/transportation-and-mobility/transportation-division/programs-policies-and-initiatives/dockless-bike-and-scooter-sharing>

**-Cumberland Farms:** Gregory A. McAloon, Tripp Scott Attorneys at Law (tentative)

**-City Property Tax:** Marilyn Mammano, Chair, City of Fort Lauderdale Infrastructure Task Force will join a future meeting. In the interim, a summary of why a small increase in our city property tax makes sense from the Infrastructure Task Force:

“Infrastructure is everything you see or don’t see that makes our city function. You see the roads, city building/facilities, sidewalks, parks, seawalls etc. You don’t see the water mains, storm sewers and sanitary sewers, communication equipment. Most people don’t think about these things unless they are absent inadequate or broken. Our aging overburdened sewer system failed in a spectacular fashion recently and everybody noticed.

The City pays for infrastructure just like your family pays for a new roof. They put money in the bank over time and replace the roof or they borrow money to replace the roof and pay it back with interest over time. The City has a bank account for infrastructure called the Capital Investment Plan (CIP). Every year money goes into the CIP from taxes, fees, grants etc. Some of that money is restricted in how it can be spent, for instance, water/sewer fees can’t be spent on paving roads. These restrictions may be contained in bond covenants, ordinance restrictions, etc. However, for the past five years the City has been using a portion of water/sewer fees to fund the operating budget. This practice, known as ROI, resulted in approx. \$100,000,000 being diverted

from capital projects to general expenses. The City Commission recently committed to phasing out this practice over a four-year period starting in FY 2019. The City keeps separate accounts relating the source of the money to the permitted project.

After the 2008 Great Recession the City choose to make budget decisions based on deferring maintenance while preserving jobs and services. Property taxes have not been raised in twelve years. Fees for water/sewer and storm water sewers kept going up but we have some of the lowest fees in Broward County and Florida. There simply isn't enough money to do the job."

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- CFLCA General Meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall
- Navy League of the United States Fort Lauderdale Council, Soldier Stories Exhibition at ArtServe, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm, 1350 E Sunrise Blvd.
- MRTNA BOD Meeting: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6pm, FLIPANY

**7. Consent Agenda:**

-MRTNA September 10<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting Minutes

**8. Adjournment**