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MRTNA General Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, September 15, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Iron Works
1201 NE 7th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL

General Meeting Called to Order: 5:50 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions were made by MRTNA President Colleen Lockwood, and she introduced our guest speakers for the evening as follows:

- We Take The Cake Sponsor – Jean Wilco
- Special Presentation – Vice Mayor Dean Trantalis
- Dixie Highway Groundbreaking December 3rd – Diana Alarcon, Transportation and Mobility Director, City of Fort Lauderdale (brief update on NE 4th Avenue project too)
- Law enforcement presentation – FLPD Detective Roy Goderstad and FLPD Sergeant Jaime Costas
- Green Your Routine Lead – Joan Block
- Local Business Profile Buck & Beard – Jose Lima and Ricardo Colipi
- Local Non Profit Profile H.O.M.E.S – President Linda Taylor
- H.O.M.E.S Artist in Residence -- Todd Schwing
- MRTNA Membership Chair – Tony Beall

Sponsor Comments: Jean Wilco from We Take the Cake had beautiful mini cupcakes for all of us to enjoy. Colleen had seen them on the Oprah Winfrey show a while back and recently found they are located right in our neighborhood off 13th Street. They make beautiful cakes and ship them all over the country.

Special Presentation by Vice Mayor Dean Trantalis was made to Laura Croscenco of a nice plaque for her service to Middle River Terrace Assn as president for the past two years. Also, gift cards to Warsaw Coffee Company were presented to Joann, Jan and Laura for their service to the Association.



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Commissioner Trantalis spoke of 13th Street being a magnet for attracting businesses to our community. Warsaw will be adding a clothing store and barber shop to their store. He said that the City is partnering with Warsaw. He said a business call Hotwire is moving in and will create 600 jobs.

Dixie Highway Groundbreaking -- Diana Alarcon, Mobility Director, from the City of Fort Lauderdale gave an update on the Dixie Highway project. She stated the groundbreaking will be December 3, 2016 and that more details would be forthcoming. We will be getting new entrance monuments, sidewalks, raised intersections, landscaping, etc. One new feature has been added, a special strip between the driving and bike lane so bikers will feel safer.

Diana also gave a brief update on the NE 4th Avenue Project. She stated they do not want to make permanent changes to the street for now due to the high traffic flow by the high school and Home Depot. Instead, lanes will be re-stripped for bicycle traffic and we will see how it works.

Ground breaking was held for 13th Street this past Wednesday for the business district running through MRT. On street parking will be added on one side of the street and a driving lane will be eliminated.

Crime Report – FLPD Detective Roy Goderstad reported that our crime is down and is the lowest in years. For July 2016 there were two residential burglaries with one of them being a shed. There were two car burglaries. He reiterated the need for residents to keep their cars locked. He shared a recent trend – offenders are targeting theft of push start cars – thieves have been stealing Infiniti and other model cars with the ability to start without a key. Sgt Costas presented a letter of appreciation to Detective Goderstad from MRTNA.

Green Your Routine – GYR Lead Joan Block told everyone present that they can go to fortlauderdale.gov to find out all the events going on in the City. She also stated that we all can have our gardens certified by the wildlife habitat by creating a place for the animals to hide, water and food.



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Local Business Highlight Buck & Beard -- presentation was made from Buck & Beard's business partners Ricardo Colipi and Jose Lima. Buck & Beard, where "barbering meets art" opens soon in the Warsaw Coffee complex. Jose is well known in the area and has many loyal happy clientele. The barber shop is beautifully designed; Jose and Ricardo encouraged everyone to visit the shop after it opens and like them on Facebook. Their shop opens on Tuesday October 4th and clients can book appointments online:

<https://www.facebook.com/bucknbeard/?fref=ts>

Local Non Profit Profile -- H.O.M.E.S Linda Taylor from H.O.M.E.S. spoke and said she is happy the crime in our neighborhood is down. She spoke about some of the things that they do.

13th Street Roundabout Art project: We were shown the art concept for the roundabout at 13th and Dixie Highway by H.O.M.E.S Artist in Residence Todd Schwing. Called "Unity", the sculpture is conceived as a multi-colored poly resin tower surrounded by a concrete barrier and lit up at night. Community input on the design is welcome -- at an upcoming meeting to be scheduled at ArtServe.

MRTNA Membership: Tony Beall, has joined MRTNA and will be the Membership Committee Chair. He has quite an extensive resume of past achievements and is a wonderful addition to our Association. His goals will be increasing our membership, working with nonprofits, fundraising, etc. We look forward to all working together with Tony.

Our next board meeting will be October 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Iron Works
Our next general meeting date will take place in early 2017. The quarterly December community meeting will not occur due to the Dixie Highway Groundbreaking ceremony occurring on December 3rd.

Consent Agenda:

Meeting agenda and minutes --

Agenda was approved by Laura Croscenco and seconded by Jonathon May



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Minutes from July meeting was approved by Jonathon May and seconded by Laura Croscenco.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - 6/30/16	6,347.09
FPL	- 10.64
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Jonathon (supplies)	-21.02
Colleen (awards)	-138.12
Balance as of 9/1/16	6,166.67

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Palmer, Secretary



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6:50 – 7:00pm

- MRTNA Membership – Tony Beall, MRTNA Committee Chair
- Next Meeting: December 15th, 6pm, Iron Works

Adjournment