

**City of Fort Lauderdale
WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE
City Hall, 8th Conference Room
Friday, April 8, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

Committee Members Present

Ina Lee (via phone)
Marcia Pinder
Dan Santoro
George Smith
Tim Schiavone

Staff Present

Chaz Adams, Public Affairs Office
Cole Copertino, City Attorney's Office
Angela DiPietro, Parks and Recreation
Tim McGovern, Staff Liaison

Also Present

Breck Ballou, Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue
Sonia Burrows, George L. Burrows, Sr.
Arianne Glassman, Aiton Joseph (AJ) Yaari
John Lonergan, Dr. George Hanbury
James McCrady, Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue
Laura Simmons, Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Each committee member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Santoro/Smith. Motion was made to approve the 2015 Walk of Fame Committee minutes. Passed unanimously.

Selection of Chair

Committee members discussed the selection of a chair for 2016.

MOTION: Santoro/Smith. Motion was made to appoint Dan Santoro as Chair of the 2016 Walk of Fame Committee. Passed unanimously.

Public Discussion on 2016 Walk of Fame Nominations

Chair Santoro opened the floor for public discussion of the 2016 Walk of Fame honorees.

Chair Santoro recognized Laura Simmons. Simmons spoke in support of Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly's nomination and his generosity to the Fort Lauderdale community.

Chair Santoro recognized Arianne Glassman. Glassman spoke in support of Aiton Joseph (AJ) Yaari and his dedication to Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Chair Santoro recognized Sonia Burrows. Burrows spoke in support of George L. Burrows, Sr. and his historical impact on Fort Lauderdale.

Chair Santoro recognized John Lonergan. Lonergan spoke in support of Dr. George Hanbury and his significant role as a previous City Manager and as President of Nova Southeastern University.

Chair Santoro recognized Breck Ballou and James McCrady. Ballou and McCrady spoke in support of Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue and their service to the community explaining that 2016 is their 90th anniversary.

Chair Santoro thanked the speakers for their comments and closed the public discussion.

2016 Walk of Fame Selection

A discussion was held regarding how many honorees to select.

MOTION: Smith/Pinder. A motion was made to select four nominees for the 2016 Walk of Fame. Passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding City employees being nominated. Cole Copertino, City Attorney's Office, mentioned that there were no restrictions on City employees being nominated and suggested the Walk of Fame Committee discuss finalizing eligibility and qualifications for award recipients in the future.

Chair Santoro opened the floor for committee discussion of the 2016 Walk of Fame honorees. Committee members discussed their top three selections.

Ina Lee spoke in support of Nicki E. Grossman as a tourism icon.

Tim Schiavone spoke in support of Grossman as well as Dr. George Hanbury.

MOTION: Santoro/Pinder. A motion was made to recognize the following people as 2016 Walk of Fame Honorees: George L. Burrows, Sr., Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue, Nicki E. Grossman, and Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly. Passed unanimously.

The Committee decided 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: Santoro/Lee. Motion to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Passed unanimously.