



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
NOISE CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(NCAC) 100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.**

July 2022 – June 2023

Attendance

Eugenia “Genia” Ellis, Chair	A	1	1
William Brown, Vice-Chair	P	2	0
Ralph Stone	P	2	0
Rocco Ferrara	P	2	0
Steven Hudson	P	2	0
Chad McCoury	P	2	0
Dev Motwani	P	1	1
Miquel Pilgram	P	2	0
Tim Petrillo	P	2	0
Renee Quinn	A	1	1

Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Vice-Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Staff

Porshia Williams, Deputy Director, Development Services Department
Stephanie Bass, Code Compliance Supervisor
Sarah Hannah-Spurlock, Nighttime Economy Manager
Major Victor London, Chief’s Executive Officer, FLPD
Donna Varisco, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Others

Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.

Approval of the July 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve the July 26, 2022, meeting minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously (8-0).

New Business

- **Agreement for Acoustic Consultant Services and Noise Analysis and Next Steps**

Ms. Williams stated the City Commission approved the contract for the noise consultant at their September 22, 2022, meeting. She noted they are awaiting Procurement's routing of the contract to the vendor and have identified a departmental member to serve as a liaison with the vendor (Sienbein Associates). The vendor has received maps of the City's special entertainment districts and the technology the City utilizes. She said a kickoff meeting will occur once the contract is finalized.

In reference to Exhibit B of the backup documents, Mr. Motwani requested the consultant review the existing noise ordinance earlier in the process. Ms. Williams responded the consultant received Chapter 5, Chapter 11, and Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Motwani also noted residents are mentioned as stakeholders but there was no mention of business owners as stakeholders. He stated he wanted to make sure all stakeholders are represented and communicated with.

Mr. Brown asked about the 12-week timeline for the study and weekends, holidays, or special weeks. Ms. Williams confirmed it will be consistent and whatever weeks the City requests but noted it will include regular weekends, and holiday weekends since many noise complaints are received. She noted an exception would be 4th of July since practice has shown accurate noise measurements cannot be taken during that weekend.

A brief discussion ensued about measuring during particular weekends or conditions. Ms. Williams noted measurements cannot be taken during rain. She referenced Section 17-8 to outline additional ambient noise exemptions.

Ms. Williams stated they will conduct evening studies and the City will provide an officer to be with the vendor at night and on weekends. She will invite the vendor to a meeting once the contract is signed.

Mr. Pilgram asked about the timeline. Ms. Williams replied she would like to see the contract executed within the next two weeks.

Good of the Order

Mr. Brown stated at the last City Commission workshop, the Police Department gave a presentation on initiatives for the upcoming year. He noted one of the items was noise cameras. He said the direction from the City Commission at the meeting was to pursue it, with the understanding it is in the hands of the City Attorney to review the legalities if the Commission wants to proceed. Ms. Williams added the City Attorney is not yet prepared to provide a presentation on the item.

Mr. Brown asked about the hiring of additional Code Enforcement Officers approved in this year's budget. Ms. Williams replied that Ms. Bass and the other supervisors are conducting interviews this week and have issued offer letters for all four (4) positions. She stated there is one Senior Code Officer and three (3) regular Code Officers.

Mr. McCoury asked about the status of noise cameras deployed in Miami Beach. Major London replied he does not have any further information.

Major London provided an update on noise citations. Since July 2022, they issued 116 noise citations, 225 warnings, and 306 miscellaneous, associated citations. He stated they are targeting Las Olas, the beach, and Sistrunk, primarily on Friday through Sunday.

Public Comments

No one came forth to speak.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

A discussion ensued about the date of the next meeting due to Thanksgiving.

Consensus was reached to see if the meeting room is available on Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 P.M.

Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Mr. Petrillo, seconded by Mr. Hudson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]