

*City of Fort Lauderdale – Citizens' Committee of Recognition  
City Commission Conference Room  
January 28, 2010– 9:00 a.m.  
Minutes*

**Committee Members Present**

Eugenia Ellis  
Mayor E. Clay Shaw, Jr.  
E. Birch Willey  
Mayor James Naugle  
Mayor Robert A. Dressler, Chair

**Also Present**

Petula Burks, Staff Liaison  
Maureen Lewis, Citizen's Services  
Richard Mancuso  
Tam English

***Welcome***

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair, Robert Dressler. Chair Dressler welcomed the committee's newest member, James Naugle. The question arose where Mayor Cox was. Birch Willey said that he had spoken with Mayor Cox earlier in the week and that he planned on attending. Staff Liaison Burks called the Cox residence to inquire. Getting no answer, Member Willey agreed to contact Mayor Cox after the meeting. At this point, Chair Dressler asked that the meeting move forward with the passing of last year's minutes.

***Approval of Minutes***

**MOTION:** Clay/Ellis. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Discussion arose as to whether the committee should ask the Commission to add more members, as this has been a topic that Mayor Cox has addressed at several of the past meetings. His concerns have been, (1) not having enough members and (2) having members that know the nominees.

Upon further discussion, it was decided that the committee works well as it is set up currently.

**MOTION:** Shaw/Ellis. Motion was made not to pursue adding additional members at this time. Passed unanimously.

***Citizen Recognition Awards***

Chair Dressler began the discussion of the awards with the Exemplary Former Employee Category.

***Exemplary Former Employee***

Member Naugle withdrew his name from consideration.

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The committee discussed nominees Bud Bentley and John Hoelzle. The committee decided to recommend John Hoelzle.

**MOTION:** Ellis/Willey: Motion was made to recommend John Hoelzle as Exemplary Former City Employee. Passed unanimously.

***Honored Founder***

Chair Dressler recognized Tam English, Director of the Housing Authority, to speak on behalf of nominee Robert P. Kelley. English stated that Kelley worked to help improve the lives of those who had no advocate – “the young and the elderly”.

The committee decided to recommend Robert P. Kelley.

**MOTION:** Shaw/Naugle. Motion was made to recommend Robert P. Kelley as Honored Founder. Passed unanimously.

***Citizen of the Year***

Committee discussion of this category included support for Ted Fling and Lisa Scott-Founds. The committee decided to recommend Ted Fling. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Ellis/Birch. Motion was made to recommend Ted Fling as Citizen of the Year. Passed unanimously.

***Distinguished Citizen***

Chair Dressler recognizing that the committee had several nominations for Distinguished Citizen asked the members how to narrow in their discussion of the nominees. By a straw poll, the committee narrowed its discussion to Peter Feldman and Elizabeth Buntrock. The committee decided to recommend Peter Feldman by acclamation.

The following names will be recommended to the City Commission for its approval. The Committee selected all nominees unanimously.

Distinguished Citizen - Peter Feldman  
Citizen of the Year – Ted Fling  
Honored Founder – Robert Kelley  
Exemplary Former City Employee – John Hoelzle

***Other Matters of Interest or Concern***

***Date for Award Ceremony***

Public Information Staff requested members allow Department to put a recommended award ceremony date in the Commission Agenda Report for the February 16, 2010 City Commission Conference Meeting. Committee was in favor and recommended the award ceremony date be April 20, 2010, prior to the 1:30 pm Conference Meeting.

***Selection of Chair***

Member Ellis stated she is in favor of Robert Dressler serving as Chair for a 2nd term.

Passed by acclamation.

***Application submission***

Discussion about ensuring that those persons making nominations clearly understand that the application submitted are only good for one year and that if the person they nominate does not win that it is appropriate for them to resubmit the following year. The committee would like that statement added to the information packets that are mailed and placed on the website.

**MOTION:** Birch/Ellis. Motion made to add a re-submittal statement to the information packets and website for the upcoming year. Passed by acclamation.

***Possible new classification of honorees***

Discussion about the need for another category to be added arose and was asked to be tabled until next year.

**MOTION:** Birch/Shaw. Motion was made to table the question for next year. Passed by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.