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Present:            Mayor Naugle  
                         Commissioners Hutchinson, Moore, Trantalis and Vice Mayor Teel

Absent:            None

Also Present:    City Manager – George Gretsas  
                         City Attorney - Harry Stewart  
                         City Clerk        - Jonda K. Joseph  
                         Sergeant At Arms – Sergeant DiBonifazio

Mayor Naugle said it was a pleasure to welcome everyone to the Annual Citizens Recognition Awards. He said this event provides the Commission the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of some special individuals in the community.

Mayor Naugle said the Commission wanted to recognize the members of the Citizens Board of Recognition, including Bob Cox, Rob Dressler, Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Genia Ellis and Birch Willey.

Mayor Naugle said that some of the former recipients of these awards were also present at today's recognition. He also welcomed Chris and Dick Mills.

Mayor Naugle said that the City established the Citizen Recognition Program in 1972, and the purpose of the program is to give recognition to citizens who contribute in significant ways to the development and redevelopment of the community. Honorees are selected by the Citizens Board of Recognition and ratified by the City Commission. In 1984 the Citizens Recognition Program was expanded to include the Citizen of the Year and a Distinguished Citizen Honoree, and the category of Honored Founder was added to the program in 1990. He further said that the category of Exemplary City Employee was added in 1997, and in 2003 the category was amended to include an Exemplary Former City Employee because there was already an established program in place to recognize the accomplishments of current City employees. Since the program's inception, there have been 79 awards presented to outstanding citizens for their contributions to the growth and development and advancement of this City.

**RS-1 – 2005 Citizen of the Year – Genia Duncan Ellis**

Commissioner Hutchinson said she is honored to present the award of Citizen of the Year to Genia Duncan Ellis.

Eugenia Duncan Ellis thanked the Commission and all her compatriots of the neighborhoods. She said the citizens of this City were active and involved in the City government, and thanked the City for the opportunity to work with them.

Mayor Naugle said that he is going to read the list of previous Honorees beginning in 1984 as follows: Joan Micas, Benjamin Williams, Sandra Castile, Joyce Quinby, Ina Lee, Dr. Nathan Fragan, Welcome Watson, Sr., Linda Gill, Ray Letz, William Lindsay, Michael Egan, Tommy Mercer, Tom Andrews, Earl Lifche, Johnny Alexander, H. Wayne

Huizenga, Terry Stiles, Monsignor Vincent T. Kelley, Bill Keith, Tim Schiavone, Ray Ferraro, and William G. Crawford in 2004.

## RESOLUTION NO. 05-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING EUGENIA DUNCAN ELLIS AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2005.

**RS-2 – 2005 Honored Founder – Marjorie Ann Davis**

Commissioner Trantalis said he is honored to present the 2005 Honored Founder Award to Marjorie Ann Davis.

Commissioner Moore said a few people in life make a measurable impact on individuals, but Ms. Davis had done just that in her 45-year teaching career in the Broward County School System. He said she followed her students through their careers to make sure they did whatever it was they had to do. She felt it is important to give back whatever possible to the community in which one had been raised. He added that Ms. Davis began a Civic Association in an area that had been ignored.

Commissioner Moore said that another award is to be presented to Ms. Davis by the President of the NAACP of Dade County, the President of the NAACP of Broward County, and the President of her Civic Association.

Commissioner Moore began to read a poem in Ms. Davis's honor saying because of her all residents of the Dorsey-Riverbend community and the City were proud to know her and honor her.

Ms. Davis was honored by the NAACP for all her hard work and efforts.

Ms. Davis thanked everyone and said she loved this community and would continue to do the best she could.

Mayor Naugle said some of the previous honorees in this category were: Grace E. Vanderhorst-Mizell, Ivy Comartie Stranahan, Floyd Hall, Julian Ross, Sr., Philip Dressler, J. H. Philpot, Mary J. Wilson, John V. Russell, Edgar L. Patterson, Barbara Payne, Porter Reynolds, William F. Bigany, George Gill, Andrew DeGrafinwright, Richard Mills, and George Allen.

## RESOLUTION NO. 05-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING MARJORIE ANN DAVIS AS HONORED FOUNDER FOR 2005.

Mayor Naugle also welcomed former Commission Tim Smith who was present at today's awards.

**RS-3 – 2005 Exemplary Former City Employee – Hector Castro**

Commissioner Moore honored Hector Castro as the 2005 Exemplary Former City Employee.

Hector Castro said this is an incredible honor and thanked the City Commission and the Board. He said he that he had the opportunity to work for the City for 25 years during its Renaissance, and that it is the public community government relationship that made things special. He further said this is a remarkable City. He said the City is all about team work and building partnerships. He felt this award also belonged to all the employees he had the opportunity to work with over the years.

Mayor Naugle said that former honorees for this award included: Robert Bouvier, Connie Hoffman, George Hill, George Lafayette Hanbury, Tom Tapp, Charles (Chuck) Ritchie, Dennis Lous, and Lucy Kisela.

## RESOLUTION NO. 05-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING HECTOR D. CASTRO AS EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 2005.

**RS-4 – 2005 Distinguished Citizen – Laura Ward**

Vice Mayor Teel honored Laura Ward as the 2005 Distinguished Citizen. She said it is an honor to have her in their community.

Laura Ward thanked the City Commission and the Board for the award, and wanted to recognize the following individuals who played an important part in her life such as her husband Levon Ward, her sons Brad and Andy, Dorothy Fletcher (the glue of their family), former City Clerk Chris and Dick Mills, and her brother Art. She also welcomed friends and people she had worked with over the years. She said the '70's and '80's were Glory Days for this City.

Mayor Naugle said that previous honorees in this category are: Avey Moniker, Annie Beck, Pop Sterling, Pop Levitt, William Eastman, Suzie Holly, August Berkhart, Louis Moore, Byron Snyder, N. B. Chaney, James Everett, George English, Virginia Young, Evelyn Bartlett, William Forrest (Buck) Dawson, Louis Parker, John Monihan, Jean Widan, John Payne, E. Clay Shaw, Evelyn Lewis, Reverend Dr. O.S. Hawkins, Robert Cox, Jack Nelson, Birch Willey, Carl Mayhew, Jan Crocker, Kaye Pearson, Ralph Marinson, Commissioner Jim Scott, the Honorable Herbert Myority and Estelle Myority, Samuel Morrison and Robert Lochrie.

## RESOLUTION NO. 05-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING LAURA WARD AS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN FOR 2005.

Mayor Naugle thanked everyone for attending this special event.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:18 p.m.