

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY**

**JUNE 6, 2006 – 11:30 A.M.  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, CITY HALL**

Present: Mayor Naugle  
Vice Mayor Hutchinson, Commissioners Teel, Rodstrom and Moore.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager – George Gretsas  
City Attorney - Harry A. Stewart  
City Clerk - Jonda K. Joseph  
Sergeant At Arms – Kim Hancock and Frank Sebregandio

Mayor Naugle welcomed everyone and explained that the City Commission wishes to recognize individuals who make great contributions to the City. He thanked the individuals who serve on the Citizen Recognition Committee, being:

Honorable Robert A. Dressler  
Eugenia Duncan Ellis  
E. Birch Willey, Chair

Mayor Naugle also recognized former elected officials in attendance:

Andrew DeGraffenreidt  
John Aurelius  
Connie Hoffman  
Judge Hall

Mayor Naugle said that the City established the Citizen Recognition Program in 1972. The purpose is to give public recognition to citizens who have contributed in significant ways to the development of the community. Honorees are selected by the Citizens Committee of Recognition and ratified by the City Commission. In 1984, the Citizens Recognition Program was expanded to include a Citizen of the Year, and a Distinguished Citizen Honoree. The category of Honored Founder was added to the awards program in 1990 and the category of Exemplary City Employee in 1997. In 2003 it was amended to Exemplary Former City Employee as the Board recognized that the City already had a program to recognize accomplishments of current City employees. Since the program's inception, the City has honored 84 outstanding citizens. He asked the previous award winners to stand and be recognized.

Commissioner Moore introduced the resolutions for all honorees.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioners Teel, Rodstrom and Moore, Vice Mayor Hutchinson and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

**2006 Citizen of the Year – Alan Hooper**

Commissioner Teel said she is honored to present the award of Citizen of the Year to Alan Hooper.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-080

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING ALAN HOOPER AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2006.

Alan Hooper thanked everyone for this honor. He said he is humbled and blessed and loves this city. He wants to build things that are different which have a theme or vision, and make a neighborhood look great. Early in his career he was told to get involved which allows one to play a role in the future of the city. It also allows a citizen to see how the local government works and to participate in the City's growth. He has served on various boards. Great streets, parks, people moving, and a better beach are a vision of the City and he is proud to be part of it. He said without his friends and family he would not have been successful. As a community-based group, he said they strive to build projects that will make the City a better place to live, and they set the bar high to inspire others to participate. Inspiration makes a City great and people great. He is inspired by many individuals who deserve this award, and today his greatest inspiration comes from his wife, Kristen and daughter, Brook.

**2006 Honored Founder – Robert “Bob” Elmore**

Commissioner Rodstrom said she is honored to present the award of Honored Founder to Robert Elmore.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING ROBERT L. ELMORE AS HONORED FOUNDER FOR 2006.

Robert Elmore thanked the City Commission. He thanked Bill Crawford and the individuals that served this City in the past whom he admires and respects. He introduced his family and close friends. He congratulated the other honorees in helping to make this a better city.

**2006 Exemplary Former City Employee – Scott A. Russell**

Commissioner Moore congratulated all present and past honorees of all of the awards. He was honored to have Andrew DeGraffenreidt sit in the audience. He believed Mr. DeGraffenreidt is an exemplary individual with great creditability. He also wanted to thank Connie Hoffman who is a fine individual.

Commissioner Moore presented Ms. Hoffman with a contribution for the Stranahan House on behalf of Scott Russell.

Commissioner Moore said he is honored to present the award of Exemplary Former City Employee to Scott A. Russell.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-082

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING SCOTT RUSSELL AS EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 2006.

Scott Russell thanked his wife Ellen for being his backbone, and the City Commission for their support in letting him develop a program that has the latitude to take time to resolve issues for individuals. He also thanked the Chief of Police who let him create this program to meet a need in the City and provided him the tools and equipment to address the complex issues facing these individuals.

**2006 Distinguished Citizen – Douglas P. Eagon**

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said he is honored to present the award of Distinguished Citizen to Douglas P. Eagon whom she very much admires. She said he gives a lot not only to the city, but also to the county as a whole. She looks for his professional planning expertise.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-083

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING DOUGLAS P. EAGON AS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN FOR 2006.

Doug Eagon thanked everyone and said he is honored to receive this award. He thinks of this as a recognition of the hundreds of people who influenced him over the years, and sees those individuals as a source of his inspiration and energy. He recognized his parents and friends, and individuals whom he served with in various functions throughout the city. He also thanked his wife for all her support and encouragement.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 12:11 p.m.

Mayor Naugle said the Citizens Board of Recognition has done a wonderful job and all of the honorees are very worthy of their awards. He felt the City is lucky to have this caliber of individuals.

Mayor Naugle said that everyone is invited outdoors for the unveiling of the Distinguished Citizen Plaque and that refreshments will be served.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

