

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	Albert Jones
Vice-Mayor:	Anne Castro
Commissioners:	Bob Anton
	John Bertino
	Patricia Flury
Interim City Manager:	Colin Donnelly
City Attorney:	Thomas Ansbro
City Clerk:	Louise Stilson

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Father Tom Pohto, OSA, Church of the Resurrection, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. Presentations and Special Event Approvals

3.1 Mayor Jones Year in Review

Mayor Jones noted 2008 was a great year in spite of the many challenges that we had to face and those that are still ahead of us. He was pleased to report several accomplishments, some of which are:

- Obtained \$3.1M funding from Broward County for the construction of the downtown Library and parking facility, currently in progress
- Completed City Hall Atrium/offices renovations
- Secured the return of the Dania Beach Marina to the City
- Hired Jeremy Earle as our CRA Executive Director, which has resulted in the implementation of a new CRA Plan to move the City forward
- Re-assigned the Business Licenses Division from the Community Development Department to the Code Compliance Unit, hence reducing the processing time to obtain business licenses
- Completed the renovations of C. W. Thomas Community Center
- Completed the Laser Grade and Re-Sod project for C.W. Thomas, P.J. Meli and Frost Parks.

- Completed a new patio structure and installed ADA restrooms at Frost Park
- Completed the biggest infrastructure program in the history of the City
- The Fire Prevention Division reached 98 percent of business annual inspections
- Installed solar lighting in the Ravenswood area, and there are plans to expand it throughout the City
- Completed construction of 2.0M gallon water storage tank
- Completed construction of 12” water main on Dania Beach Boulevard
- Completed construction of 12” water main relocation on Stirling Road
- Completed the installation of a traffic signal at SE 5th Avenue and Dania Beach Boulevard
- Adopted a Revised Variance and Special Exception procedure
- Engaged consultants for the implementation of the Neighborhood Master Plan
- Engaged consultants for the implementation of the Unified Land Development Code
- Established a Grant Advisory Board
- Completed the construction of Fire Station #93
- Hired a new City Manager
- Improvements to the water treatment plant; water distribution system; wastewater collection system and stormwater system over the next five years
- Approved the construction of the SW Community Center
- Approved the construction of mausoleums for the cemeteries
- Prepare for the construction of the Dania Beach Library at City Hall campus site
- Proceed with the construction of a new Public Services facility and fueling station
- Completed several neighborhood improvements including the installation of sidewalks, lighting and traffic calming devices
- Continue to address the South Runway Airport Expansion issues

Mayor Jones further stated that we have plans to raise four bridges along the Dania Cut-Off Canal and the C-10 Canal and re-align Griffin Road in partnership with the Marine Association of South Florida, which would create opportunities for redevelopment within the City. Lastly, he indicated that we will continue to offer our citizens the level of service they deserve.

- 3.2 Special Event Request for the St. Patrick’s Day at the Field Celebration to be held at 3281 Griffin Road, on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. – Midnight.

Commissioner Flury motioned to approve the Special Event request for the St. Patrick’s Day at the Field Celebration; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.3 Special Event Request for the Hollywood Showrooms Tenant Event to be held at 5555 Anglers Avenue, #1A, on Thursday, March 19, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to approve the Special Event request for the Hollywood Showrooms Tenant Event; seconded by Commissioner Bertino. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.4 Special Event Request for the Broward County Airboat Show to be held at 200 Gulfstream Way, on March 28-29, 2009.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to approve the Special Event request for the Broward County Airboat Show; seconded by Commissioner Flury. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.5 Special Event Request for the March for Michael to be held at C.W. Thomas Park, 100 NW 8th Avenue, on March 28, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to approve the Special Event request for the March for Michael; seconded by Commissioner Flury. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.6 Special Event Request for the City for Christ Tent Crusade to be held at St. Ruth Missionary Baptist Church, 145 NW 5th Avenue, on March 19-20, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to approve the Special Event request for the City for Christ Tent Crusade; seconded by Commissioner Bertino. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.7 Presentation of FY 2008 Annual Financial Statement – Finance Director

Cindy Calvert, CPA, Keefe, McCullough & Co., LLP, explained that professional standards require that they provide the City with a letter detailing the results of their audit. She noted that the results of their tests did not disclose any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Ms. Calvert was pleased to report that during the course of the audit there were no material misstatements or disagreement with management.

Patty Varney, Director of Finance, presented a PowerPoint overview of the Annual Financial Report, which is attached to and incorporated into these minutes.

Ms. Calvert reviewed the Financial Indicators, which is attached to and incorporated into these minutes.

Vice-Mayor Castro confirmed with Ms. Calvert that most of the unfavorable ratings are caused by the current economic conditions.

Director Varney advised that, for the first time, the Finance Department has issued the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) which is derived from the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This document contains detailed information such as the financial statements, notes, schedules and statistical data. She noted this report is easy to understand and is mainly directed to our taxpayers in an effort to provide accountability of City government. This report will be available on the City website.

The Commission commended Director Varney and her staff for a very good report.

4. Proclamations

4.1 Water Conservation Month

Mayor Jones presented a proclamation to Carole Morris, South Florida Water Management District, proclaiming April as Water Conservation Month in the City of Dania Beach.

Ms. Morris thanked the Commission for the proclamation and reminded everyone of the importance to conserve water.

5. Citizen Comments

Derrick Hankerson, 746 SW 3rd Street, thanked City Clerk Stilson for her assistance during the Election process and wished the new Commission well.

Tom Bordovsky, 400 S. Federal Highway, commented there are on-going water leaks at the beach. He also noted that the bathrooms are dirty, and the pier as well. Mr. Bordovsky advised that the Green Advisory Board has met unofficially and that they look forward to serving the City.

Debra Blair, 716 SE 3rd Lane, noted she sent an email to Assistant City Manager Donnelly and she is impressed with him. She spoke about the jet fuel coming from the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and the health issues it brings to neighborhoods. Ms. Blair asked what measures have been taken to ensure air quality and how this is monitored.

George Jason, 4549 SW 37th Avenue, thanked the community for their support during his illness.

Jay Field, 4501 SW 30th Way, representing the Airport Noise Abatement Committee, expressed his concern with the Early Action Voluntary Residential Sound Insulation Pilot Program being proposed by the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. He noted this is only a sound reduction not a mitigation program. Mr. Field also warned residents that by participating in this Program they must sign an Avigation Easement. Finally, he thanked Commissioner Bertino and Commissioner Flury for their commitment and dedication to the citizens of Dania Beach.

6. Public Safety Reports

Jack McCartt, Fire Chief, thanked Commissioner Bertino and Commissioner Flury for their leadership and service to our residents. He invited everyone to attend the Dania Beach Fire Rescue Open House which will be held on April 17, 2009.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 Minutes:

Approve Minutes of February 24, 2009 City Commission meeting

7.2 Travel Requests:

Request of Constance Falzone-Tarrant, Business Licensing Specialist, to attend the Florida Association of Business Tax Officials 21st Annual State Conference in Orlando, Florida, on April 21-24, 2009, for certification. (Estimated cost \$833.20; remaining balance \$1,332.80)

Resolutions

7.3 RESOLUTION #2009-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PERTAINING TO THE CONTRACT OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.4 RESOLUTION #2009-035

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT EXISTING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND BROWARD COUNTY, PERTAINING TO COUNTY FUNDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED FOR THE DANIA BEACH CRA AREA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.5 RESOLUTION #2009-036

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT EXISTING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND BROWARD COUNTY, PERTAINING TO COUNTY FUNDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED FOR THE DANIA BEACH CRA AREA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.6 RESOLUTION #2009-037

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-192 AND EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED TO IT, TO ADJUST THE FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR USE OF THE I.T. PARKER COMMUNITY CENTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.7 RESOLUTION #2009-038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER AMENDMENT FOR \$18,335.00 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN AND BID PACKAGES BY THE FIRM OF CAMP DRESSER AND MCKEE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WORK ORDER; PROVIDING ASSURANCES; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.8 RESOLUTION #2009-039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM CHEN AND ASSOCIATES FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOUTHWEST 26TH TERRACE AREA OF THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT THE COST FOR SUCH SERVICES SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$114,198.00); PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.9 RESOLUTION #2009-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM CALVIN, GIORDANO AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE WATER MAIN LOOPING PROJECT, SUCH SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$60,850.00); PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.10 RESOLUTION #2009-041

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ROAD RESURFACING SERVICES FOR DANIA MEMORIAL PARK AND DANIA WESTLAWN CEMETERIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,310.00 IN FISCAL YEAR 08/09, FROM NORTH FLORIDA EMULSIONS, INC. UNDER HERNANDO COUNTY SOLICITATION NO. 8-058/KCB; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.11 RESOLUTION #2009-042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH ALL SOUTH FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE REFURBISHING OF THE MEDICAL SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED BEHIND FIRE STATION NUMBER 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,980.00; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.12 RESOLUTION #2009-043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, IN LIEU OF THE PROVIDING OF A WARRANTY BOND, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION 93; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.13 RESOLUTION #2009-044 *Revised Resolution*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR **UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SERVICES** WITH THE MELLGREN PLANNING GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED **\$25,000.00**; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Anton motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda, with revised Resolution #2009-044; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Bertino	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes		

8. Bids and Requests for Proposals

There were no proposals on this agenda.

9. Public Hearings and Site Plans

9.1 ORDINANCE #2009-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3177, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(FIRST READING)** *Continued from February 11, 2009*

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Ordinance #2009-003.

Leigh Kerr, AICP, Planning Consultant for the City, advised that the updated Capital Improvements Element (CIE) is required to examine capital improvements that are necessary to maintain the adopted levels of service with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, he closed the Public Hearing.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to adopt Ordinance #2009-003, on first reading; seconded by Commissioner Bertino. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Bertino	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes		

City Attorney Ansbro advised the remaining items were quasi-judicial matters and swore-in those who would speak. He asked the Commission to disclose any communication they had on these matters.

9.2 RESOLUTION #2009-033

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE VARIANCE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY PROPERTY OWNER BRADLEY CROW, FROM THE DANIA BEACH ZONING APPENDIX

SECTION 33-40, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 918 NAUTILUS ISLE, DANIA BEACH; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2009-033.

Kristin Dion, City Planner, provided an overview of the property. She advised that the applicant is requesting a variance to allow a boat lift to extend 21 feet into a canal, where Code allows a maximum of 8 feet. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended denial of the request. Ms. Dion indicated that staff recommends approval of the request with the boat lift projecting 15 feet into the waterway and attached directly to the seawall.

Commissioner Anton did not see a problem in allowing the request which is mainly a safety issue.

Bradley Crow, property owner, explained that the boat lift is in very poor condition and needs repair.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.

Jimmy Crimminger, 237 SW 15th Street, concurred with the request.

Seeing as there was no one else to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Flury motioned to adopt Resolution #2009-033; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Bertino	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes		

9.3 RESOLUTION #2009-045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT RELATING TO AN AMENDED COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; ADOPTING AN AMENDED COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EXPANDED COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2009-045.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, he closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Flury motioned to adopt Resolution #2009-045; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
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Commissioner Bertino
Commissioner Flury

Yes
Yes

Mayor Jones

Yes

10. Discussion and Possible Action

Mayor Jones noted the National League of Cities offers a prescription drug program to our citizens for a 10% discount at CVS Pharmacy. He explained that this is a cost-free program for the City. Mayor Jones asked the Interim City Manager to look into the program and provide the information to the Commission.

11. Commission Comments

11.1 Commissioner Anton

Commissioner Anton congratulated the newly elected officials.

Commissioner Anton noted a meeting was requested by the County with City staff regarding the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. They want to discuss their proposed Pilot Program for the Noise Mitigation. He said no permission would be granted by the City at this meeting. Commissioner Anton, the City Manager and City Attorney, as well as some members of the Building Department staff, will attend the meeting. Commissioner Anton said he will demand a public hearing before this Commission makes any decision.

11.2 Commissioner Bertino

Commissioner Bertino commented on the Agenda Maker which is on the City website and contains all the background information, as seen by the City Commission. He asked the City to look into installing WiFi at City Hall so citizens have a wireless connection in the Atrium.

Commissioner Bertino indicated we have three very good people that were elected to the City Commission.

Commissioner Bertino noted he may not be here for the Organizational Meeting on March 17th, and thanked the citizens of Dania Beach for their support over the years.

11.3 Commissioner Flury

Commissioner Flury thanked everyone for their support over the past eight years. She pointed out that this Commission has worked well together. Commissioner Flury congratulated Mayor Jones on his year as Mayor.

11.4 Vice-Mayor Castro

Vice-Mayor Castro commented on the paperless agenda. She thanked City Clerk Stilson and Joe Husosky for their efforts in implementing the program for the benefit of the City and its residents.

Vice-Mayor Castro congratulated everyone who ran in the Election and thanked those residents who voted. She also thanked the volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm during the Election process. Vice-Mayor Castro wished Commissioner Bertino and Commissioner Flury luck in their future endeavors.

11.5 Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones noted it has been a great year.

Mayor Jones commented the low voter turnout was disappointing, but it was higher than in the past. He indicated the low turnout is a good reason to eliminate the Primary Election and save some money as well. Mayor Jones welcomed the newly elected officials, and congratulated them on their election. He said he has always been impressed with Vice-Mayor Castro and noted he would have preferred that she would have been in a position where others would have had to run against her for her position. Mayor Jones pointed out that this is a working Commission and commented on his efforts in Tallahassee to promote solar lighting and our City in general.

Mayor Jones said that we run one of the leanest staffs in the state, and noted that Public Services Director Orlando has 22 projects on the books. Mayor Jones remarked that we need to hire someone to help staff if we expect excellent results. He reiterated that this is a working Commission and was hopeful that the new Commission would hire an assistant engineer to move our City forward.

12. Appointments

There were no appointments at this meeting.

13. Administrative Reports

13.1 City Manager

Interim City Manager Donnelly commented on the dirty bathrooms at the beach. He advised he personally saw them and noted that immediate action will be taken to have them cleaned. Interim City Manager Donnelly noted that the water loss on the pier and showers will also be addressed.

Interim City Manager Donnelly noted that technology allows us to communicate quicker. He said that the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) prepared by Finance Director Varney has changed the way we communicate and the information we provide. Interim City Manager

Donnelly also talked about the Unified Land Development Code which would allow the average person to read and understand its contents.

Interim City Manager Donnelly commented on the Smart Growth Partnership, a grant opportunity of approximately \$10,000 brought to us by CRA Director Earle. This would allow us to conduct a Griffin Road Corridor study in conjunction with our west side master plan. He noted a kickoff community meeting will be held at P.J. Meli Park on Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. Interim City Manager Donnelly pointed out that this would be a good educational opportunity for our residents who would be able to re-design their neighborhoods and learn the language of the planners.

Interim City Manager Donnelly advised that the Marine Safety Officers (lifeguards) are now using watercrafts for public safety as a result of a grant we obtained some years ago.

Interim City Manager Donnelly advised that the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held at Frost Park on Friday, April 24th from 6:00- 9:00 p.m.

Interim City Manager Donnelly advised that he received a call from the Broward County Animal Regulation Division regarding monkeys in Dania Beach. They asked if monkeys can be trapped and taken out of the City. He noted this is a violation of City Code and people should be fined.

Commissioner Flury suggested placing signs stating it is unlawful to feed or molest the monkeys.

Interim City Manager Donnelly advised that we received a Transportation Enhancement Grant application for the funding cycle 2012-2013. He noted the City has engaged with Chen and Associates to work on a proposal for SW 40th Avenue, to include solar lighting, a walking path, and a bike lane on the western side of the road.

Interim City Manager Donnelly noted that the Linear Park work has begun on SE 5th Avenue. He indicated that a community meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Frost Park, to address any concerns that the residents might have.

Commissioner Flury suggested that we replace the benches in the Linear Park with additional landscaping, if possible. She did not think the sun shelters were important and noted the Linear Park should only be a walking and exercise area.

Interim City Manager Donnelly advised that we received notification from Senator Eleanor Sobel's office stating that we were not awarded the grant for exercise equipment. He noted we would re-submit this grant at a future opportunity.

Dominic Orlando, Director of Public Services, noted that every year the Broward County Environmental Protection Department recognizes local businesses and government agencies for their outstanding environmentally-responsible practices. The City received the Emerald Award Certificate for the solar lighting project. He handed the letter and Certificate from Broward County to the City Clerk for record keeping. Director Orlando further advised that we would have been eligible for the trophy, but there was an issue at the beach with the turtle ordinance.

We were not aware of the lighting in certain areas of the beach, which caused us to be disqualified. He provided an overview of the solar lighting projects presented to the County, as well as other projects.

Interim City Manager Donnelly noted that he and Parks and Recreation Director Kristen Jones will appear before the Marine Advisory Board for the “Turn your Boat into a Float” program. He encouraged everyone to participate in this community event.

Interim City Manager Donnelly thanked the Commission for allowing him to serve as the Interim City Manager.

13.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Ansbro commended Commissioner Bertino and Commissioner Flury for their service and dedication to the City.

13.3 City Clerk - Reminders

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 19, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting
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City Commission Meeting

14. Adjournment

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

LOUISE STILSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

ALBERT C. JONES
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

Approved: March 24, 2009