

# City of Delray Beach

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## Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

2:00 PM

Workshop Meeting at 2:00 PM

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## City Commission

*Mayor Shelly Petrolia*

*Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston*

*Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long*

*Commissioner Adam Frankel*

*Commissioner Angela Burns*

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Workshop Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

**WS.1. DISCUSSION WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING DELRAY AFFAIR**

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

**Attachments:** [Delray Affair Presentation 7-27-23 \(1\)](#)

The August 8, 2023, City Commission Workshop Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. The roll call was taken by Katerri Johnson, City Clerk, and the following were present:

**Present 4:** Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston, Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long, and Commissioner Angela Burns.

**Absent 1:** Commissioner Adam Frankel

Others present were:

Terrence Moore - City Manager

Lynn Gelin - City Attorney

Stephanie Immelman, CEO of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss the Delray Affair. She communicated that this year's event provided an economic impact of \$3,445,708.

The Commission shared its thoughts on event improvements for the foreseeable future, including tent placement and retailers offering water to attendees. The Commission thanked Ms. Immelman and her staff for their hard work.

**WS.2. ANNUAL NON-PROFIT PRESENTATION**

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager, communicated that there would be six presentations directly to the Commission from the non-profits that the City funds each year. Executive Director, Danica Sanborn, of the Sandoway Discovery Center reported on the newly renovated Center, which costs a little less than \$350,000, and provides numerous educational programs to local schools and children. The Mayor commended Ms. Sandborn for the money the Center was able to pull in.

The Commission thanked Ms. Sanborn for the work that the Sandoway Discovery Center provides.

Executive Director, Charlene Farrington, of the Spady Cultural Heritage

Museum stated the museum's objectives aligned with the City's expectations. She outlined the 2022-2023 annual and ongoing programs the museum hosts and thanked their City partners and collaborators for their help. She requested the Commission to consider adding more air-conditioned space to the museum.

The Commission thanked Ms. Farrington for her work at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum. Mayor Petrolia acknowledged Ms. Farrington for preserving and sharing the historical archives of the City of Delray Beach.

Executive Club Director, Jamari Grant, of the Delray Beach Boys and Girls Club explained the community impact of the Boys and Girls Club was to maintain a clean, well-organized, safe, and orderly environment for youths to prosper and thrive. In addition, they provide the parents of their members with networking opportunities to get to know others within their community. He shared the club's goals and upcoming events through their 21st Century Program. Mr. Grant mentioned better signage was needed for city-wide families to find the Club.

The Commission discussed the presentation and offered assistance in getting the word out about the club and the critical need it provides to the children.

Mayor Petrolia mentioned possibly using the billboard sign on Linton Blvd to get the word out about the club.

Everyone thanked Mr. Grant for his dedication to the children.

Chief Executive Director, Adamme DuCille, of The Achievement Center stated their mission was to nurture a collaborative community where children were inspired to reach their full potential, and their families served as the foundation of their growth. She acknowledged their partnership with the Village Academy and Pine Grove Elementary School. She stated that besides academic support, the center offers field trips, arts and drumline, dance, social and emotional learning, and recreational activities. Ms. DuCille mentioned the Center also serves as a means for children to receive developmental screening.

The Commission acknowledged the excellent programs The Achievement Center has for the community. Ms. DuCille requested the Commission's help leveraging any incentives to help attract quality staff.

The Commission thanked Ms. DuCille for the excellent work that The Achievement Center was doing.

Mike Cruise, Co-President of The Delray Beach Historical Society, acknowledged the Historical Society has been working together with the City for the past 37 years to help maintain the rich history and vibrancy of Delray Beach. Mr. Cruise thanked the Commission for their financial support and for believing in their mission. He discussed the numerous fundraising events hosted throughout the year and noted this year's Hospitality Twilight Night Event helped to raise \$58,000.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on the presentation. They thanked the Historical Society for helping to maintain a sense of community.

Mykal Banta, Executive Director of The Delray Beach Public Library, was present to discuss the essential needs it provides to the community. He mentioned all services offered by the library are accessible to everyone. Mr. Banta reported the library had over 35 programming, outreach, and social services partners. He stated the Delray Beach Library was exempt from paying taxes because they use tax dollars to pay for the library. He discussed the salary and staffing comparison report in 2022 and noted their staff members were underpaid by 25% compared to other libraries and were thinly staffed too.

Mr. Banta requested a 6% increase in the 2023-2024 budget.

Mayor Petrolia stated she supported the 6% increase to ensure the library and its staff are safe. The Commission echoed the Mayor's support.

With no further business to discuss, the workshop was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.