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**\*\*\*NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING\*\*\***

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB) MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the:

**Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026, at 7p.m., City Commission Chambers at 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS** - any Board Member may request to add, change or delete agenda items.
5. **UPDATE FROM CHAIR** – welcome all; open carry comments and discussion.
6. **UPDATE FROM CITY LIAISON** – Sent email to neighborhood associations, local non-profits and others calling for Black and Women’s History Months honoree nominations.
7. **PRESENTATIONS/SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS** – allow public comment with each sponsorship request
  - a. None
8. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – members of the Public may speak on any issue for up to 3 minutes/read submitted comments.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a. CAAB script for neighborhood associations outreach – CAAB members assigned to upcoming Neighborhood Association meetings (CANA: Wed Jan 14 (Gene, Joanne, & Stuart) Hagen 6:30pm; 3 Bridges: Wed Jan 21 (Carvelle) Cultural Center 6:30pm; ENA: Thurs Jan 22 (Bill) Independence Hall 7pm; and WAWM: Wed Jan 28 (Jose) Hagen 6:30pm)
  - b. 2026 (February) Black History & (March) Women’s History Months – status of call for nominations.
  - c. CAAB sponsorship finding – establish funding guidelines for CAAB consideration/approval.
  - d. Identify key community concern – research and provide CAAB recommendation to Commission (Jose)
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Black History Month (February) – review nominations; select recommended honorees.
  - b. CAAB member remote meeting participation (Jose)
12. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**
13. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 – 7p.m. – Chambers**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Attention Board Members:** Confirm attendance to Johnnie Goodnight: [jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com) or (954) 390-2120.

Pursuant to FS. 286.0105, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings and that for such purposes they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and/or services for the meeting may contact the ADA coordinator at (954) 390-2120 at least 2 working days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by using the following phone numbers: 1-800-955-8779 (voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (954) 390-2123 if you are interested in submitting a City Board application or visit the City website’s ([www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com)) Boards & Committees page for more information and to access the application. **Applications to join CAAB and all city boards are accepted year-round.**



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**City of Wilton Manors  
Community Affairs Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Carvelle Estriplet (Vice Chair) called the December 3, 2025, CAAB meeting to order at 7p.m. in the Chambers.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Carvelle led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **ROLL CALL:** Johnnie took roll call: Carvelle Estriplet, Joanne Diederich, Stuart Bowers, Bill Richardson, Mia Rodriguez, and Jose Guzzardi were present in the Chambers. Gene Stinson (with prior notice) was absent.
- **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS** – to agenda: None.
- **UPDATE FROM CHAIR:** Carvelle chaired the meeting in Gene’s absence and welcomed everyone.
- **UPDATE FROM CITY LIAISON:** Johnnie reported that, per CAAB request, WMPD was present due to open carry law; finalized the CAAB 2025/2026 Accomplishments & Goals document-submitted to City Clerk and posted on CAAB webpage; the call for nominations for honorees for Black History Month and Women’s History Month are in the new Winter Town Crier.
- **PRESENTATIONS/SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:** None.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025:** Jose noted that his name was misspelled in the minutes and made the motion to approve with that change – seconded/carried.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jameer Baptiste with HotSpots/Happening Out, was in attendance to request CAAB partnership on Black History Month (Cookout event 2/7/26)) and Women’s History Month (Fashion meets Art event). Motion made, seconded, and carried to partner with HotSpots/Happening Out for these programs.
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a.) CAAB script for neighborhood associations outreach – WAWM report from Jose. Jose stated that he attended the WAWM meeting, using the original script and provided a suggested revised script. The revised script was approved for use; commitments were made for attending future meetings: CANA, January 14: Gene, Joanne & Stuart; 3 Bridges: Carvelle; ENA, January 22: Bill; and WAWM, January 28: Jose to continue as WAWM liaison.
  - b.) Call for nominations for 2026 Black History (February) and Women’s History (March) Months Honorees – call in Winter Town Crier and city social media and will now partner with HotSpots; Johnnie committed to email related organizations.
  - c.) CAAB sponsorship funding – establish funding guidelines for CAAB consideration/approval – it was again noted that Carvelle thinks the criteria on the request form is good; Board will discuss further in January meeting.
  - d.) Identify key community concern – research and provide CAAB recommendation to Commission (Jose) – further discussion tabled to January meeting.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a.) Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Award – this was also promoted in the Winter Town Crier – nominations for this program are due March 15 and will be promoted again in the Spring Town Crier/city social media.
- **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** Bill asked how CAAB would partner with the South Florida Bears Group (BOSFL), and if CAAB could steer non-profit organizations to BOSFL for sponsorship opportunities – consensus was that yes, CAAB could do so.
- **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 7p.m. – Chambers.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting concluded at 8p.m.

Submitted by Johnnie Goodnight - CAAB - Staff Liaison/Secretary

To adopt to record 1/7/26

Attested to by:

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Johnnie Goodnight, Staff Liaison/Secretary

(Good evening),

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member of the Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) for the City of Wilton Manors.

Our board has been working on improving how we engage with our community to ensure that our work is aligned with the needs and aspirations of our residents.

As part of our commitment to you, I'm here tonight to do two things:

1. Share a story that captures the **heart** of what our board does.
2. And ask for your help in finding the **next** great story.

Our mission is to recognize the unsung heroes who make Wilton Manors a special place to live, work, and play. For example, last month, our board had the honor of recognizing Daniel Sedano for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Daniel is the founder of a non-profit called "Daniel's S.T.E.P.S.," which provides swim lessons and water safety education to children and families in our community. After tragically losing his own son to a drowning accident, he turned his personal tragedy into a public service that has saved lives and brought peace of mind to countless families in our city.

This is what CAAB does. We find people like Daniel and we elevate their stories.

We are the city's official "storytellers," but we can't tell stories we don't know. We also provide modest sponsorships for community events, but we can't support an event we've never heard of.

So, my ask for you tonight is simple:

Who do you know?

Who is the "Daniel Sedano" of your neighborhood?

What small community event deserves a little help?

We are actively seeking nominations for:

- Our Honoree programs, like Black History Month, Women's History Month, and the Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Award.
- Local events for community sponsorships.

Please look for the QR code on the screen. It will take you directly to the nominations page on the city's website.

Or you can simply visit [WiltonManors.gov](http://WiltonManors.gov) and find the CAAB page.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I look forward to hearing your stories.

Thank you.





# Community Affairs Advisory Board

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Dear Wilton Manors Community Member:

The Wilton Manors City Commission provides the Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) with a limited budget each fiscal year to help maintain a high quality of life in our island city. The CAAB is interested to hear and learn from our community on how best to invest these funds in efforts that will most benefit our diverse community of Wilton Manors.

When submitting your proposal, we ask you to consider the CAAB's purpose as outlined in Section 2-108 of the city's code of ordinances when submitting your proposal for consideration:

CAAB's purpose: to provide a vehicle to maintain a high quality of life through greater citizen participation by providing a conduit for cooperation and communication between the city commission and community. The board shall make recommendations as needed and shall present to the city commission an annual plan of ideas for community improvement and civic projects.

CAAB is committed to support programs that help us achieve our goals to promote and encourage active participation of citizens to develop a more viable community. Programs should:

1. recognize the efforts of residents and businesses for community spirit, beautification, volunteerism, and other worthwhile contributions to the city (examples: holiday light decorating contest, neighborhood improvement program, small business assistance program, and community beautification recognition program);
2. encourage developers, property owners and business owners to accept basic responsibilities for preserving, enhancing and promoting the beauty of public and private properties;
3. disseminate information and educational materials and reports which assist the city in supporting issues of community concern;
4. encourage the coordination of civic events between city administration and community service organizations in order to promote community relations and civic pride; and
5. promote the welfare of the community and provide recommendations for good public relations in order to declare and publicize the benefits of living and doing business in the city.

CAAB funding is ideally for seed money for new events and is typically limited to only the first two years of a program or event.

To submit a request for financial sponsorship, please complete the attached application and return it to:

Attention: Johnnie Goodnight  
Community Affairs Advisory Board  
Wilton Manors City Hall  
2020 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Email: [jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:jgoodnight@wiltonmanors.com)  
Fax: (954) 390-2199

We look forward to considering your proposal to help maintain a high quality of life in Wilton Manors.

Sincerely,  
Community Affairs Advisory Board



## Johnnie Goodnight

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**From:** community@wiltonmanors.com  
**Subject:** Black History Month Award Nomination

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**From:** Randy Fair <randylfair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025 5:42 PM  
**To:** Johnnie Goodnight <community@wiltonmanors.com>  
**Subject:** Black History Month Award Nomination  
Dear Community Advisory Board:

I would like to nominate Gabriel Ferwalt for the Black History Month Award. Gabe doesn't live in the city of Wilton Manors, but he has been an important part of the community here. He has worked for the last three years as a server at Rosie's and before that he was a server at New York Grilled Cheese. Gabe has helped promote diversity in many organizations in the area. He is currently the diversity coordinator for Front Runners and has helped attract many people who normally would not participate. He doesn't limit himself to promoting diversity by race only, he has also has organized women's gatherings at Apt 4f. He is a long time member of the sober community and serves as the Corresponding Secretary for the Florida Round Up Sober Conference. Besides working as a server, he also attends school at FAU. He has published an essay in Coastlines Magazine and a poem in Glasshouse Magazine and is currently the poetry editor for Coastlines Magazine. Much of his writing draws on his experiences as a gay, Black man, and he has attended protests and voiced support for many minority groups over the time I have known him. He has been particularly vocal in his support for the Trans community. Gabe is very well-known in Wilton Manors, and I don't think you could find a better representative.

Thank you,  
Randy Fair  
300 NE 19th Court 218N  
WILTON MANORS, FL 33305



# Black History Month Nominations

For full details scroll down to the bottom of the form to read all matters pertaining to filling out this nomination form ↓

**Your Name** Janelle Newton

**Your Email** jnewton84@yahoo.com

**Your Phone Number** (352) 328-5999

The Honoree for the Year exhibits efforts in Advocacy, Role Model, and Leadership per criteria listed below in this form.

**Nominee's Name** Sharon Hughes

**Nominee's Email** shughes@ymcasouthflorida.org

**Nominee's Phone Number** (561) 873-3774

## Provide specific examples RE: the nominee and their qualifications related to **ADVOCACY** and being a **ROLE MODEL**:

She's a role model for other parents and the kids with what she does with the teen Broadway program. She's very giving, listens and understands. She truly cares about the kids and the community.

## Provide specific examples RE: the nominee and their qualifications related to **LEADERSHIP** and **PHILANTHROPY**:

Helping parents get gifts for Christmas, school supplies and informs us about different events for the kids that help them with their growth in education and life skills.





# Black History Month Nominations

For full details scroll down to the bottom of the form to read all matters pertaining to filling out this nomination form ↓

**Your Name** MICHAEL ALBETTA

**Your Email** Albettam@lcloud.com

**Your Phone Number** (954) 560-8649

The Honoree for the Year exhibits efforts in Advocacy, Role Model, and Leadership per criteria listed below in this form.

**Nominee's Name** Carvelle Estriplet

**Nominee's Email** carvellase@gmail.com

**Nominee's Phone Number** (561) 255-5018

**Nominee's Address** 2008 NE 3RD AVENUE  
WILTON MANORS, FL, 33305

**Provide specific examples RE: the nominee and their qualifications related to ADVOCACY and being a ROLE MODEL:**

Carvelle Estriplet is an openly transgender black Haitian women is a great advocate on human and civil rights for ALL. she currently serves as deputy alternate director of the Florida LGBTQ Democratic Caucus. She has served for over 8 years on the caucus to Educate, Advocate, support and elect the proper elected officials who will advocate for equality for all,

**Provide specific examples RE: the nominee and their qualifications related to LEADERSHIP and PHILANTHROPY:**

Carvelle Estriplet is a solo Black Haitian Transwomen entrepreneur who owns Carvelle Bikes, located at 2917 NE 6TH Avenue, Wilton Manors, Fl 33334

Her unselfish philanthropy throughout Broward County donating her product to various Civic Associations, City Agencies, Educated the safety of WHY YOU SHOULD WEAR A BICYCLE HEMET.. to various children's groups and donates the helmets.

**If available, please provide any documents to support your recommendation.**



*December 4, 2025*



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*Thank You To The "Taste of Italy" Committee*



# Black History Month Nominations

For full details scroll down to the bottom of the form to read all matters pertaining to filling out this nomination form ↓

**Your Name** Robert Hadley

**Your Email** rjrhadley@gmail.com

**Your Phone Number** (954) 696-8124

The Honoree for the Year exhibits efforts in Advocacy, Role Model, and Leadership per criteria listed below in this form.

**Nominee's Name** Carvelle Estriplet

**Nominee's Email** carvellebikes@gmail.com

**Nominee's Phone Number** (954) 406-1568

**Nominee's Address** 2917 NE 6th Ave  
Wilton Manors, FL, 33334

**Provide specific examples RE: the nominee and their qualifications related to ADVOCACY and being a ROLE MODEL:**

When Carvelle introduces herself it's always "I'm an unapologetic proud Black Transgender woman." Carvelle has been and continues to be a deputy director of Florida Democrats. Through her bicycle shop Carvelle has donated \$1000's of products and time to various charities and organizations: from Friend of Wilton Manors Parks to a Fort Lauderdale neighborhood association.

Carvelle was appointed twice to the Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board. During her first session on CAAB she helped rewrite the qualifications for Black History and Women's History month recognition.

**Provide specific examples RE: the nominee and their qualifications related to LEADERSHIP and PHILANTHROPY:**

Reiterating twice appointed to the Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board and active in Dolphin Democrat's along with her role in statewide efforts.

One major philanthropic role has been donating time to the SMART Ride and Joy ride as lead mechanic. As stated she has donated bike accessories and even bicycles to a variety of charities.

**If available, please provide a link to your nominee's bio.** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/carvell-estriplet-1b705413b/>

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES – NOMINATION SCORE SHEET

<b>Name of Nominee:</b>					
Criteria Category	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
Advocacy/Role Model up to 50 points					
Leadership/Philanthropy up to 50 points					
<b>TOTAL Score</b> <i><b>NOT to exceed 100 points</b></i>					
Name of CAAB Board member completing this form:					