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**City of Wilton Manors
Community Affairs Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Gene Stinson (Chair) called the January 7, 2026, CAAB meeting to order at 7p.m. in the Chambers.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Gene led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **ROLL CALL:** Johnnie took roll call: Gene Stinson, Carvelle Estriplet, Joanne Diederich, Stuart Bowers, Bill Richardson, and Mia Rodriguez were present in the Chambers. Jose Guzzardi was present via telephone.
- **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS** – to agenda: None.
- **UPDATE FROM CHAIR:** Gene welcomed everyone; did not read the open-carry statement since no members of the public were present.
- **UPDATE FROM CITY LIAISON:** Johnnie reported that he sent an email to the neighborhood associations, non-profits, and others asking for nominations for Black History Month and Women’s History Month honorees; received an email from Jameer that WMEG canceled the March fashion show, but they will still assist in the call for Women’s History Month nominations. Gene stated that in the February CAAB meeting he would like to workshop CAAB goals and will work with Johnnie to create an agenda.
- **PRESENTATIONS/SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:** None.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2025:** Approved by motion.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a.) CAAB script for neighborhood associations outreach – The approved script was provided for use at the future meetings: CANA, January 14: Gene, Joanne (maybe), Stuart, and Mia; 3 Bridges: Carvelle; ENA, January 22: Bill; and WAWM, January 28: Jose to continue as the WAWM liaison.
 - b.) 2026 Black History (February) and Women’s History (March) Months Honorees – status of call for nominations: Johnnie reported that only 4 nominations were received for Black History Month, despite heavy city social media and WMEG promotion. City and WMEG promotion will continue for Women’s History Month nominations.
 - c.) CAAB sponsorship funding – establish funding guidelines for CAAB consideration/approval – tabled to February workshop; to also discuss strategy for requesting an increase to CAAB budget.
 - d.) Identify key community concern – research and provide CAAB recommendation to Commission (Jose) – further discussion tabled to February workshop meeting.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a.) Black History Month (February) – review nominations; select recommended honoree(s). Johnnie shared CAAB member scoring on nominees (detail attached) Gabriel Ferwalt (average 85) and Sharon Hughes (average 78). Joanne made the motion to recommend Gabriel as the honoree, seconded by Stuart, and carried unanimously. There was discussion on focusing on the nominees’ impact to the Wilton Manors community – possibly highlight this on the nomination form, to discuss further in the February workshop meeting. Johnnie noted that CAAB may reach out to the nominator or ask Johnnie to do so in the future.
 - b.) CAAB member remote meeting participation (Jose)-Jose inquired about remote CAAB member participation, and if Zoom or Teams were an option. Johnnie reported that the city does not maintain a Zoom account; Stuart noted that Zoom is free for up to 40 minutes. CAAB will discuss this further in February.
- **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** Bill reported on attending the December 10th Bears of South Florida (BOSFL) meeting; he shared the CAAB script, key activities, and call for nominations; they were excited about having someone from CAAB at their meeting.
- **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 7p.m. – Chambers.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting concluded at 7:50p.m.

Attachment: Black History Month nominations scores.

Submitted by Johnnie Goodnight - CAAB - Staff Liaison/Secretary
To adopt to record 2/4/26

Attested to by:

**Johnnie
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Johnnie Goodnight, Staff Liaison/Secretary

Nominations of Honorees - CAAB SCORE CARD SUMMARY

Names:	Individuals								Organizations		
	Gabriel	Sharon									
Gene Stinson	73	70									
Carvelle Estriplet	40	40									
Joanne Diederich	95	90									
Mia Rodrigues	99	100									
Stuart Bowers	100	85									
Jose Guzzardi	88	62									
Bill Richardson	100	99									
Average All Scores:	85.00 Top Score	78.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0! Top Score						