

City of Wilton Manors
Advisory Board



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Community Affairs Advisory Board
Goals and Objectives for 2024-2025

Mission:

The Mission of the Community Affairs Advisory Board is 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; by making recommendations to the commission as appropriate of ideas for community improvement, civic projects and supporting various community events through CAAB funding, participation or full production.

Members: Justin Gladney, Chair Gene Stinson, Vice Chair
Members at large: Emily McCrater, Edward Mossa, Joshua Wiggin
 (2 open positions as of 9/1/24)
 Johnnie Goodnight, Staff Liaison & CAAB Secretary

2023-2024 Accomplishments

- Promoted LGBTQ+ History Month program. CAAB selected honorees Beverly McMahon (founding member of the LGBTQ+ community), Hunter's Nightclub (business) and John Fiore (individual) with Proclamation presentation at the Commission Meeting on Oct 10, 2024.
- Staffed the October 2023 Spooktacular Halloween Event CAAB tent (in costume) at Wilton Manors Elementary and gave out candy to the participants.
- Reviewed and updated nomination forms for Women's History Month, Black History Month, and the Skip Stadnik Community Spirit award.
- Participated in the December 2023 Holiday Lighting event by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Promoted Black History Month program. CAAB recommended that the Commission honor Kendra Carlton and Franz Petipapa. Recommendation was accepted and presented with awards at The Cookout on Saturday, February 3 and the Commission Meeting of February 13.
- CAAB was an event sponsor of The Cookout Event-a Black History Month Celebration at Mickel Park.
- Promoted Women's History Month program. CAAB forwarded all nominations to the Commission for consideration. The Commission selected Susan Schoen as the honoree and presented city proclamation at the Commission Meeting on March 12.
- Promoted CAAB's annual Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards (call for nominations) to honor individual(s) and/or business/organization(s) for their volunteer efforts of 2023. The honorees were Roger Cruttenden and Helena Hantzes. This was announced with presentation of City Proclamations at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon of 4/27/24.
- CAAB was an event sponsor of the Caribbean PrideFête event held at Richardson Historic Park on August 11.
- Promoted Hispanic Heritage Month program. CAAB selected honoree Latino Salud with Proclamation presentation at the Commission Meeting on September 24.
- Welcomed new CAAB members Edward Mossa, Joshua Wiggin (both appointed 5/28/24), and Emily McCrater (appointed 7/9/24). Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary appointments made at the 9/4/24 meeting.
- Began update of Senior Resource Guide (8/7/24).
- Promoted LGBTQ+ History Month program. CAAB selected honoree The Pride Center for fiscal year 2024/2025 October 8 (Commission Meeting) City Proclamation.

2024-2025 Goals and Objectives/ Activities

- Complete projects assigned by the City Commission – such as the past projects of recommending a city definition of diversity and steps to increase diversity on city boards and committees, and recommending a process to identify honorees for Black/Women’s History Month.
- Complete update of Senior Resource Guide; determine distribution/promotion.
- Brainstorm to improve promotion of call for History Month honoree nominations. For example, reach out to Latino Salud for nominations for Hispanic Heritage Month, Pride Center and other LGBTQ+ organizations for LGBTQ+ History Month nominations, and other organizations supporting these groups and others for Women’s History Month (Lesbian Thespians, EmpowerHER, Sage Women, Women with Pride (Pride Center), Women in Network, etc.), and Black History Month (Ujima Men’s Collective, Onyx Deep South (ODS), HotSpots, and Legacy Builders Consulting (producer of Caribbean PrideFête event). Reach out to Neighborhood Associations for Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Award honoree nominations.
- Promotion/recommendation of Black (February)/Women’s (March) History Month honorees.
- Support various community events through CAAB sponsorship, funding, participation or full production, and recommend new events as appropriate (such as bike safety, public art installations, food festivals, etc.).
- Continue to promote/hold presentations of services available to Wilton Manors residents and partner to better communicate the availability of these services to our residents.
- Promotion/selection of the 2025 Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Award honorees (in April 2025, for 2024 volunteerism).
- Promotion/selection of honoree(s) for Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15, 2025).
- Promotion/selection of honoree(s) for LGBTQ+ History Month, October 2025.
- Align CAAB board members to Neighborhood Associations to stay more connected with community. Establish Board member reporting back to CAAB.