

# COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Time	7:35 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room 137

## Meeting start

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Bob Julian led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A video showing [Jennifer Hudson](#) singing the national anthem was shown.

## News and Announcements

- President Gayle asked members if they watched the Democratic candidate gubernatorial debate which took place on Mon, June 11 at 7 pm.
- Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gwen Graham will be the guest speaker at the Broward Democratic Party's June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The event starts at 7:30 pm
- Also, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chris King will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" on Wed, June 20 at 6:30 pm at Chardees Restaurant in Wilton Manors
- There will be a judicial forum at the Activity Center in Century Village, Deerfield Beach on Thursday, June 28 at 6 pm.
- Jessica Sloan (Florida State Senator Kevin Rader's Office) gave out hurricane supply packets on behalf of the Senator.
- Tracy McNeil provided updates on Area 2 activities.
  - There are opportunities for members to assist with voter registration and phone banking.
  - Members can contact Ronny Sydney ([ronnysydney@gmail.com](mailto:ronnysydney@gmail.com)) for more information.
- Theresa Brier (Congressman Ted Deutch's Office) provided updates from his office.
  - She also told members that on Tues, Aug 14 at 7:30 pm, there will be a joint meeting of the Coconut Creek, Margate, Deerfield Beach, Coral Springs-Parkland, and Tamarac Democratic Clubs. This joint meeting will also serve as a town hall for the congressman.
  - The joint meeting will be the Coconut Creek Community Center.

## **Introductions**

President Gayle introduced elected officials, their representatives, and candidates to members. They included Mikkie Belvedere (Commissioner, Coconut Creek), Ron Lichtman (Broward Vice Mayor Mark Bogen), Patti Lynn (Broward Sheriff Scott Israel), Eric Rupert (Broward School Board Chair Nora Rupert), Theresa Brier (Congressman Ted Deutch's Office), Jessica Sloan (FL State Senator Kevin Rader's Office), Rory Renzy (FL State Rep. Sean Shaw, candidate for Attorney General), Ronny Sydney (Area 2 Leader), Tracy McNeil (Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum), and Saima Farooqui (VP CCDC and candidate for FL State House 96).

## **Coconut Creek Alert**

- The City Commission will be reviewing a request to build a 122 room extended stay hotel at the southwestern corner of Lyons Road and Coconut Creek Parkway. I am in opposition to this request. I have concerns relating to traffic, public safety, and fit within the community.
  - More information is located [HERE](#), [HERE](#), and [HERE](#).
  - The Commission will be reviewing the request on Thursday, June 28 at pm. Click [HERE](#) for the address. Please attend this meeting.

## **Club Reports**

- Treasurer Lansing gave the treasurer's report. As of April 2018, there was \$2,506.99 in the club's account.
- A motion to approve the report was unanimously accepted.

## **Old Business**

- None.

## **New Business**

- The Coconut Creek, Margate, and Deerfield Beach Democratic Clubs continue to plan several joint meetings.

## **Guest Speakers**

- President Gayle showed a Wall Street Journal video on "[Can the Democrats Ride a Blue Wave to Midterm Election Wins?](#)" and then introduced members to Travis Perron.
- Mr. Perron, Executive Director of the Broward Democratic Party, spoke to members about plans to elect Democrats in 2018 and 2020.

- He talked about lessons learned from previous campaigns (especially 2016), strategies being used in Broward County, statewide plans, etc.
- He answered questions from members on various topics. They included outreach to the Puerto Rican voters, GOTV, Florida election predictions, national and county party plans for 2018, etc.
- Cynthia Busch, Chair of the Broward Democratic Party, joined the meeting and gave members additional information on the county party's strategies.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm after President Gayle showed a video from the May 19, 2018 Royal Wedding. Click [HERE](#).