

# COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, Oct 10, 2017
Time	7:30 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room 137

## Meeting start

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Member Bob Julian led the Pledge of Allegiance. A recording of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung by [Star Swain](#) at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, was shown.
- President Gayle welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Broward County Commissioner Mark Bogen.

## Guest Speaker

- Commissioner Bogen discussed the Coconut Creek Turnpike expansion and the County's decision to remove the statute of former Florida governor Napoleon B. Broward from the county courthouse.

Commissioner Bogen was instrumental in having the Broward County Commission unanimously passing a resolution to oppose the turnpike expansion in Coconut Creek. He explained to members that he will do anything in his power to stop the roadway expansion. Additionally, members were encouraged to attend the Turnpike's Public Hearing scheduled for Tues, Oct 17 at 5:30 pm in the Coconut Creek Community Center. **[Please note that the Public Hearing was been postponed until further notice].**

He later told members that the County plans to remove Napoleon Broward's statute from the courthouse. While Governor Broward is credited for draining the Everglades, which resulted in an increase in livable land in the area, he was also a vocal segregationist. He advocated the removal of blacks from the United States. Commissioner Bogen asked members for their points of view on the removal of the statue and whether the county should change its name. Members had differing points of view.

## Old Business

- None

## New Business

- None

## **Announcements**

- ❑ The Club's Board decided to change its meeting time. Going forward, the Board will meet at 6:30 pm, prior to the general club meeting.
- ❑ Bradette Jepsen, League of Women Voters, is scheduled to present on Tues, Nov 14. She will be discussing Gun Safety issues
- ❑ Tallahassee mayor and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum is scheduled to present at our Tues, Dec 12 meeting. This event will be a joint meeting with the Margate and Deerfield Beach Democratic Clubs.
- ❑ Broward Sherriff's Office Community Outreach Liaison Patrick Jabouin spoke to members about an upcoming event. The Broward Sheriff's Office and Wayne Barton Study Center's Good News of Christ Ministries will be providing free groceries to anyone in need. The event will be on Sat, Oct 14. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **Club Reports**

- ❑ None

## **Guest Speaker:**

- ❑ President Gayle showed a campaign video of Chief Financial Officer candidate [Jeremy Ring](#). Gayle then introduced Anthony Pardal, Political Director for the campaign. Mr. Pardal gave members a brief biography of the candidate, explained why Jeremy Ring is qualified for the position, and answered questions from members.

## **Diane Glasser**

Board Member Jack Shifrel announced to members that longtime Broward Democratic powerhouse, Diane Glasser, has passed away. Diane was a friend of the Coconut Creek Democratic Club and attended many meetings. She leaves behind a legacy of inclusion and equality.

Congressman Alcee Hastings said the following:

*"She served on various boards in Broward County, including the Broward School Board, the Senior Advisory Task Force, and the Broward Human Rights Board, always striving to make our community a better place."* Read more about her amazing life [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

## **Meeting Adjournment**

- ❑ President Gayle showed a clip from the Late Show with [Stephen Colbert](#).
- ❑ The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.