

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of The Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH CAUCUS HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2005

A CAUCUS OF THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH WAS HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AT 8:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE SEAT OF MAYOR, AND THREE TOWN COUNCIL SEATS, IN GROUPS 1 AND 2 FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS; GROUP 3 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

The 93rd Annual Town Caucus was held in the Town Council Chambers at the above named time, pursuant to the call and notice therefore, which was published in the Palm Beach Daily News, a newspaper in Palm Beach County, Florida, on the following dates:

December 20, 2004
December 27, 2004
January 3, 2005

Advertisements were also placed in the weekly Spanish language newspaper, El Latino, that serves Palm Beach County, on the following dates:

December 24, 2004
December 31, 2004

Mayor Smith welcomed the audience to the 93rd Annual Caucus, held to nominate candidates for Mayor and three Town Council persons; Groups 1 and 2 for two-year terms, Group 3 for a one-year term.

Mayor Smith addressed the audience, stating that the one thing she had learned, when she ran for the first time 12 years ago, was that the race was not about her, but was about the registered voters who seriously take the responsibility to elect the good people of Palm Beach. She stated that she hoped the candidates nominated tonight would take their responsibilities seriously and share their positions and ideas, and campaign with the dignity expected from the leaders of this Town. She stated that one disappointment was that it did not appear that there would be contested races for the open seats, and that with no disrespect to those who were running, she could not help but believe in a healthy democratic process with a dialogue between candidates, giving voters options in terms of vision and direction for the Town. She remarked that she hoped that the brave souls that had stepped up to the plate to run for office would inspire others to run for office in the future. She noted that this was her last Caucus as Mayor, and she expressed her deep gratitude to all who had supported

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her, educated her, argued with her, and even berated her, because she knew that all of it was because of love for the Town of Palm Beach. She stated that there was nothing in her experience that had been more challenging, more frustrating, more exhilarating, and ultimately, more rewarding, than serving all of the citizens of Palm Beach. She thanked everyone, and welcomed everyone tonight.

Mayor Smith advised that the first order of business of this 93rd Caucus was to elect Caucus Officers, consisting of a Caucus Chairman and a Caucus Secretary. Pursuant to the Town Charter and Town Code of Ordinances, only qualified voters may participate in the Town Caucus. Each nominator must state his or her name and street address. The final qualifying date for candidates to file with the Town Clerk is Friday, January 14, 2005.

On motion of Jack Thompson, 237 Seabreeze, the nomination of Paul Leone, One S. County Road, for Caucus Chairman was made. There were no further nominations, and Mr. Paul Leone was elected as Chairman of the 93rd Caucus and assumed the duties of that office.

Chairman Leone announced that those persons making nominations must state the name and address of the persons being nominated as well as their names and addresses.

On motion of Eileen Curran, 3170 S. Ocean Blvd., the nomination of Charlotte Morris, 2840 S. Ocean Boulevard, was made for Caucus Secretary. There were no further nominations, and Mrs. Charlotte Morris was elected as Secretary of the 93rd Caucus and assumed the duties of that office.

Chairman Leone recognized that Mrs. Mary A. Pollitt, Town Clerk, and Deputy Town Clerk Susan Eichhorn were present to assist the Caucus Secretary.

Chairman Leone stated the meeting was open for the purpose of nominating candidates qualified to serve in the Office of Mayor, the office now held by Lesly S. Smith. This is a two-year term to be voted on at the general election to be held on February 8, 2005. A nomination, to be valid, must be made by a Town voter and must receive two seconds, each seconder being a Town voter. Each nominator must state the name and street address of the person being nominated, and each nominator and seconder must then state their own name and street address.

William D. Bone, 322 Pendleton Lane, nominated Samuel C. McLendon, 300 S. Ocean Boulevard, for the office of Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Harriett Eckstein, 2335 S. Ocean Boulevard; Herbert Lee, 44 Cocconut Row; Robert B. Forsyth, 1230 S. Ocean Boulevard, John J. Rinker, 5 S. Lake Trail, Eric N. Gilbertson, 151 Chilean Ave., and Joyce McLendon, 300 S. Ocean Boulevard.

Chairman Leone called for further nominations for Mayor.

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John F. Scarpa, 1676 S. Ocean Boulevard, nominated Jack McDonald, 2258 Ibis Isle Road East, for the office of Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Ida S. Goldstein, 3120 S. Ocean Boulevard, and Claude Rosinsky, 200 El Brillo Way.

Chairman Leone called for further nominations for Mayor, and there were none. After a motion was made, second and unanimously passed to close the nominations, he declared the nominations for Mayor were closed. He announced the candidates for Mayor were:

Samuel C. McLendon
300 S. Ocean Boulevard

Jack McDonald
2258 Ibis Isle Road East

The candidates stood and were recognized.

Chairman Leone stated the meeting was open for the purpose of nominating candidates qualified to serve in the Office of Town Council - Group 1, the office now held by Samuel C. McLendon. This is a two-year term to be voted on at the general election to be held on February 8, 2005. A nomination, to be valid, must be made by a Town voter, and must receive two seconds, each seconder being a Town voter. Each nominator must state the name and address of the person being nominated, and each nominator and seconder must state his or her name and street address.

Bruce McAllister, 240 Bahama Lane, placed in nomination the name of Denis P. Coleman, 662 Island Drive, for a candidate for Group 1. The nomination was seconded by Michael Ainslie, 415 Seaspray Avenue, and Gerald A. Frank, 2784 S. Ocean Boulevard.

Chairman Leone called for further nominations for Group 1, and there were none.

After a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to close the nominations, he declared the nominations closed for Group 1 candidates, and announced the candidate in Group 1:

Denis P. Coleman, Jr.
662 Island Drive

The candidate stood and was recognized.

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Chairman Leone then called for nominations for Group 2, the seat currently occupied by Allen S. Wyett. This is a two-year term to be voted on at the general election to be held on February 8, 2005. A nomination, to be valid, must be made by a Town voter and must receive two seconds, each seconder being a Town voter. Each nominator must state the name and street address of the person being nominated, and each nominator and seconder must state their own name and street address.

Gary Lickle, 400 S. Ocean Boulevard, placed in nomination the name of incumbent, Allen S. Wyett, 1145 N. Lake Way, for a candidate for Group 2. The nomination was seconded by Madelyn E. Greenberg, 3360 S. Ocean Boulevard, and Carol Wyett, 1145 N. Lake Way.

Chairman Leone called for further nominations, and there were none. After a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to close the nominations, he declared the nominations for Group 2 candidates were closed, and announced the candidate in Group 2 was:

Allen S. Wyett
1145 N. Lake Way

The candidate stood and was recognized.

Chairman Leone then called for nominations for Group 3, the seat currently occupied by Jack McDonald (resignation effective February 15, 2005). This is a one-year term to be voted on at the general election to be held on February 8, 2005. A nomination to be valid must be made by a Town voter and must receive two seconds, each seconder being a Town voter. Each nominator must state the name and street address of the person being nominated, and each nominator and seconder must state their own name and street address.

Harrison M. Robertson, Jr., 134 Seagate Road, placed in nomination the name of Richard Kleid, 2660 S. Ocean Boulevard for a candidate for Group 3, one-year term. The nomination was seconded by Elizabeth S. Murphy, 265 Park Avenue, and Martin Zion, 2780 S. Ocean Boulevard.

Chairman Leone called for further nominations, and there were none. After a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to close the nominations, he declared the nominations for Group 3 candidates were closed, and announced the candidate in Group 3 was:

Richard M. Kleid
2660 S. Ocean Boulevard

The candidate stood and was recognized.

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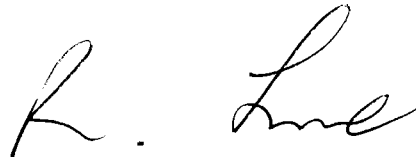
The candidate stood and was recognized.t

Chairman Leone stated that all candidates nominated at the Caucus for the office of Mayor and for the offices of Town Council members were reminded to promptly contact the Office of the Town Clerk for information regarding additional required procedures.

Chairman Leone stated that pursuant to Section 5.05 of the Town Charter, please be advised that when two (2) or more persons qualify as candidates for the office of Mayor and Town Council member, the person receiving a majority of the votes case in the General Election on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, shall be declared to have been elected. If no person receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a runoff election, to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, which is two (2) weeks subsequent to the General Election, between the two (2) candidates receiving the largest number of votes cast in the General Election. The person receiving the larger number of votes cast in such runoff election shall be declared elected.

Chairman Leone stated that the Caucus Chairperson and Secretary will sign the minutes of the Caucus, which will be presented to the Town Council at a Special Town Council meeting, called for Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Caucus, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Caucus meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

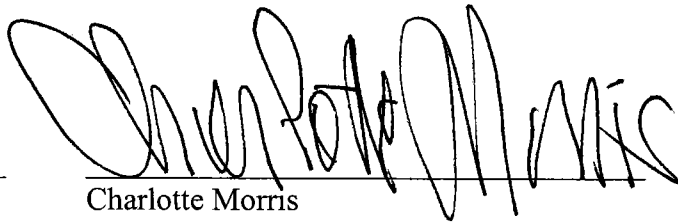


Paul Leone
Caucus Chairperson

ATTEST:



Mary Pollitt
Town Clerk



Charlotte Morris
Caucus Secretary