

MINUTES OF THE 2000 CAUCUS

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 JANUARY 4, 2000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM AND THREE COUNCIL SEATS IN GROUPS 1, 2, AND 3 FOR TWO YEAR TERMS.

The 88th 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, 1999
December 27, 1999
January 3, 2000

Mayor Ilyinsky welcomed the audience to the Caucus held to nominate a candidate for Mayor for a one year term and three Town Council persons for two year terms.

Mayor Ilyinsky advised that the first order of business of this 88th Caucus was to elect Caucus Officers, consisting of a Caucus Chairman and a Caucus Secretary. Pursuant to the Town Charter and Town Code, 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, 2000.

On motion of Richard Raffo, 173 East Inlet Drive, the nomination of James McC. Wearn, 260 Jamaica Lane, for Caucus Chairman was made. There were no further nominations, and Mr. James McCartney Wearn was elected as Chairman of the 88th Caucus and assumed the duties of that office.

On motion of Geraldine Rosenberg, 333 Sunset, the nomination of Charlotte Morris, 2840 S. Ocean Boulevard, for Caucus Secretary was made. There were no further nominations, and Ms. Charlotte Morris was elected as Secretary of the 88th Caucus and assumed the duties of that office.

Chairman Wearn recognized the leadership of Mayor Ilyinsky who is leaving office after February 8th.

Chairman Wearn made the following remarks:

"Before we get into the next business of nominations for the office of Mayor, allow me a few brief remarks.

1. I came here in April 1961. At that time, our Town was completing 50 years since incorporation on April 17, 1911. The quality of life in our Town was somewhat different. For example, in that Summer of 1961, I could spread a beach blanket to sun, or have a picnic, in the middle of County Road at the north end Fire Station, or in front of the Breakers, or on Worth Avenue, and not at all worry or concern myself about getting run over. That was then. Today is very different.

Just as I am sure there was a lot of change in the first 50 years, I know I have seen a lot in the last almost 40 years, and there will be more in the next 10 years, while we christen this millenium and hasten to our first Centennial on April 17, 2011.

We all want to preserve our quality of life. That means to me slowing down, not very often stopping, but slowing down significant or substantial change.

2. Just such change was proposed for our Charter, resulting in a Charter Commission, on which I served as its Vice Chairman. The Charter Commission studied and debated change over the last two years. One of the concerns argued as a problem requiring Charter change was the lack of candidates for Town office. I believe tonight we will see that is not a real concern. Major Charter change was resisted by a majority of the Charter Commission; only minor improvements were proposed based on the experience of the last 20 plus years under our current charter. The Town Council accepted almost all of our recommendations and has placed those improvements on the ballot for the upcoming February 8, 2000, election.

To support the continuation of the quality of our Charter, and our lives in Town, please vote your support for updating the Charter.

3. Lastly over the next month, please listen to the candidates nominated tonight, testing how they will maintain and improve our quality of life if elected. And to the candidates themselves, I would advise, repeating the exhortation given

years ago by former Mayor Mack Ritchie, to learn from whales that when they spout, they are vulnerable and may get harpooned. So call on Town staff, your predecessors, and others to learn before you spout, if you must.

Mr. Wearn said he would call for nominations, in order not to favor any nominator in the room, from either left to right, one time, or from front to back in the room or back to front, and that procedure would be alternated. He asked that any nominator limit his or her remarks to five minutes and the two required seconders to limit remarks to no more than two minutes each. If there are more than two seconders, please limit his or her remarks to not more than a minute.

Mr. Wearn reminded the attendees that pursuant to the Town Charter and Code, only qualified voters or electors of the Town are permitted to participate in the Town Caucus as nominators or

Chairman Wearn stated the meeting was open for the purpose of nominating candidates who are qualified Town voters to serve in the office of Mayor, the office now held by Paul R. Ilyinsky. The office is for the remainder of Mayor Ilyinsky's term for one year to be voted at the General Election to be held on February 8, 2000. 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 and seconder must state his or her name and street address.

Helen Cluett, 217 Emerald Lane, nominated Lesly S. Smith, 300 Chapel Hill, for the office of Mayor. Mrs. Smith's nomination was seconded by Milton M. Schulman, 184 Bradley Place, and John C. Cassidy, 228 Seabreeze Ave.

Chairman Wearn called for further nominations, and there were none. After motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to close nominations, Chairman Wearn announced the sole candidate for the Office of Mayor is:

Lesly S. Smith
300 Chapel Hill

and was therefore considered Mayor Elect for the Town of Palm Beach.

Mrs. Smith stood and was recognized.

Chairman Wearn recalled that one and a half years after the February 15, 1991, death of her husband, Earl Edward Taylor Smith, Lesly Smith announced, as reported in the Post on December 20, 1992, her candidacy for the Town Council. She said she was running for the seat being vacated by Paul Ilyinsky who was running for Mayor, and she is quoted in the paper, "Palm Beach needs to move into the 21st century without losing the wonderful qualities that make Palm Beach. I know I can represent the interests of all Palm Beachers sympathetically and fairly." Chairman Wearn complimented Mayor Elect Lesly Smith on having done just that.

Chairman Wearn then called for nominations for the Town Council Seat for Group 1, currently held by Jack McDonald. The office is for a two year term, to be voted at the General Election to be held on February 8, 2000. 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 his or her own name and street address.

Rodney Fink, 230 Brazilian Avenue, nominated Jack McDonald, 2258 Ibis Isle Road, as a candidate for Group 1. The nomination was seconded by Stanley Silken, 2778 South Ocean Boulevard, and Claude Rosinsky, 200 El Brillo Way.

Chairman Wearn called for further nominations, and there were none. After motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to close nominations, Chairman Wearn declared the nominations for Group 1 candidates were closed and announced the candidate in Group 1 is:

Jack McDonald
2258 Ibis Isle Road

Mr. McDonald stood and was recognized.

Chairman Wearn stated the meeting was open for the purpose of nominating candidates who are qualified Town voters to serve in the Office of Town Council - Group 2, the office now held by Councilman Leslie A. Shaw. This is a two year term to be voted at the general election to be held on February 8, 2000. 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.

Chairman Wearn called for nominations for Group 2.

Isador Segall, 2660 South Ocean Boulevard, placed in nomination the name of Leslie A. Shaw, 318 Seaspray Avenue, for a candidate for Group 2. The nomination was seconded by Richard Greenfield, 576 Island Drive, and Michael Spaziani, 322 Seaspray Avenue.

Robert Green, 225 Tangier Avenue, placed in nomination the name of William J. Brooks, 240 Seabreeze Avenue,

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for a candidate for Group 2. The nomination was seconded by Nancy Murray, 249 Monterey Avenue, and Rita Taca, 2000 South Ocean Boulevard.

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

William J. Brooks
240 Seabreeze Avenue

Leslie A. Shaw
318 Seaspray Avenue

The candidates stood and were recognized.

Chairman Wearn then called for nominations for Group 3, the seat currently occupied by Lesly S. Smith.

Former Mayor Yvelyne de Marcellus Marix, 1570 North Ocean Boulevard, placed in nomination the name of Martin I. Klein, 1060 North Ocean Boulevard, for a candidate for Group 3. The nomination was seconded by Bernice Klein, 2295 South Ocean Boulevard; Rodney Fink, 230 Brazilian Avenue; and Daniel Manella, 124 Cocoanut Row.

Doyle Rogers, 345 North Lake Way, placed in nomination the name of Norman P. Goldblum, 109 Everglade Avenue, for a candidate for Group 3. The nomination was seconded by Barbara Gordon Green, 583 North Lake Way, and Arthur Gross, 2500 South Ocean Boulevard.

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

Norman P. Goldblum
109 Everglade Avenue

Martin I. Klein
1060 North Ocean Boulevard

Mr. Goldblum and Mr. Klein stood and were recognized.

There being no further business to come before the Caucus, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Caucus meeting was adjourned. The Chairperson and the Secretary were authorized to sign and present a Certificate of this 88th Caucus to the Town Council at their meeting scheduled for January 18, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. to call the Election.

ATTEST:

James McCartney Wearn
Caucus Chairperson

Mary Pollitt, Town Clerk

Charlotte Morris, Caucus Secretary