



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

MEETING MINUTES  
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NOISE CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NCAC)  
FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT – FIRE STATION #2  
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.

**July 2023 – June 2024**

**Attendance**

Eugenia “Genia” Ellis, Chair	P	1	0
William Brown, Vice-Chair	P	1	0
Ralph Stone	P	1	0
Rocco Ferrera	P	1	0
Steven Hudson	P	1	0
Chad McCoury	P	1	0
Tim Petrillo	P	1	0
Steve Wice	P	1	0
Dev Motwani	A	0	1

**Call to Order & Determination of Quorum**

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Staff**

Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager, Committee Liaison  
Katrina Jordan, Code Compliance Manager  
Donna Varisco, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

**Others**

Joel Hubert, Assistant to Dev Motwani  
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.

**Approval of the October 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to approve the October 24, 2023, meeting minutes. In a roll call vote, the **motion passed** unanimously (8-0).

**New Business**

- **Motion to allow committee member William Brown to participate virtually**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to allow committee member William Brown to participate virtually. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously (8-0).

- **Motion to elect Chair for the 2024 Term**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to elect Eugenia Ellis as the Chair for the 2024 Term. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously (8-0).

- **Motion to elect Vice Chair for the 2024 Term**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, to elect William Brown as the Vice Chair for the 2024 Term. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously (8-0).

- **Introduction of New Member – Steven Wice**

Mr. Wice introduced himself.

- **Discuss Commission's direction to staff for the 2024 Noise Control Committee**

Mr. Anthony Fajardo, Assistant City Manager, introduced himself and noted the City Commission supported extending the study period.

Ms. Katrina Jordan, Code Compliance Manager, clarified the period of time would be 90 days, in order to capture spring break. She noted they would present the findings to the City Commission on May 7, 2024.

Mr. Fajardo added the Committee would also recommend final ordinance amendments at that time.

- **Presentation on Community Enhancement's Policies and Procedures based on the Consultant's two noise measurements – Katrina Jordan**

Ms. Jordan reviewed the short list of noise measurements distributed to the Committee (attached). The document captures what was discussed at the Commission Meeting and explained that measurements will be taken five feet from the venue as opposed to the complainant's property line.

Discussion ensued about Commissioner Sturman's workshop and amplified noise, vehicle noise, noise on waterways, low-frequency noise, code enforcement, and dBc measurements.

Ms. Jordan confirmed they are measuring dBc. Discussion continued about amplified sound produced by venues and readings. Ms. Jordan confirmed Code Enforcement will add complaint times to the next report.

There was discussion concerning amending our ordinance to allow code enforcement officers to proactively enforce noise violations and what that enforcement would look like. It was suggested that proactively addressing noise would be for repeat offenders. The Committee briefly conversed about spring break.

Discussion continued about amplified sound, measurement distance, plainly audible, vacation rentals, and entertainment districts.

Chair Ellis stated the next steps would be to await the additional study data.

Discussion continued about entertainment districts and bass Mr. Stone commented he doesn't know why the Entertainment District needs the 85 or 95 db levels.

Mr. Petrillo commented that the noise issue and the entertainment district are so connected that we have to look at them together.

### **Good of the Order**

No additional comments.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]



## Noise Ordinance Amendment Recommendation 90-Day Field Study

**Purpose:** At the December 19, 2023 Commission Conference, staff was directed to conduct a 90-day field study on the recommendations from the Noise Control Advisory Committee. Specifically we are :

1. Measure 5-feet from venue opening or center of venue on the street using both A and C weighting.
  - a. Adjusting the maximum allowable limits 10 dBs
2. Subtract 10 dB from the measurement. If the measurement is still over the set limit, issue a warning or citation. This is specific to the Special Entertainment District where multiple venues are abutting one another.
3. Determine the maximum allowed decibels for C weighting.

**Dates of Field Study:** January 5, 2024 – March 24, 2024 (to include Spring Break)

**Proposed Presentation to Commission:** May 7, 2024

**What the presentation will entail:**

- All noise measurements taken during the field study.
- Summary of the number of venues found in violation via complaints vs the number of violations found taking the measurements from 5 feet away.
- Side-by-side comparisons of the current and proposed

<b>Voodoo Bayou – 715 E Las Olas Blvd – Mixed Use (215 SE 8 Avenue – complainant)</b>			
<b>Complainant Measurements</b>	<b>Proposed 5-foot Measurement</b>	<b>Violation of current ordinance dBA 65</b>	<b>Violation of proposed ordinance dBA 75</b>
65 dBA, 61 dBA, AND 63 dBA	dBA Fast – 82 dBA Slow – 80 dBC Fast – 87 dBC Slow – 84	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b> (this reading would be -10dB as American Social is adjacent)

- Number of violations on proactive properties taken without noise complaints

SHORT LIST OF NOISE MEASUREMENTS

Measurements taken proactively or after a complaint inspection

Date Visited	Business Name	Property Address	Commission District	dBA Fast	dBA Slow	dBC Fast	dBC Slow	Adjacent Venue(s)	Adjusted DBs dBA Fast	Adjusted DBs dBA Slow	Adjusted DBs dBC Fast	Adjusted DBs dBC Slow
1/5/2024	CAFE DEL MAR	101 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	96	85	91	90	YES	86	75	81	80
1/5/2024	CAFE IBIZA	213 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	83	86	91	90	YES	73	76	81	80
1/5/2024	CUBA LIBRE	800 E LAS OLAS BLVD	4	69	69	88	87	YES	59	59	78	77
1/5/2024	DRUNKEN TACO	201 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	77	77	83	83	YES	67	67	73	73
1/5/2024	ELBOW ROOM	241 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	94	90	97	94	YES	84	80	87	84
1/5/2024	PALM ROOM	825 E LAS OLAS BLVD	4	73	73	93	89	YES	63	63	83	79
1/5/2024	PIAZZA ITALIA	904 E LAS OLAS BLVD	4	72	62	93	83	YES	62	52	83	73
1/5/2024	RHYTHM & VINE	401 NE 5 TER	2	83.4	78.9	92.5	87.7	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/5/2024	ROCK BAR	219 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	87	87	91	92	YES	77	77	81	82
1/5/2024	SPAZIO	239 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	91	93	97	98	YES	81	83	87	88
1/5/2024	VOODOO BAYOU	715 E LAS OLAS BLVD	4	93	91	101	98	YES	81	83	91	88
1/5/2024	YOLO	333 E LAS OLAS BLVD	4	66	65	82	82	YES	55	56	72	72
1/6/2024	27 BAR & LOUNGE	835 NE 3 AVE	2	86	82.5	109.1	105.9	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/6/2024	CAPONES	310 SW 2 ST	2	90	95	103	99	YES	85	80	93	89
1/6/2024	CLUB EURO	120 NUGENT AVE	2	93	92	94	99	YES	82	83	84	89
1/6/2024	DICEY RILEY'S	217 SW 2 ST	2	84	90	99	96	YES	80	74	89	86
1/6/2024	EL TIESTO	214 SW 2 ST	2	86	87	96	93	YES	77	76	86	83
1/6/2024	FAT CATS	320 HIMMARSHEE ST	2	94	90	97	94	YES	80	84	87	84
1/6/2024	KEMISTRY	307 SW 2 ST	2	83	81	93	92	YES	71	73	83	82
1/6/2024	LIVIA BAR & GRILL	500 N ANDREWS AVE	2	74	73	82	82	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/6/2024	NOWHERE	204 SW 2 ST	2	91	89	104	102	YES	79	81	94	92
1/6/2024	POORHOUSE	110 SW 3 AVE	2	88	82	93	91	YES	72	78	83	81
1/6/2024	REVOLUTION LIVE	100 SW 3 AVE	2	83	82	111	89	YES	72	73	101	79
1/6/2024	RUSH STREET	220 SW 2 ST	2	84	86	99	96	YES	76	74	89	86
1/6/2024	THE HUB	826 NE 4 AVE	2	74.7	77.2	89.1	87.9	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/6/2024	TRUTH LOUNGE	2874 E OAKLAND PARK BLVD	1	49	55	80	76	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1/7/2024	BOOZE GARDEN	111-A SW 2 AVE	2	83	87	96	92	YES	77	73	86	82
1/7/2024	CLUB BAR	215 SW 2 ST	2	94	95	102	100	YES	85	84	92	90
1/7/2024	CLUB SWAY	111 SW 2 AVE ST #1A	2	81	81	88	87	YES	71	71	78	77
1/7/2024	THE DEN	201 SW 2 ST	2	84	85	91	91	YES	75	74	81	81
1/7/2024	THE WHARF	20 W LAS OLAS BLVD	4	76	79	86	82	YES	69	66	76	72
1/7/2024	TIN ROOF	219 S ANDREWS AVE	4	90	90	96	91	YES	80	80	86	81
1/13/2024	SENROR FROGS	225 S FTL BCH BLVD	2	85	85	95	94	YES	75	75	85	84
1/14/2024	ROOFTOP	1 W LAS OLAS BLVD #700	4	82	87	88	85	YES	77	72	78	75
1/21/2024	TRUTH LOUNGE	2674 E OAKLAND PK BLVD	1	50	51	52	52	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2/15/2024	MUNCHIE'S	200 SW 2 ST	2	90	96	97	94	YES	80	76	87	84
2/16/2024	THE WILDER	701 E BROWARD BLVD	2	76	71	82	91	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2/24/2024	BO'S BEACH	600 SEABREEZE BLVD	2	68	67	69	70	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2/24/2024	COYO TACO	401 E LAS OLAS BLVD	2	75	74	78	78	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2/25/2024	BODEGA	21 W LAS OLAS BLVD	4	84	77	81	80	YES	74	67	71	70

Table 1  
Residential 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - 60dBA\*  
10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. - 50 dBA  
Commercial 24 hours - 65 dBA  
Industrial 24 hours - 75 dBA

\*If the residential use is within a commercial, industrial, or mixed use, or within two hundred (200) feet of such use, the outdoor sound level limit is sixty-five (65) dBA between 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Special Entertainment District  
Monday - Thursday 12:00pm - 12:00 am - 85dBA or 95 dBC  
Friday - Sunday and legal holidays 12:00pm - 1:00 am - 85dBA or 95 dBC

Readings for complaints are taken utilizing dBA Fast