

## **Intelligence Report**

**April 2013**

As a new Commission is organized this week, we wish to congratulate Mr. Glickstein and Mrs. Petrolia on their victories. We would also like to congratulate Mayor Carney, Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Christopher on their races. The races were heated, and a good number of residents came to the polls. We also thank Commissioner Morrison for stepping in and serving for a short time.

Competition makes all candidates better, and it makes elected officials better once in office. We have never endorsed candidates, but are grateful for all those who have stepped up to become candidates and put themselves on the line. It is not easy or glamorous to run for office.

This gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of all Commissioners. We have been critical of many decisions. We would have done things differently in many cases. But we admire the effort they put in. Few of us understand the amount of time required to serve as a Mayor or Commissioner. In addition to Commission meetings, there are workshops, goal setting sessions, official functions, unofficial gatherings, correspondence with residents, study of upcoming agenda items, and contact with residents across the city. Not to mention the time to read our Intelligence Report each month!

The Friends of Delay Intelligence Report is meant to express a point of view that might help them in their future deliberations. But we must stop from time to time and acknowledge that their jobs are harder than our job. It is harder to act than to observe. It is harder to decide than to comment. Our elected representatives do a job few of us are willing to do, and we are grateful to them all.

We spend much of our time discussing those officials, but we are also fortunate to have residents who volunteer. The City has 24 Boards covering many aspects of our town, with more than 150 residents serving. They put in many hours without compensation, and we all benefit.

**Final thoughts from your Editor:** We have good reason to be optimistic about the future of our City. Residents care and our representatives care. Writing and sending the Intelligence Report each month is a labor of love; unfortunately, I have other obligations that take up my time. I will not be able to report on as

regular a basis as I have in the past. I will not send out an Intelligence Report in the next couple of months, but will be back.

This blog started with about 150 readers. It has grown to a readership of over 2,000 – all by residents who have asked us to put them on the mailing list. I enjoy the correspondence with so many of you. You have showered me with ideas, comments and suggestions, and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

In the meantime, please stay involved. With a new City Manager and 2 new members of the Commission, this is a time of renewal in Delray. It is you who make this the best City in Florida, so please consider applying to serve on a City Board. This link will give you a start:

<http://mydelraybeach.com/boards-and-committees>

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