

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ZOOM
 WEDNESDAY, March 5th, 2025 - 4:30 P.M.
 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	District	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
		25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Manny Chamizo	2	A	P	P										Vince Lago
Pat Nolan	1	P	P	P										Melissa Castro
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P	P										Rhonda Anderson
Kevin Ritzenthaler	1	P	P	E										Kirk Menendez
Nancy Sanabria	7	P	P	P										Ariel Fernandez
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	P	P										Amos Rojas, Jr.
Bertram Goldsmith	7	E	P	P										Commission-As-A-Whole
Levi Meyer	6	P	P	P										Board-As-A-Whole
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- P – Present**
- P*- Present (zoom)**
- E – Excused Absence**
- A – Absent**
- R – Resigned**
- (-) – No Appointment**

- (*) – No Meeting**

STAFF:

- Lorena Garrido, Central Division Administrative Manager
- Yannissey Solivera, Administrative Assistant
- Sergeant Guido Antezana

GUESTS ZOOM

- Kurt Kaminer – 4370 SW 13th Terrace
- Carmen Marara Cartaya – 811 Malaga Avenue
- Meg Daly

GUESTS:

- Irene S. Hegedus, Architect Chief for the Underline Project Miami-Dade County
- Ellois Cleckley, CEO for the Underline Project Miami-Dade County
- Commissioner Raquel Regalado, Miami Dade County
- Manny Portuondo - 860 Jeronimo Drive
- Alberto Manrara – 511 Sevilla Ave
- Peter Bomberger – 545 Vilabella Ave
- Daniela Garcia – 1521 Bella Vista Ave
- Roberta Niwe – South Alhambra Cir
- Gonzalo Sanbria – 944 San Pedro Ave

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Mr. Yoder. Quorum was met.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Galan made the motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025, seconded by Mr. Goldsmith, all were in favor, and adopted unanimously.

Discussion:

Miami-Dade County Underline Project staff and Commissioner Raquel Regalado were present, and the following concerns were brought to the Miami-Dade County's attention:

- The height and usage of the bridge.
- Concerns regarding the shared use path
- The use of the bridge for recreational use such as fishing, and bicycling.
- The overall safety of the bridge, for users both on the water and on the proposed bridge.

Mr. Meyer motioned that the Board acknowledges the proposed bridge clearance of 11.1 feet above mean high tide. However, the Board emphasizes that this clearance must not be based on an assumption that the US1 mean tide clearance is 7.5 feet without verifying that data. The Board strongly advocates higher clearance to better accommodate the waterway. Given the Board's limited resources and communications with the City and the County, it appears that the County has stated that 11.1 feet is the maximum achievable height. If that is indeed the case, the City should verify this information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goldsmith and unanimously approved.

Note: the above motion was consolidated to be presented at the March 11th City Commission meeting.

MARINE PATROL REPORT:

Sgt. Antezana reported on incidents on the waterway.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.