

CITY OF CORAL GABLES WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 427 BILTMORE WAY – 2nd FLOOR
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	District	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	S	APPOINTED BY:
		18	18	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	
Lisette Stancioff	1	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Carla Isaias	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	Jorge L. Fors
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	Patricia Keon
Manny Chamizo	2	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Mario Lamar	4	P	E	P	E	E	E	P	P	A	Michael Mena
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	Peter Iglesias
Bertham Goldsmith	7	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
John Swain	2	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Vacant		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Board-As-A-Whole

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

Jorge Acevedo, Utilities Division Director/Board Secretary
 Chris Challenger, Marine Patrol

GUESTS:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of June 5th, 2019.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

- Mr. Acevedo asked Board members to go over the Waterways Districts list, reviewed to match with their addresses and confirmed which district they belong to.
- Board went over vacancies and appointments from Mayor and City Commissioners. One vacancy is open for Board-As-A-Whole as Mr. Swain’s appointment was

changed from Board-As-A-Whole to Commission-As-A-Whole. District 6 for Snapper Creek and District 8 for Deering Bay areas are open.

- Mr. Yoder reminded board members of the Boards and Committees Ethics Seminar on September 27th at 9:00AM.
- Discussion – Budget Hearing
Mr. Yoder also reminded the board of the Budget Hearing on September 12th. Budget Hearing is open to the public. Mr. Swain was asked to attend budget hearing to advocate for the Blue Rd open space project as it was originally in FY2019 budget plan but now is under the Parks and Recreation department Capital Improvement Plan for FY2021. Discussion took place to ask City Commission to move project back to FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan. ***“A motion was made and seconded by the Board for Mr. Swain to attend Budget Hearing to advocate for the Blue Road open space project and request for park project to be moved to FY2020.”***
- Discussion – Cartagena Circle Bridge Wall
Mr. Swain talked about his plan for a walkway under Cartagena Circle bridges. Part of the project is to provide access from one side of the bridge to the other for a safety, and also for liability, to protect the City for not having any kind of protection stopping people for falling into the water. He said that other cities have life saver rings, docks, barriers, etc. The concept is in early stages. First of all, it needs to be clarified if jurisdiction of the area under the bridge is County or City’s responsibility. Areas for fishing underneath the bridge should be designated and “No Fishing” signs should be placed.
- Discussion – Signs
Mr. Chamizo informed that two “No Wake Zone” signs are currently up on two Blue Rd bridges and so does Ponce de Leon bridge.
- Discussion – Graffiti
Mr. Galan asked who he should contact in the City to notify graffiti under the bridge. Mr. Acevedo informed that Public Works department is in charge of graffiti removal and they should be contacted directly. City usually responds quickly, sometimes even when graffiti is in County’s right of way.
- Discussion – Door Hangers
Mr. Acevedo showed board members a sample of a door hanger, in English and Spanish versions, which includes possible safety issues, code violations and information on mangrove trimming. He asked members for feedback before sending it to print. Discussion took place as board members wanted to stress out that door hanger was not to single out offenders. Board members would like the City to first send a letter to all waterways residents informing that in the future they will be getting a door hanger should there is a safety issue or code violation. Door hanger should be labeled as a warning.

- Discussion – Dredging Report
Mr. Acevedo informed the board that he has received the engineering report for dredging. He is going to review the report and meet with the Finance Department as the whole dredging project for the City could cost about one hundred million dollars.
- Discussion – Water Quality update
Mr. Acevedo informed the board that FIU has sent a proposal for a pilot plan that is being reviewed. Meeting with FIU has been scheduled to inform about the water quality project. Mr. Acevedo will forward the information to board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at 427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor - Coral Gables, FL.