

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.  
 MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEMBERS</b>	District	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Manny Chamizo	2	P	P	P	P*	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Daniel Tormo	3	E	P	P	P*	P*	-	*	*	*	-	P	A	Jorge L. Fors
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P	P	P	P	P*	*	*	*	E	P	P	Rhonda Anderson
Alex Stancioff	1	-	-	-	-	-	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	Kirk Menendez
Anthony Lopez	4	-	-	-	-	-	P*	*	*	*	A	P	A	Michael Mena
Douglas Yoder	CR	A	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	Peter Iglesias
Bertram	7	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Goldsmith														Whole
John Swain	2	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Andria Codina	6	P	P	P	E	E	P	*	*	*	A	A	P	Board-As-A-Whole
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P – Present  
 P\*- Present (zoom)  
 E – Excused Absence  
 A – Absent  
 (-) – No Appointment  
 (\*) – No Meeting

**STAFF:**

Jorge Acevedo, Utilities & ROW Division Chief/Board Secretary  
 Tiffany Crumbley, Recording Secretary  
 Chris Challenger, Marine Patrol  
 Fred Couceyro, Parks and Recreation Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by the chairman. The roll call was done and quorum was met.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

There was discussion among the Board on the motion that was made at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting by John Swain recommending that City staff should have separate dock facilities for canoes, kayaks and other watercrafts at the Blue Road Open Space Park to provide access for those who live on the waterway and eliminate the fencing where the dock is constructed. Although this motion was approved, voted upon, and adopted unanimously at this time, Board member John Swain would like to remove this motion. He stated the reason for

reconsideration is that the Parks & Recreation Director, Fred Couceyro is in attendance today to discuss the parks and open spaces and we may not need the motion.

***A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of November 3, 2021” with minor changes. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.***

### **PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **Ruth Bryan Owen Park**

City of Coral Gables Park and Recreation Director, Fred Couceyro staff provided a presentation on parks and open spaces along the waterway requested by Board member John Swain. Mr. Couceyro stated the City of Coral Gables, and specifically Parks and Recreation we have a renovations of parks, major renovations and repairs matrix, which includes all of our parks and facilities with ongoing maintenance projects, on a five year plan. This allows the Department to see the life cycle and on certain things. He stated \$400,000 was added in the matrix for the Ruth Brian Owen and Waterway Park for the next coming fiscal year (2023), some portion of this amount would be used for improvements on the boardwalk placed in 2006. We are open to feedback from the Board and neighbors of this Park which will help us shape the preliminary design. There was discussion about restricting the Park to City of Coral Gables residents only and to prevent commercialized use. Mr. Couceyro responded that the boardwalk was built with State of Florida Fertile Land and Water Conservation funds, so certain areas cannot be restricted. Mr. Swain stated Miami-Dade County (MDC) has a program that will fund projects that help access the waterway. He also spoke with Jack Cardis from MDC who informed Mr. Swain that this park is already on the list.

#### **Blue Road Park**

Mr. Couceyro stated that staff presented an initial design presentation to the neighborhood for feedback from the community. We applied for a state grant Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) to help accentuate and make improvements to the design. The Board reviewed the presentation of Blue Road Open Space and there was brief discussion regarding the schematic planning, development of the space and securing funding for the project.

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#### **Marine Patrol Report**

No report

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:34PM

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.