

CITY OF CORAL GABLES WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.

In-Person Meeting – Commission Chambers

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	District	S 20	O 20	N	D 20	J 21	F 21	M 21	A 21	M 21	J 21	APPOINTED BY:
Manny Chamizo	2	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	Vince Lago
Carla Isaias	3	P	P	*	P	E	P	P	P*	P*	-	Jorge L. Fors
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P*	Rhonda Anderson
Alex Stancioff	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	Kirk Menendez
Anthony Lopez	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P*	Michael Mena
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	P	*	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	Peter Iglesias
Bertram Goldsmith	7	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
John Swain	2	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Andria Codina Miyares	6	P	A	*	A	P	P	P	E	E	P	Board-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Jorge Acevedo, Utilities Division Director/Board Secretary
 Pilar Wiese, Recording Secretary
 Lt. Henry Barnet, Marine Patrol
 Ray Toledo, Marine Patrol
 Chris Challenger, Marine Patrol

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of May 5, 2021” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:

- Board welcomed new members Mr. Alex Stancioff and Mr. Anthony Lopez. Mr. Stancioff was appointed by Commissioner Kirk Menendez and Mr. Lopez by Vice Mayor Mike Mena, respectively.
- Board members discussed recommendation to the City Commission reappointment of Bertram Goldsmith and John Swain to serve as Commission-As-A-Whole members. *A motion was made to “Recommend reappointment of Mr. Bertram Goldsmith and Mr. John Swain to serve as Commission-As-A-Whole members to the board.” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.*
- Board members discussed reappointment of Andria Codina Miyares to serve as a Board-As-A-Whole member. *A motion was made to “Recommend reappointment of Ms. Andria Codina Miyares to serve as a Board-As-A-Whole member to the board.” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.*
- Mr. Acevedo reported that seaweed season has started; a lot of complaints have been received. His division is trying to respond requests for clean up as soon as they can but sometimes the wind makes work more difficult. He asked members to send him their requests by email to follow up on them.
- Mr. Chamizo invited Mr. Lopez to share with members his priorities as a representative for Gables Estates area. Mr. Lopez said that he has been advised by residents of Journey’s End community of concerns regarding mangrove’s entry into the waterway. He said that he does not think it is Coral Gables’ responsibility to cut them and maintain them. He believes is Miami-Dade County responsibility and pressure should be put in because mangroves are intruding in the waterway. He is concerned that people paddle boarding from Matheson Hammock going down that waterway might get run over by a boat because mangroves are creating a one way out.
Mr. Acevedo said that a meeting has been scheduled with the County and he will keep board informed.
- Mr. Acevedo distributed to board members a Communications Plan for an ongoing educational social media campaign and information for residents, paddleboards, kayakers, and other guests in the Coral Gables waterways. He asked board members for comments and ideas to be discussed at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.