

CITY OF CORAL GABLES WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 427 BILTMORE WAY – 1ST FLOOR
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 - 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	18	18	
Lisette Stancioff	-	-	-	-	*	P	P	E	P	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Hector Fortun	A	P	A	P	*	P	P	A	A	A	Frank C. Quesada
Juan A. Galan Jr	A	P	P	A	*	A	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Manny Chamizo	P	A	P	A	*	A	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Mario Lamar	-	-	-	-	*	P	P	P	P	E	Michael Mena
Douglas Yoder	P	P	P	P	*	A	P	P	P	P	Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Bertham Goldsmith	-	-	-	-	*	P	P	E	E	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
John Swain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	Board-As-A-Whole
Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commission-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Jose Saucedo (acting for Jorge Acevedo, Board Secretary)
 Sargent Randy Hoff, CG Marine Patrol
 Officer Chris Challenger, CG Marine Patrol
 Officer Ray Toledo, CG Marine Patrol

GUESTS:

Glen Larson (Dock & Marine)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. Board members welcomed Mr. John Swain to the Board.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of January 10, 2017.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

- Board members discussed on the Mahi Canal, District 2, its location and width; there are some areas with very narrow access.
- Discussion on the request made by the City Commission for Board's opinion to evaluate the existing Rule of 75ft of open unobstructed navigable water and/or to propose a new rule.
Rule of 75ft was created with the idea to allow two (2) 20ft wide boats to navigate simultaneously in opposite directions with safety clearance. Any request affecting the 75ft width needs a variance and is granted by the City Commission.
Board agreed that Rule of 75ft does not make sense as US1, Ponce de Leon and Granada bridges are very narrow, not allowing any 20ft boat to pass through canal. Sargent Hoff indicated that Marine Patrol prefers to apply Rule of 75ft based on percentages because width of the canal varies and proposing a specific dimension would not be applicable to all areas.
- Discussion on Section XXXXX Beyond Ponce US 1 bridge
C. Except as described in section 5-802, and for specific properties and the Mahi Canal in Appendix A, no dock or mooring piles shall be placed in the portion of waterway extending past the US1 Ponce De Leon bridge system at a greater distance from the bank thereof, which, when allowance is made for the erection or placing of a dock or mooring piles on the opposite bank at a similar distance from the bank, will leave less than fifty (50) feet of open unobstructed navigable water between such piles, docks and similar structures on the opposite bank
A motion was made to “For the specific canal beyond Ponce-US1 bridge, will leave less than forty-five (45) feet of open unobstructed navigable water.”
The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.
- Chairman Chamizo announced that he will present Board's report to the City Commission meeting on February 13th at 10:00am. He will send information to be presented to Board members.
- Mr. Galan requested Glen Larson from Dock & Marine to maintain illumination at his barge to avoid any accident. Mr. Chamizo informed that any debris found in the canal can be reported using City's phone application (Customer Connect).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at 427 Biltmore Way, 1st Floor - Coral Gables, FL