

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 - 5:30 P.M.
 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	District	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	APPOINTED BY:
		21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	22	
Manny Chamizo	2	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	*-	P	P	A	Vince Lago
Daniel Tormo	3	P*	-	*	*	*	-	P	A	*-	P	P	P	Jorge L. Fors
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P*	*	*	*	E	P	P	*-	P	P	P	Rhonda Anderson
Alex Stancioff	1	-	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	*-	P	P	A	Kirk Menendez
<i>Vacant</i>	4	-	P*	*	*	*	A	A	A	*-	A	A	-	Michael Mena
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	*-	P	P	P	Peter Iglesias
Bertram	7	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	*-	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Goldsmith														
John Swain	2	P	P	*	*	*	P	P	P	*-	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Andria Codina	6	E	P	*	*	*	A	A	P	*-	P	P	P	Board-As-A-Whole
Miyares														

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
 Sergeant Guido Antezana, Marine Patrol
 Kevin Kinney, Director of Parking

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of March 3, 2021” with no changes. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS:

Board members held a brief discussion on the attendance of Board member Anthony Lopez. Mr. Acevedo updated the Board stating staff reached out to Mr. Lopez and contacted the Clerk's office regarding the lack of attendance to these meetings. He added that Mr. Lopez is no longer a Board member and Commissioner Mena will be appointing a new board member.

Mr. Galan clarified the motion made during the March meeting the Board made a motion pertaining to the legality of renting docks that would require a resolution that would then be brought before the City Commission. He stated this formal process is unnecessary; he is requesting for a representative from the City Attorney's office to attend a future meeting to clarify the legal parameters when in it comes to commercial activity along the Coral Gables Waterway.

A motion was made to Rescind this previous motion "Recommend that the City Attorney determine the legalities of renting space on the waterway and if any commercial activity can be associated with that dock space". The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Waterway Access Plan

Board member, John Swain stated that he took a compilation of the numerous discussions that the Board has had over the years about the various waterway access points to create this presentation. He presented an overall waterway access plan for the Board to review before presenting to the City Commission. He then stated that one of the functions of this Board is to seek and ensure waterways are made accessible for recreational use and enjoyment for all.

He showed in the presentation the seven publicly owned points on the main waterway. He feels three are too small for development into access points and four could be developed or enhanced.

- Ruth Bryan Owen Park (the Girl Scout Hut)
 - Add a canoe launch
- Blue Road Open Space (Future Park)
 - Add docking facilities with ADA access
 - Use low growing hedges or a rock border as a buffer instead of a fence
- Canoe Launch at Riviera, Ponce & US1 (the Underline)
 - Coordinate the area's redesign with the County and the Underline
- Boardwalk and Pedestrian Underpass at Cartagena Plaza (Cocoplum Circle)
 - Boardwalk/walkway under the bridges upgrading the area
 - Create a safe way to cross Le Jeune Road bridge

The Board held a lengthy discussion on this presentation.

Lieutenant Barnett stated that a multi-use path on the on the west side is the bike and pedestrian path comes into the bridge. He then stated as for the Police Department weighing in, they would look at the safety concerns. He further stated that the design looks great but would refer to Coral Gables Public Works Department and Miami-Dade County Public Works Department. Next, he stated that he will speak with Melissa De Zayas, Sr. Transportation Engineer for her input on this proposal.

Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Antezana stated that there were 3 individuals that came in the Old Cutler Bay with the intention of breaking into cars and our houses. The area security noticed them and called the police. City of Coral Gables Police responded from the water and so did Miami-Dade County Police.

Mahi Waterway Canal Discussion

Board member Juan Galan stated commented on the original plat and current measurements of the Mahi Canal. He is requesting for the City superimpose one upon the other. He then stated the need to determine where there have been deviations from the original plat locations, particular addresses and then ask permitting who requested the permits, were they approved and if so, who approved them. Mr. Galan stated the need to identify those areas of the Mahi Canal that were not maintained and why it was approved. He further stated the need for corrections to be made in alignment of the original plat width.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:46PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.