CITY OF CORAL GABLES
WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID MEETING AT BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, April 2nd, 2025 - 5:30 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	District	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
		25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Manny Chamizo	2	A	P	P	P									Vince Lago
Pat Nolan	1	P	P	P	P									Melissa Castro
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P	P	P									Rhonda Anderson
Kevin Ritzenthaler	1	P	P	E	P									Kirk Menendez
Nancy Sanabria	7	P	P	P	E									Ariel Fernandez
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	P	P	P									Amos Rojas, Jr.
Bertram Goldsmith	7	E	P	P	P									Commission-As-A-Whole
Levi Meyer	6	P	P	P	P									Board-As-A-Whole
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P – Present
P*- Present (zoom)
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
R – Resigned
(-) – No Appointment

(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:
- Lorena Garrido, Central Division Administrative Manager
- Yanissey Solivera, Administrative Assistant
- Sergeant Guido Antezana

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Mr. Yoder. Quorum was met.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Goldsmith made the motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2025, seconded by Mr. Nolan, all were in favor, and adopted unanimously.

Discussion:

The Board Discussed the following items:

- Review of Previous Resolutions.
- Proposed Resolutions to be finalized at the May meeting.
- Proposed template for "No Fishing" signs.
- Mangrove trimming.

Mr. Meyer inquired about the Miami-Dade County Underline Project, recalling that the proposed resolution passed during the March 11th City Commission meeting. He requested an update on the City's progress in verifying the information provided by the County. Mrs. Garrido responded that the City should have a report available soon.

Mr. Meyer inquired about the mangrove trimming and requested an update on the timeline. He noted that with each season, the mangroves continue to grow closer together, increasingly enclosing the canal, and mentioned that some are now extending halfway into the waterway. Ms. Garrido responded that if the Board can provide property addresses for the overgrown mangroves, it would be helpful, as this information can be forwarded to Code Enforcement to either issue citations or place the homeowners on notice. She added that Code Enforcement would be providing their waterway enforcement report soon.

Mr. Meyer inquired about the outfall by Riviera Drive, noting that the floating nets do not appear to be effectively containing the debris. He requested an update on the City's progress and asked whether alternative solutions are being considered to address the issue. Mr. Galan responded that the City is currently working on implementing a filtering system for this outfall.

Mr. Meyer brought up the subject of bridge maintenance, specifically mentioning that the Hardee Bridge needs to be painted as it is starting to look deteriorated. Ms. Garrido responded that the City does have a budget allocated for bridge maintenance; however, she clarified that some bridges are under Miami-Dade County's maintenance jurisdiction.

The Board requested that the following topics are placed on the May agenda for discussion with the City Manager:

- General policy for notifying all City Boards when the City is considering applications or actions.
- Updated "No Fishing" signs.
- Installation of cameras on the waterways.

MARINE PATROL REPORT:

Sgt. Antezana reported on Marine Patrol related incidents on the waterway.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.