

CITY OF CORAL GABLES WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES LIBRARY – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, February 1st, 2017 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	DISTRICT	J 17	F 17	M 17	A 17	M 17	J 17	J 17	APPOINTED BY:
Jeff Hicks	2	A	P						James C. Cason
Hector Fortun		P	P						Frank C. Quesada
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P						Patricia Keon
Manny Chamizo	1	P	P						Vince Lago
Laura Roberts	2	P	P						Jeannette Slesnick
Douglas Yoder	7	P	A						Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
David A. Schwedel		-	-						Commission-As-A-Whole
Vacant		-	-						Commission-As-A-Whole
Vacant		-	-						Board-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

1. Jorge Acevedo, Utilities Division Director/Board Secretary
2. Randy Hoff, Marine Patrol Sergeant

GUESTS:

None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Chamizo called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Chamizo moved to approved meeting minutes for January 11th 2017, second by Jeff Hicks – approved unanimously.

MOTIONS:

1. Mr. Chamizo moved to request City’s Code Enforcement Division to include in coordination with Marine Patrol routine inspections at the waterway properties to be in compliance with City’s code, seconded by Mr. Galan – approved.

Discussion – Waterway property Values

Mr. Acevedo provided a copy of the waterway property values. The report indicates approximately 10% of properties within the City are within the waterway, corresponding to about 25% of the property value (property taxes). A budget report has been requested to include the % of funds for waterway projects as well as operation and maintenance.

Public Works Report

Mr. Acevedo presented a Public Works report that includes hard copies of maps showing the Waterway Advisory Board (WAB) districts, also available electronically through the City's web page. It also includes Capital Improvement Plan for waterway projects during 2017-2021, as well as operation and maintenance programs currently in place. Copy of the report is attached.

The below listed capital improvement projects were presented and discussed. A brief description, as well as funding source information and current status of the following projects:

1-Channel Markers Upgrade; 2-Bridge and Waterways Repairs/Improvement; 3-Canal Bank Stabilization; 4-Citywide Sea Level Rise Assessment; 5-Stormwater Outfall baffles.

The below operation and maintenance programs were also discussed with a brief description of the programs:

1-Vegetation and algae control at Gables by the Sea; 2-Mangrove trimming; 3-Stormwater Management Program; 4-Channel Markers; 5-Seaweed Removal; Graffiti Removal.

Discussion - LeJeune Bridge Improvements/Replacement

Mr. Acevedo discussed the LeJeune bridge repair/replacement by Miami-Dade Public Works (MDC) indicating that MDC is planning to replace the existing bridge and during construction LeJeune Road may be closed impacting the traffic within the area. The City has requested for MDC to be involved in all phases of the project as well as preparing a plan for community involvement and outreach. Updated reports will be provided as they are received.

Miscellaneous related to top 5 priorities discussion

Discussion – Waterway Dredging

It was discussed the uncertainties of the last time that the City performed dredging at the waterways, as well as the areas included. Mr. Fortun suggested for a study/plan to be prepared for dredging the waterways.

Discussion – Water Quality

Mr. Acevedo presented the water quality program management by the Miami Dade DERM and the data MDC has been collected at the City's waterway. Also discussed was the City's opportunity to install tide gages in conjunction with Florida International University (FIU) that may include also water quality parameters.

Discussion – Safety

Mr. Chamizo has requested to Mr. Hoff to provide a summary of Marine Patrol incidents at the waterways to have information and analyzed data.

Discussion – Zoning/ Building Code at the Waterways

Mr. Galan brought to the attention the “condo dock” which was described as double deck docks build on some properties and questioned the permitting and inspection process for these infrastructures. Also, discussed were the lights at the docks and the process for departments’ approvals.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday March 1st, 2017 to be held at the *Coral Gables Library* at 5:30 PM

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