

CITY OF CORAL GABLES WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 427 BILTMORE WAY – 2nd FLOOR
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	District	A	M	J	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY:
		19	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	
Lisette Stancioff	1	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Carla Isaias	3	-	-	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	Jorge L. Fors
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	E	E	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Manny Chamizo	2	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Mario Lamar	4	E	P	P	A	A	E	E	P	P	E	Michael Mena
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Peter Iglesias
Bertham Goldsmith	7	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	Commission-As-A-Whole
John Swain	2	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Andria Codina Miyares	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	E	Board-As-A-Whole

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

(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

Jorge Acevedo, Utilities Division Director/Board Secretary
 Pilar Wiese, Recording Secretary
 Chris Challenger, Marine Patrol
 Velier Zaccheo, Marine Patrol
 Maj. Brian Lawrence, Police
 Ed Hudak, Police Chief

GUESTS:

Rhonda Anderson

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 February 5, 2020.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

- Police Chief Ed Hudak was present at the meeting to address concerns and discuss police presence and activity on the waterways and around the City. He stressed that marine patrol is consistent in our waterways as part of the ongoing police patrolling throughout the city. The Police Department responds to calls for action in the boating community in the same manner as they do for issues on land. Chief Hudak explained the various patrol zones in the city, and from a police patrolling perspective, the waterway is included as part of a zone to be watched. If there is an issue by the water, the police will send a boat and a police patrol vehicle to handle the incident. Police officers are trained to respond to any situation that may occur.

Mr. Galan said that the board feels that until recently the waterways have been ignored by the City. The board would like to know that the waterways are similarly being taken care of as the rest of the City.

Chief Hudak reiterated that police has never suspended marine patrol and that CGPD officers are always watching the waterways. Police presence continues seven days a week with officers patrolling on 10-hour shifts. He said that if there is a need, CGPD can call upon the City of Miami or Key Biscayne for assistance through mutual aid. He stated that CGPD's mission is to protect lives and ensure the safety of the community. Chief Hudak stated that neighbors along the waterways are very good at notifying police everytime they see something unusual.

Mr. Chamizo thanked the Chief for his presence. He reiterated the perception of the board that the waterways have not been attended to. He reminded that the waterways bring funding to the City and the board, acting as advocates for the City, can request resources and funding for police needs. Mr. Chamizo said that waterway residents are high-taxed and should be represented correctly by the police force and without the use of outdated, old marine patrol boats. He said there are a number of issues on the city's waterways and that police is just one of them.

Chief Hudak addressed the marine equipment issue. He stated that the last marine patrol boat was a donation from a resident. At the present time, he is rebalancing the department: what it needs, what will need to have, and what can happen. He said that even with the arrival of a new boat if it's confiscated, there would be staffing issues.

Mr. Galan asked Chief Hudak when making decisions or setting priorities, to please consider to upgrade or addition of equipment for patrolling the waterways.

Further discussion regarding marine safety, cameras along the waterway, among other issues took place. Chief Hudak encouraged all members of the board to download an app CGPD uses called SaferWatch to report anything on real time, and the information goes directly to Police Communications. Chief Hudak said he would look at the camera on the waterways issue.

Members of the board thanked Chief Hudak for taking the time to addressed their concerns.

- Mr. Acevedo informed the board that the Mayor has received an invitation to participate in the Miami-Dade Waterfront Recreation Access Plan. The board suggested assigning a delegate for representation to have the opportunity to provide input and assist the county in addressing issues. Mr. Acevedo will inform the board of further details as they are received from the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at 427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor - Coral Gables, Fl.