

CITY OF CORAL GABLES WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 427 BILTMORE WAY – 2nd FLOOR
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

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

GUESTS:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of November 6, 2019.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

- Board welcomed new member Andria Codina Miyares. Ms. Codina Miyares will serve as a Board-As-A-Whole member and fill vacancy for Snapper Creek, District 6.
- Discussion took place about mangrove encroachment and the need to clarify minimum standards of depth and width for waterway enforcement. Board requested Mr. Acevedo to look for City’s waterway plans to identify what the minimum standards of depth and width were originally set for the canals on the waterway. Mr. Acevedo will share a draft of visibility study for dredging at next board meeting.
- The board would like to be informed of any project that matters with the waterway. They recently were made aware of two poles that were placed in the waterway at the LeJeune bridge as part of City’s Art in Public Places. It was suggested to write a letter to the City Manager, asking that any project having to do with the Gables waterway be routed through the Waterway Advisory Board. ***Mr. Galan made a motion and it was seconded by the Board that “due to the fact that no board member was informed about the placing of the two poles in the Gables waterway, we the committee, respectfully request that the City Manager advise all departments that in the future any activity having to do with the Gables waterway should be known to the Waterway Advisory Board and other appropriate people.”***
- Board members would like to invite the City Manager to attend an upcoming board meeting.
- Discussion on mangroves maintenance and property owner responsibility took place. Mr. Acevedo stated that if the mangroves are on private property and grow over the waterway, the property owner is responsible for its removal. Likewise, if they are in the City right-of-way, the City is responsible for removal. Mangrove trimming and maintenance needs to be done by a certified mangrove trimmer, and a permit is required, which can be used multiple times. Miami-Dade County needs to be notified every time a trimming is to be done. He mentioned that City staff is working with the County regarding funding for the mangrove trimming at Matheson Hammock Park and other County properties. Information on mangrove trimming, maintenance responsibility, and enforcement will be shared with HOAs within the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM

NEXT MEETING:

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