

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ZOOM
 WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 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												Vince Lago
Pat Nolan	1	P												Melissa Castro
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P												Rhonda Anderson
Kevin Ritzenthaler	1	P												Kirk Menendez
Nancy Sanabria	7	P												Ariel Fernandez
Douglas Yoder	CR	P												Amos Rojas, Jr.
Bertram Goldsmith	7	E												Commission-As-A-Whole
Levi Meyer	6	P												Board-As-A-Whole
Vacant														Commission-As-A-Whole

P – Present

P*- Present (zoom)

E – Excused Absence

A – Absent

R – Resigned

(-) – No Appointment

(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

- Lorena Garrido, Central Division Administrative Manager
- Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director
- Sergeant Guido Antezana

GUESTS:

- Peter

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Yoder. Quorum was met.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Galan made the motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024, seconded by Mr. Nolan, all were in favor, and adopted unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

Presentation by Maddie Rieger, Assistant Project Manager at Kind Designs, was cancelled by the presenter. The presentation was for a company that designs and constructs seawalls.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Yoder volunteered to present the amended Waterway Advisory Board Resolution at the January 14th, 2025, commission meeting.

Discussion:

Mr. Galan brought up the subject of the US1 bridge that is part of the Miami Dade County Underline Project and the below concerns were discussed:

- The height and usage of the bridge;
- Discrepancy with the proposed height of the bridge. Different heights provided;
- The use of the bridge for recreational use such as fishing;
- The overall safety of the bridge, for users both on the water and on the proposed balcony;
- The public notice by the Coast Guard is not sufficient in its timing for residents to review and voice their concerns.

Mr. Galan motioned to request a 90-day extension for comments requested by the U.S. Coast Guard's Public Notice to allow proper review of proposed pedestrian bridge height. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolan and unanimously approved.

Mr. Galan motioned to object to the County's design for a viewing area due to safety, this is not in line with other city bridges with fishing restrictions and the County should implement new bridges to adapt to sea level rise conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolan and unanimously approved.

Note: the above motions were consolidated to be presented at the January 14th City Commission meeting.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt. Antezana stated that the month of December was not busy regarding crime, however this morning they discovered some lower units were stolen from two boats behind a home on 6000 block of Caballero Boulevard across from the marina. Discussion continued about how the crime happened. Marine patrol was busy in December with special events, overall, it was an uneventful month. Sgt. Antezana answered some questions regarding the boats they use to access the waterways. Marine Patrol currently has two vessels, one which fits under the bridges when they flip the Bimini top.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.