

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
 HYBRID MEETING AT BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ZOOM  
 WEDNESDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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											Vince Lago
Pat Nolan	1	P	P											Melissa Castro
Juan A. Galan Jr	3	P	P											Rhonda Anderson
Kevin Ritzenthaler	1	P	P											Kirk Menendez
Nancy Sanabria	7	P	P											Ariel Fernandez
Douglas Yoder	CR	P	P											Amos Rojas, Jr.
Bertram Goldsmith	7	E	P											Commission-As-A-Whole
Levi Meyer	6	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
- Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director
- Hermes Diaz, Public Works Director

**GUESTS:**

- Irene S. Hegedus, Architect Chief for the Underline Project Miami-Dade County
- Ellois Cleckley, CEO for the Underline Project Miami-Dade County
- Mariano Valle, Structural Engineer for the Underline Project Miami-Dade County

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Mr. Yoder. Quorum was met.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Mr. Goldsmith made the motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Sanabria, all were in favor, and adopted unanimously.*

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES:**

Presentation by Irene S Hegedus, Architect Chief for Miami-Dade County's Underline Project. The presentation is attached.

**Discussion:**

Miami-Dade County Underline Project staff were present, and the below concerns were brought to the Miami-Dade County's attention:

- The height and usage of the bridge.
- Discrepancy with the proposed height of the bridge.
- 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. Meyer motioned to object to the County's design for a viewing area, citing concerns regarding safety. Emphasizing that the design should align with the City's "No Fishing from Bridges" requirement, that this area will inevitably encourage fishermen, and it is not critical to the plan and goal of providing safe passage above the waterway or below the bridge. The motion was seconded by Mr. Galan and unanimously approved.*

*Mr. Meyer motioned to recommend that the City Commission request a 30-day extension from the Coast Guard for their comment period. This extension would allow the Waterway Advisory Board to review the documentation presented during the Board meeting on February 5, 2025 and other project related plans and information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritzenthaler and unanimously approved.*

Note: the above motions were consolidated to be presented at the February 11<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

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