

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-2
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

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Agenda Item H-2 [0:00:00 p.m.]

An update by the Chairman of the Waterway Advisory Board.
(Commissioner Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The first item of business is Commissioner Mena's -- an update by the Chairman of the Waterway Advisory Board, please.

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Commissioner Lago: Thank you, Mayor. This is an item -- this gentleman here, Manny Chamizo is my appointment. He's the Chair of the Waterway Advisory Board. And as he usually does once a month, he always provides me with an update in regards to his meetings and what some of the individuals that live on the waterway are expressing as concerns and as opportunities to continue to improve the waterway. So, I requested that he come and give us an update. I think he's been on the board now for almost a year and he's been the Chairman. So, I wanted to see -- him to give us a full update in regards to what his opinions were and how things were going on the Waterway Advisory Board.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Manuel Chamizo: Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Sorry -- Mr. Foeman -- I didn't know protocol -- is actually passing out some of the talking points. Honorable Commissioners, Mr. Mayor, my name is Manuel Chamizo, and I serve as the Waterway Advisory Board Chairman. I'm here today with some of our distinguished members, which left because it was time certain at 10 o'clock.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

Mr. Chamizo: But it's okay. I'm still here, so I'll -- I'm here to report.

Commissioner Quesada: Well, thank you for sticking around.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah, yeah, and very entertaining. Thank you. Before I begin, I especially want to thank Commissioner Lago for nominating me to this board, along with Commissioner Quesada. I called each of you for over a year to assist in the creation of this board, and I really

appreciate it. Thank you, gentlemen. As you may know, the Waterway Advisory Board was created for the purpose of identifying and recommending improvements for the Coral Gables waterway. The City of Coral Gables has over 40 miles of public navigable waterways, which stretch from the entrance of Cocoplum down to Deering Bay. This stretch of waterway and coastal area has eight distinct districts, which present a host of unique issues found in other parts -- that are not found in any parts of the city. For example, Deering Bay is not the same as the Cocoplum entrance and the like. For far too long, the City has had a gap in addressing these unique concerns. Residents of the waterway, such as myself, are before you today as guardians of the waterway for the future generations and wish to have a positive impact on the sustainability on practices the City should have in place. To begin, out of the 13,558 properties that pay taxes to the City of Coral Gables, only 1,477 are waterway properties, or just about 10 percent. On the tax revenue side, waterway properties account for 24.7 percent of the total tax revenue to the City's tax base. That's a quarter of the tax base, so it is an important number, since the City has spent so little time in maintenance, infrastructure and public safety regarding the waterway. It's important to create public safety strategies to maintain property values, enhance quality of life and maintain our City Beautiful. Are we doing enough to make the waterways as beautiful as they can be? Each of us today will speak -- well, not each of us. I will speak regarding the concerns we have regarding the waterway, and the end goal is to create a strategic plan to be incorporated into the City's three-year strategic plan that will have specific processes in place for the waterway. Now, I realize that is a whole lot of windup, but I want you to kind of get a good glimpse of where we're heading with the waterway. A lot of money at stake as far as tax revenue, a lot of residents that need your assistance. Here are some of the issues to be addressed. Public safety. This, for me, was the driver for this board, and this was (INAUDIBLE). Fishing off the bridges is a public safety hazard, and one which nearly caused a serious accident with me and my family. As we were driving under one of the waterway bridges at night -- we were having a dinner cruise -- my son was almost snagged with a fisherman that was fishing off of a bridge. This not happened once, but happened twice. At this point, it became a real serious public safety hazard. We need to have signs posted that the fishing is not allowed in navigable waterways. This is FWC rules. This is also Coral Gables rules, but it's not

being enforced. It's very important for other boaters to be able to enjoy the waterways. There's no problems with fishing. People can fish, just not fish off a bridge, like it's in every other part of the state. A motion was made to request to install these signs with a phone number to call and report any incidents. There are also very serious concerns about public safety in and around the canal's edge, around Cocoplum Circle. Everybody know the Cocoplum Circle, the fishing village that is there? That actually is a state park. That state park is something that we need to address. This area has become an eyesore with trash debris.

Commissioner Quesada: Well, actually -- let me ask you about that.

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah.

Commissioner Quesada: So, yeah, Cocoplum Circle, Cartagena Circle, when people walk down the side and they fish in the side there, that's a state park down there?

Mr. Chamizo: Someone has designated it a state park. I mean, you can ask...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We're happy to check.

Commissioner Quesada: Yeah.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

Commissioner Quesada: Yeah, yeah.

Mr. Chamizo: I was advised it was a state park. And we can clean it up, but...

Commissioner Quesada: Okay. But are you saying we should not allow fishing down there? Is that what you're going to say?

Mr. Chamizo: Not the fishing. I think that the eyesore that we, as boaters, see is everything else that's associated with -- there's a monofilament line station that's overflowing with everything but monofilament line. The bridge is an eyesore underneath. I mean, we just need to -- you know, you take out your guests or your friends from up north and, you know, you're leaving Cocoplum Circle and you're about to hit these beautiful homes...

Commissioner Quesada: I'm glad you bring it up, because I never go down that waterway, so...

Mr. Chamizo: Come out on Saturday. It's a nice ride. So, this area has become an eyesore of trash and debris. There's -- I believe that there's a better way to get this managed. There's money in the state and there's money in federal money that can be allotted for this maintenance, and I know that there's programs that the City has in order to get these grant monies. Let's use these grant monies to be able to beautify that area. Another area of concern is the No Wake and No Entry signage in restricted areas of the waterway to prevent canal loitering and theft. Many of you may not know that past the Ponce bridge or going into the Coral Gables waterway towards Biltmore is a restricted waterway. Unless you're a resident, you shouldn't be in there. That's very important to know, because we've had a number of lower units stolen from boats in the area, some of which have been caught on camera, but we've never found out who...

Commissioner Quesada: You said a lower unit. When an engine is raised...

Mr. Chamizo: Oh, sorry. A lower unit -- yeah, boats that are up on...

Commissioner Quesada: (INAUDIBLE)...

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah.

Commissioner Quesada: Got it.

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah. They'll take off the lower unit of the engine, which is a very expensive...

Commissioner Quesada: Have you had those thefts recently?

Mr. Chamizo: We had one about a year ago.

Commissioner Quesada: Okay.

Mr. Chamizo: We caught him, and it was a little fishing boat. You'd never know it, but it wasn't a resident. And there should be clear markings that, unless you're a resident, you have no business out there.

Commissioner Quesada: When you said the Ponce canal, is that west of US 1?

Mr. Chamizo: Correct.

Commissioner Quesada: Got it.

Mr. Chamizo: Correct. A motion was made to request the City to install CCTV cameras on the Coral Gables waterway entry then monitor it by the police. I've spoke to Chief Hudak about this.

Commissioner Quesada: We voted on that, did we not?

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, we did.

Commissioner Quesada: We did.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I think it's in the plan.

Commissioner Quesada: We voted to allow it.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I think it's in the plan.

Mr. Chamizo: Oh, it's in the plan?

Commissioner Quesada: That was probably two, three months ago.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Yep.

Commissioner Quesada: Just about.

Mr. Chamizo: (INAUDIBLE) when can we have that?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I don't (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Quesada: You know, we voted yes, so...

Commissioner Lago: Mike's going to install it. After the meeting ends, he's going to go out there and install it after the meeting. He's committed.

Mr. Chamizo: I'm sorry.

Commissioner Lago: He already committed to it.

Mr. Chamizo: And I'm going to write it down and...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I understand.

Commissioner Lago: (INAUDIBLE).

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, Raimundo -- excuse me one second. I'll try and get your answer.

Mr. Chamizo: I'm sorry?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'll try and get your answer.

Mr. Chamizo: Oh.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Okay. Raimundo...

Commissioner Lago: There it is.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Are you aware of the waterways, the desire for the camera -- a camera to be placed incoming at some point with the CCTV camera?

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Yes, ma'am. We actually are installing two cameras now at the Cocoplum Circle.

Commissioner Quesada: Should we also...

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: At the entrance of the waterway.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So...

Commissioner Quesada: Oh, sorry. Go ahead.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm sorry. And so, two cameras -- so, you wanted to know when. When will that happen?

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: They will be done in approximately like six months it will be completed.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, it's in the queue, but don't jump -- you can't jump over the queue.

Commissioner Mena: And the second part...

Mr. Chamizo: Well, I'll be here August 13.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The Commission will be in recess, but come at the end of the month.

Mr. Chamizo: I'll come here.

Commissioner Mena: The second part of that, which we discussed at that meeting you referenced, was I think Director Fernandez, was going to explore the other waterway entrances in the different neighborhoods to determine whether the neighborhood, you know, actually wanted something like that, first and foremost.

Commissioner Quesada: To place it on the markers...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Commissioner Quesada: All the vessels coming in and out.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We had some pushback from some residents that did not want them.

Mr. Chamizo: They can address it before my advisory board. I'm happy to address what the concerns are. They may not be aware of them.

Commissioner Quesada: Did -- I apologize, but I forget. Did we finally vote yes on the markers or...?

Commissioner Mena: No. We...

Commissioner Quesada: That staff was going to look at that?

Commissioner Mena: We directed Director Fernandez to look into that part of it, so there's two parts: the Cocoplum Circle part that Raimundo just described. That's moving forward.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's the cameras. He's talking...

Commissioner Lago: So, why don't we...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Markers.

Commissioner Quesada: No. I'm talking about the cameras on the...

Commissioner Lago: So, why don't we do this...?

Commissioner Mena: On the markers.

Commissioner Lago: Frank...

Commissioner Quesada: Can we have a public meeting?

Commissioner Lago: Listen to this. Let's just put it on -- let's just request to have it on the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Quesada: No. I think what we should do is we should request a notice go out to the homes to attend the Waterway Advisory Board, so that they could get that input and have the discussion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think that's a good idea, because we -- if I remember correctly, we had some privacy concerns, too.

Commissioner Quesada: Okay. But let's have the residents air it out and let's have our board get to work...

Mr. Chamizo: Sure, be happy to. I'll be happy to receive...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll work...

Mr. Chamizo: Their concerns.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll work with the board on having that item set for the Waterway Advisory Board and have IT and Director Fernandez attend.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay, and...

Commissioner Lago: When is your next meeting? When is your next meeting?

Mr. Chamizo: The second Wednesday of every month.

Commissioner Lago: I just don't want it to fall through the cracks, so make sure it's an agenda item...

Mr. Chamizo: Okay, not a problem.

Commissioner Lago: So, that we can put together...

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: And schedule this meeting.

Commissioner Quesada: Madam Manager, can we make sure that on the canal going westbound, once you get to US 1, is there signage there?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll check.

Commissioner Quesada: Should there be signage saying that -- residents only, resident vessels only?

Mr. Chamizo: There is -- and I'm not sure -- Chief, are you familiar with that? Because I know that (INAUDIBLE). Do you know the exact -- there's actually a code -- FS Code or whatever, but no one knows what that code is.

Commissioner Quesada: So, instead of doing that, if we can get some language -- if that's allowed...

Mr. Chamizo: Correct.

Commissioner Quesada: To place it there, if we could just have staff look into that.

Police Chief Hudak: Land side or sea side. You're talking about on the canal?

Commissioner Quesada: Sea side. If you're coming in on a vessel, to let you know, hey, if you're not a resident, you cannot go any further.

Police Chief Hudak: Yeah. We'll double-check the signage on coming in on the waterways, so - - to make sure not only statute, but the navigable waterway laws apply as well.

City Attorney Ramos: Yeah)

Commissioner Quesada: Okay.

City Attorney Ramos: You want to be careful, because those are public waterways.

Commissioner Quesada: Right.

Police Chief Hudak: Right, the navigable -- and I believe that was a question that we were actually researching, not so much state statute, but because there's different laws that apply for the navigable waterways within the City that we have to make sure...

Commissioner Quesada: Or...

Police Chief Hudak: We apply to both.

Commissioner Quesada: Worst case scenario, if that is an issue, maybe we do a CCTV camera there for all vessels coming in at that point.

City Attorney Ramos: Sure.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We should have the cameras, but I don't think we can restrict access.

City Attorney Ramos: Correct.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It's a public waterway.

Mr. Chamizo: And the issue is not really restricting. I think there's a FWC -- this was brought to me. Again, I didn't research it further. It was told that between May and November, during mating season, there is no vessel that should be going up there, because...

Commissioner Lago: That's only during the winter months.

Mr. Chamizo: Correct.

City Attorney Ramos: Okay, but that may be because there's an issue with environmental...

Chief Hudak: We may have to...

City Attorney Ramos: And the manatees. That's different than don't enter, because it's residents.

Mr. Chamizo: Right, right, right, right.

City Attorney Ramos: Right.

Mr. Chamizo: No, I get paddle boards behind my house all the time. That doesn't bother me. That's going to be part of my agenda, as well.

Commissioner Quesada: Okay, so then maybe we look into staff consider putting cameras at that location. And that -- what we've learned is the cameras will discourage crime, and I'm sure that Chief can speak...

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah, I agree.

Commissioner Quesada: To that.

Mr. Chamizo: A nice like "Smile. You're on Camera," I suppose is equally discouraging.

Commissioner Quesada: Okay.

Mr. Chamizo: The idea is not to restrict public access. I'm here before you as the chairman to let you know that I'm not here to restrict public access. Originally, the -- Merrick's original vision, if you all know the history, was they had gondolas that would take people out to sea and show them the open bay. I'd love to bring that back with maybe possibly the Biltmore. I know that there's been some pushback from my neighbors. They don't want to have tour boats. But

it's not tour boats. But I wouldn't mind having them come back. I think it's something -- an added benefit to the city, so the idea is not...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: A lot of people would, though.

Mr. Chamizo: I'm sure.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Mr. Chamizo: Electric boats, little, slow-moving boats. You know, a nice dinner cruise would be a nice amenity to the City. Continuing on, Code Enforcement. The City has so much pride in maintaining the front of properties. However, I invite you all to take a look at the back of some of these waterfront properties. Code Enforcement can't get to the back of these if they don't have regular maintenance of the waterway access points. To that, I mean that we need to have a maintenance plan to have Code Enforcement ride along with the City's marine patrol or please fix their two barges from Public Works to patrol the waterway at least once a quarter or once every six months to look -- if you start seeing the pictures that we've got back, you'll see that the Code enforcement is not being enforced in the back of these properties. It is really an eyesore. Again, when you travel down there, you'll see it yourself. Dredging and maintenance of the waterway. The City has not dredged the waterway in over five years. Due to the hurricane, there's a lot of debris. There needs to be minimum standards planned for maintenance. A motion was made to have Public Works repair their two barges and begin a yearly dredging. Do you know anything about -- did that come before you?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No, but these are significant budgetary items, so we're going to take your requests. We're going to work with Public Works, but we have not incorporated that in the annual budget process. The CCTVs, the Commission had already discussed that and that's in the queue, but...

Mr. Chamizo: That's only asking for 25 percent of the budget. It's not a lot.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I understand.

Mr. Chamizo: Not a lot, 24.7, to be exact.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I understand.

Commissioner Lago: What about...

Mr. Chamizo: That was my first request, by the way, first day.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I appreciate the passion.

Mr. Chamizo: I'm sorry?

Commissioner Lago: Manny, by the way, just -- you know, even though it may not be budgeted for 2018, I mean, I think these are all critical items that eventually you're going to have to deal with.

Mr. Chamizo: Sure.

Commissioner Lago: So...

Mr. Chamizo: That's what I'm here for. Also, the dredging is a big issue, because you have sediment buildup. We need to have minimum standards to be able to fix what we call the waterway pothole plan, where the depths and width of the waterway remains just like it was when George Merrick dredged it. My other members -- we're going to talk about these -- I'll

just skim through them. I won't take up any more of your time, because there's a time certain at 11, I think, behind me.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: There's one at 10:30.

Mr. Chamizo: I got you. Water quality is a big issue. Fresh water -- you have the brackish water and you've got the saltwater. You've got water quality that hasn't been tested since the '80s. That was before our Waterway Board at the very beginning and it was deferred. There is a company that -- I believe, or a university that came before you...

Commissioner Quesada: Yeah, there was a...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we've...

Commissioner Quesada: Professor...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Applied for a grant with the state, and it has exited out of certain committees. It's progressing through...

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: For that -- Dartmouth or one of the...

Commissioner Quesada: It was Dartmouth with the University of Miami. UMass.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: UMass, thank you.

Commissioner Quesada: UMass at Dartmouth. That's what it was.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, it was -- it is -- we did put the request in with the State for water quality testing.

Mr. Chamizo: And there are a lot of grant monies out there. I researched this...

Commissioner Quesada: But we're in the process.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

Commissioner Quesada: Ever since that scientist or that marine biologist came to speak...

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah, I have it here.

Commissioner Quesada: To us, yeah.

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah, okay.

Commissioner Quesada: So, that's what the City Manager is...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Who's your staff person...

Mr. Chamizo: Who's my staff person?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: For Waterway Advisory Board?

Mr. Chamizo: I have...

Commissioner Quesada: Who from City staff attends your meetings?

Mr. Chamizo: The Public Works gentleman...

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE).

Mr. Chamizo: (INAUDIBLE).

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Okay, so...

Mr. Chamizo: Nice guy.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll make sure that he's interacting and communicating...

Mr. Chamizo: And he's great, by the way. He's great.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm sure he is. We wouldn't have you have someone that's not great.

Mr. Chamizo: And you have...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But, we need to get into that loop too, so that we can look at what we can push forward and which ones are going to be a longer issue.

Mr. Chamizo: The other item is public access to waterway areas. Do you know that there are two parks that are completely underutilized that would be great to have a boardwalk? One of them is the Ruth Bryan Owen Park, aka the Girl Scout Park. It's got the -- it's here by the Biltmore, a wonderful place for the City to be able to use that as an open area. The other one is the Blue Road open space. These are two little hidden gems that the City has that really could be used by the public.

Commissioner Quesada: The Girl Scout one, that's the one right off of Bird and...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Granada.

Commissioner Quesada: Granada.

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we own it and we're...

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah? It's really nice.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, the Parks -- excuse, Mr. Mayor, if I can. So, the Parks Master Plan has in -- the -- Parks is doing a master plan, and they've included that conversation in their whole master planning process. A very long time ago, the -- there was a suggestion to activate that area. And so, it would require significant work with the neighborhood to make sure that they're comfortable with the concept, but it is included in the exploration process for the Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay. And, the same goes with the Blue Road open space?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yeah, so we can have Parks -- so, I've written a note for CCTV to come and talk to you about where we are on the status of waterways, and we'll also have Parks come at another meeting to talk to you about where they are in the Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That may be helpful to you.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay, thank you. Capital improvements on the waterway. This would include a boardwalk, back to the parks and open areas, and of course, regular bridge maintenance, so we don't have -- I don't have to call graffiti each time that I see it or homeless living under the bridge. Anyone know about iguana maintenance or what we can do about these crocodile-style iguanas that are everywhere? Is anyone...

Vice Mayor Keon: Feed them red flowers.

Mr. Chamizo: No. Feed them? Oh, they're -- I don't have a problem with them.

Vice Mayor Keon: Then they'll be (INAUDIBLE).

Mr. Chamizo: Except my dog used to chase them away. But no, they have salmonella. They're actually disease prone. There needs to be some type of maintenance. I don't know what to do with them.

Vice Mayor Keon: Is there some protected...

Mr. Chamizo: There's a guy --

Commissioner Quesada: I don't know if there's anything we can do.

Commissioner Lago: We'll add them to the list of roosters and peafowl.

Commissioner Mena: Add them to the peafowl (INAUDIBLE).

City Attorney Ramos: It depends on the kind.

Commissioner Lago: We can add them to the list of...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: But iguanas are not peacocks.

Vice Mayor Keon: Yeah. I think they...

Mr. Chamizo: The peacocks eat the iguanas?

Commissioner Quesada: No.

Mr. Chamizo: Well, there's a gentleman that actually catches them and places them someplace else. He's on YouTube. Maybe we can call him in. And when we have one cold freeze, get him and just, you know, go someplace else.

Vice Mayor Keon: The Biltmore golf course.

Mr. Chamizo: It's not a big issue for me, but for other residents, it is.

Commissioner Quesada: Yeah. I've actually had some residents complain to me about it. I don't know what we can do. I don't know...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, I think this is a very interesting discussion, but I'd really like to have the Waterway Advisory Board meeting with the Public Works director...

Mr. Chamizo: Sure.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: To go over -- I know at the Girl Scout hut, there are people that feed them cat food and they continue to gather. We can certainly research it. We've created some very creative ordinances on some other...

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Uninvited members, and so we'll have to look at that as well.

Mr. Chamizo: Thank you. Two more items, and I'm done. Waterway activity such as waterway parade, maybe during Christmas, would be kind of cool. Gondolas, electric boat dinner tours and maybe night standup boards. Those boards that...

Commissioner Quesada: Well, here's the thing, if your board wants to organize them, I mean, we'll be supportive.

Mr. Chamizo: Okay.

Commissioner Quesada: I mean, a lot of neighborhoods...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, but...

Commissioner Quesada: During the holiday season...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Be very, very careful.

Commissioner Quesada: Will have a nighttime parade. I know Gables by the Sea does it. I know Cocoplum does it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: This has come up several times, and there are a lot of people on those waterways that object to the invasion of privacy that those tours would effect, so be very careful...

Mr. Chamizo: Kayaks. They have them -- yeah, they have them. On Saturdays, they have them. And they've come before -- they can come address it with us. We don't have a problem with that. You know, they usually come on Saturday mornings. Maybe the night ones may be a little different if you do a night tour, but I think those are educational. And, having the schools participate...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, it's an idea.

Mr. Chamizo: Again, we don't want to restrict access.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sure.

Mr. Chamizo: And then last, but not least, the monthly waterway updates to be included in the City of Coral Gables magazine, letting everybody know that we're taking care of the waterway. Those are my items. Thank you very much...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Chamizo: For your time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much. You did a good job.

Mr. Chamizo: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Lago: Manny, thank you for...

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very good job.

Commissioner Lago: Going out of your way and not only getting involved in the waterway, but this is a great presentation.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, it's great.

Commissioner Quesada: Yeah. Thanks so much.

Mr. Chamizo: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: So, what I would like to do is, like the Manager mentioned, maybe what we should do is talk about all these issues at your next Waterway Board meeting and then report back to the Commission. Because one of the main issues that you mentioned here, the Code Enforcement, is a concern of mine, so I'd like to see that Code Enforcement, like you said, maybe every three months, maybe every six months, somehow, some way, could just give us a report of what's going on the waterways.

Commissioner Quesada: Yeah, but I think what he's telling us is this is what's already been discussed.

Mr. Chamizo: This has already been discussed.

Commissioner Quesada: So, what I would like to do is...

Commissioner Lago: Now, it's time for action.

Commissioner Quesada: I would like for our...

Mr. Chamizo: Yeah, now is (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Quesada: What I would like to do is our staff to take this back, look at it, and at your next meeting, you know, discuss what our suggested approaches are moving forward to address all these points.

Mr. Chamizo: That is correct. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Quesada: And, then it's -- just sort of create an action item list of when it's going to be done and -- so we have some, you know, accountability there, some clarity.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Good afternoon. Ed Santamaria, director of Public Works, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners. A lot of the items that were just discussed right now are things that we're already working on, and we'd be happy to sit down with the Waterway Advisory Board just to make sure that we're all moving in the same direction.

Commissioner Lago: You're catching the iguanas yourself or you hired an outside consultant to do it?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And chickens. Thank you very much. Thank you. Great presentation.

Unidentified Speaker: Thank you very much.

Mr. Chamizo: We'll have (INAUDIBLE) next time and, you know, a little more...

Commissioner Quesada: Bring some (INAUDIBLE).

[End: 1:26:22 p.m.]