



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 7TH, 2026**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Waterway Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with quorum present. The February 4, 2026, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

- Marine Patrol Report: Marine activity remained low, though increased waterway usage is expected with improving weather. The previously grounded sailboat was removed by Miami-Dade County. Marine Patrol reported 88 area checks, 5 citations, 6 land-based traffic stops, 3 water-based stops, and 3 marine inspections. Procurement for two new marine vessels remains on schedule.
- Project Updates: - Riviera Outfall Water Quality Removal Device remains in the permitting process with Miami-Dade County.
- Mangrove pruning efforts are moving forward through procurement, with ongoing discussion regarding maintenance responsibilities and permitting requirements.
- No updates were received from Miami-Dade County regarding the Underlying Bridge Project.
- Installation of "No Fishing" signs at bridges is nearing completion.
- Staff will seek updated information on the Lejeune Bridge Replacement project.
- Planning continues for the Oasis Water Quality Pilot Study.
- Lejeune/Cocoplum Bridge improvements remain in the preliminary stages pending survey data.
- Blue Road Park (David Lawrence Family Park) officially opened March 14, providing public waterfront access and recreational amenities.
- New Business: - The Board reviewed and finalized revisions to the State of the Waterway Report and discussed providing regular updates to the City Commission.
- Follow-up was requested regarding remaining improvements to the canoe launch at Ruth Bryan Owen Park.
- The Board discussed sediment buildup in portions of the waterway and the potential need for future dredging efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BOARD COMMITTEE SECRETARY:**

Lorena Garrido – Central Division Administrative Manager, Public Works

**ATTACHMENTS:**

March 4th, 2026, Meeting minutes.