



## **MBNA MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**4779 Collins Avenue**

**Blue Diamond Condominium, Sapphire Room**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance: Board Members – Present:** Anamarie Ferreira de Melo, Alicia A. Casanova, Justin Jacobs & Esteban Porcelli.

**Via Zoom:** Melinda Pearce, Deborah Lake.

**Absent:** Michelle Redlich & Robert Rabinowitz

- I. **Registration, Networking, Snacks & Cocktails:** Several individuals attended the meeting including MBNA active members, several CMB Officials, Mayor Dan Gelber and Commissioners Meiner, Samuelian and Rosen-Gonzalez. Hoshi & Sushi Asian Cuisine, this meeting's Sponsor, provided refreshments and food.
- II. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by MBNA president, Anamarie Ferreira de Melo (AFM), at 6:08 pm.
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** MBNA Board of Directors introduced themselves both in person and via Zoom. City Officials and Commissioners were also introduced. Anamarie explained the MBNA was celebrating their "5th Anniversary" and that we have proudly grown to become a united organization with 63 members; (50 condominiums and 13 hotels.)
- IV. **Meeting Minutes:** The March, 2022 Minutes were tabled. The MBNA is working on uploading all the meeting videos and hopefully will find someone to transcribe these videos into Minutes so they can be posted on our website. Anamarie thanked Legne Lima, Blue Diamond Property Manager, for volunteering to do these Annual Meeting Minutes.
- V. **Treasurer's Report & Membership Update:** Legne Lima from the Blue Diamond read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of MBNA Board Treasure Melinda Pierce, who was present via Zoom.
- VI. **Board of Directors, Officers, 2022-2023:**
  - Anamarie Ferreira de Melo explained that Melinda Pearce has requested to be replaced on the Board due to her limited time available as a result of her personal engagements this coming year.
  - Oscar Vazquez, representing member Club Atlantis Condominium, has volunteered to take her position on the Board.
  - Anamarie and Board Members thanked Melinda for her many years of loyalty and service to the MBNA.
  - Alicia Casanova made a motion to replace Melinda Pearce with Oscar Vazquez as Board Treasurer. Esteban Porcelli seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
  - Alicia Casanova made a motion to retain the same positions for all executive Board members for 2022-2023. Esteban Porcelli seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **Sponsorship Presentation:** Anamrie thanked [Hoshi & Sushi Asian Cuisine](#) for their sponsorship. Board agreed to continue inviting local mid-beach businesses as meeting sponsors so they can be highlighted.
- VIII. **Mayor Dan Gelber's Town Hall Presentation:**

The Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber participated in several discussions regarding current MidBeach projects, including:

  - A. [Collins North \(41-63\) Working Group](#)
  - B. [Collins South \(24-41\) Working Group](#)
  - C. [Beachwalk Working Group](#)
  1. **Video Surveillance Cameras:** The G.O. Bond only funded cameras up to 24th street that is why the Pilot Program is being done in that area. A discussion took place regarding the need for surveillance cameras to be installed throughout the entire stretch of the Beachwalk cameras, and this will be proposed in the new budget. Meanwhile, the infrastructure is being built. Cameras will be installed after the new proposed budget is approved.
  2. **Beachwalk Pilot Program:** Jose Gonzalez, City's Transportation/Mobility Director stated that on April 22<sup>nd</sup> this Pilot program will begin from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street, This area was specifically selected for the pilot as it is the most representative and suitable section which has cameras for data collection and due to the 15 feet width, it is the most challenging. This program may take a few days or up to a year. This is unknown at the moment. The

Pilot program will have separated paths for Bicycles of 8 feet wide and for pedestrians of 7 feet wide. Some Board members stated that it is essential that the cement edges be clear of bushes and plants and that decals be clear and visible for bicycles and pedestrians if this Pilot is to work.

3. SECURITY. Officer Hazzi was present and was able to respond to several questions. Mid Beach had 4 officers assigned for the Beachwalk during 11pm-6am, however, it was argued that this is not the best time as there is low traffic. Police enforcement and supervision is needed during the busy times which is when the most accidents occur. Hazzi informed that the 4 officers have been removed from that area. He will escalate to his Captain, what is the status of having more police in this area and if it is in the new proposed budget to add more police in this specific section.
4. BOLLARDS: There was discussion among the group. A solution needs to be found as there are too many accidents occurring.

D. Indian Creek Drive Project

1. Jose Gonzalez provided an update and answered a few questions.
2. Residents requested that the two right lanes going southbound to turn on 41<sup>st</sup> be restored to relieve the traffic. Jose explained that they have reached out to the FDOT and they believe they'll soon be approving a required traffic signal on that corner with right arrow turn so one lane can turn either right or continue southbound on ICD. The previous two right lanes were there temporarily due to the west side being closed for construction.
3. Shereen Yee Fong, from the FDOT, was present via Zoom. She stated a formal request had to be submitted to FDOT Traffic Operations Department for review and approval. Jose responded that had already been done as part of a larger long-term project but that this particular section needed a quick solution.
4. Anamarie reported that Indian Creek Drive was finally open. She explained that the FDOT requires an extra foot of bike lane in order to approve the installation of the safer Zicla "Zipper" bike lane separators. She has been told that the re-striping for the protected bicycle lane is currently in planning stages and will soon be added so the the "Zipper" separators can be installed.
5. As per Rodney Knowles from Public Works Dept., the seawall phase of the project is expected to be finalized in April of 2023 and the Greenway phase is expected to be completed by December 2023.

A. Public Space, 46<sup>th</sup> Street Lot

B. Beach & Water Quality

**IX. New Business**

Justin Jacobs made a motion to add "Code Compliance" issue to New Business Agenda. Alicia seconded.

All in favor, motion carried.

- A. Board members stated that they would like to see the city take a more active role in Code enforcement.
- B. They expressed there were several properties that are run-down and abandoned who are requesting variances for re-development. The current state of these properties is affecting the community and decreasing property values. Mayor Gelber explained the complexities involved. A discussion took place on how the City wants to discourage demolition by neglect.
- C. Tom, from the City Code Compliance Department explained that Code Compliance is very diligent, but they must adhere to their specific process prior to issuing fines and violations. He stated that the Code Compliance department has issued over 47k violations and over 544 vessel marina violations since last year. They encourage people to call and make formal complaints in order for them to act.
- D. Unfortunately, Mayor Gelber explained that in July 1<sup>st</sup> of last year a new law came into effect that complaints can no longer be anonymous, and this has discouraged many residents from actually reporting things of this nature.
- E. Action Item: The MBNA will create an inventory list of all abandoned properties in the mid-beach area and provide it to the Department. This way we can keep track monthly on the progress of those properties.

**X. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.