



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Virtual Attendance: Board Members** – Present: Anamarie Ferreira de Melo, Deborah Lake, Alicia A. Casanova, Justin Jacobs, Esteban Porcelli, Robert Rabinowitz and Oscar Vazquez. Absent: Michelle Redlich

**Video Link:** <https://youtu.be/bRoV6AgNjbA> <https://youtu.be/bRoV6AgNjbA>

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by MBNA president, Anamarie Ferreira de Melo (AFM), at 6:00 pm.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** MBNA Board of Directors introduced themselves. Other City Officials and Commissioners were also introduced. AFM also reminded the membership that no meetings will take place in July and August during the Summer. Our next MBNA meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at the Blue Diamond Condominium.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** Justin Jacobs made a motion to approve the May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Esteban Porcelli seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report & Membership Update:** Justin Jacobs reported banking balance as of May and the monthly reoccurring debits of the Association. As of today, the MBNA has 63 members which consists of 44 condominiums and 19 hotels. This is over 50% of the of all Condos & Hotels in the Mid Beach area.
5. **Presentation by Dan Hardy and FDOT re Collins Ave. North (41-63) Project Study**
  - AFM introduced Dan Hardy from Renaissance Planning speaking also on behalf of the FDOT. Mr. Hardy explained they had met last week with the MBNA Working Group and had provided updates about the Study that is currently underway for the re-development of Collins Ave. between 41st and 63rd Street.
  - Alicia Casanova provided a brief summary of the project and the current situation. She explained that numerous meetings, walking audits and conversations had taken place for over year but that this project was only in its initial "Planning" phase.
  - Mr. Hardy presented several slides explaining what has taken place so far and what's ahead. He explained that this is currently in the "Planning" stage and that ahead is the PD & E, Design, and finally, the Construction phase.
  - Mr. Hardy explained that several "Project Alternatives" had been presented at numerous meetings and hearings. There are two different options that are still being discussed. One is to "retrofit", and the other one is to "reconstruct." He stated that most people he has spoken to seem to be more interested in reconstructing with the curb lane dedicated for transit only. "Alternative 3" appears to be the most desired.
  - The next public hearing will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at MidBeach Park on Collins and 47th Street. They highly encourage people to attend and provide feedback, especially now that they're still in the planning phase.
  - Some additional topics related to this phase were discussed such as drainage, loading zones, bike lanes, etc. Questions were raised regarding where the bike lanes begin and end and the need for drainage work. The drainage is a public works project and that phase has not yet been determined.
  - Mr. Hardy explained that at this stage of planning, they're focusing on 44th thru 57th Streets. After Alicia questioned that and reminded him that the MBNA has always advocated for the entire stretch from 41st to 63rd street to be reconstructed, Mr. Hardy responded that during the PD & E phase, that would be addressed.

6. **Indian Creek Drive roadway slope:**

- Board member Esteban Porcelli provided a summary and current update of this project. He mentioned that he did an investigation himself and found that the slope in this street is inconsistent and in certain areas not existing. He feels this is what may be causing the recent standing water and flooding. He recommended that the City perform further testing and inspections. He has some visuals available upon request.
- David Gomez provided an update. He stated that project was in its final stages and that adjustments are still in the works. He will take down the observations from Esteban and further investigate. Since a tropical storm is expected over the weekend, he will ensure some staff members are able to assess this area after the rain. Any observations will be passed onto the Contractor.

7. **Discussion on MidBeach Safety & Security Issues:**

- Captain Greg Baldwin provided a follow-up update on the Beachwalk and Collins Avenue as it relates to noise and speeding. At the moment he has Officers patrolling the Beachwalk during the three shifts to address homelessness, sleeping and trespassing issues. There is also a Beachwalk Special Detail now in place during specific shifts nightly from 4 pm to 9 pm and 9 pm to 11 pm at the moment.
- Since the last meeting, the Homeless Outreach Team has been assisting, calls are down, and more trespass warnings have been issued by his department.
- Mayor Daniel Morgalo also added that soon school division Officers be augmenting their departments and be on beach duty during the time school is out. They also have new Academy Officers, so they expect to expand their staffing by fall as well.
- Captain stated he will identify peak hours at the Beachwalk and work with the schedule in order to make the best use of the current Officer resources.
- AFM again stressed and advocated the importance of having emergency pulls and cameras on the Beachwalk area especially in mid beach.
- Commissioner Steven Meiner also added that they are currently prosecuting anyone who has prior arrest records within the jurisdiction. More government officials have been attending bond hearings to advocate for the City. He also encouraged city residents to be part of the "CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER PATROL PROGRAM". This program will benefit the city and community.
- Commissioner Alex Fernandez also mentioned there are other programs the city has in place. Ms. Alba Tarre works with this program and the agencies' objective is to find housing and job placement for the people experiencing homelessness. It also has a specialized outreach mental illness center. At the moment they have hours of operations between 7:30 am and 4 pm and they hope next year, if approved in the Budget, they will be able to extend those hours until 3 am (October 2022).

8. **Transportation:**

- Jose Gonzalez provided an update on the 41<sup>st</sup> West turn. He informed everyone again this was an FDOT jurisdiction not the City's. As such, any modification request for short or long term must be submitted to the Stage and must go through their process.
- He stated that 3 weeks ago he submitted the request for the FDOT for a "temporary solution" to create two westbound lanes on Collins and 41st. It is currently still under FDOT review, and they hope they will be able to have this approved soon. This will be only a temporary solution. The long-term solution would be to have a signalized turn, but this would be more costly, take more time and have a longer more extensive planning process.
- Some residents expressed their concerns regarding the CVS loading zone since delivery trucks are blocking one lane and obstructing traffic. Jose will look into their loading zone plan to determine if this was approved as part of their permitting process. Residents can always call the police or parking authorities to make a report if a lane is blocked.

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.