



## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

[Video Link](#)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by MBNA President, Anamarie Ferreira de Melo (AFM), at 6:00 pm.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** AFM provided all the members with a few reminders and introduced various people in attendance including some elected officials, candidates running for office, and the new Police Captain Shannon Madison. In addition, she welcomed a new MBNA Executive Board Member, Mr. Randy Hollingworth.
  - **Meetings:** MBNA meets on the first Wednesday of every month from January to June and then again from September to November. The links to the meetings can always be found on our website on the homepage, [www.midbeach.net](http://www.midbeach.net).
  - **Active Working Groups:** Beachwalk, Beach & Water Quality (meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month at 4 pm), Public Space, Collins North, Collins South (24<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup>), and Indian Creek. You can see all these working groups and their progress on our website.
  - **Annual Elections:** MBNA Board elections will take place in April . AFM encourages people to contact her if they wish to serve on the MBNA Board.
3. **Updates on Mid Beach Area:**
  - **Beachwalk:**
    - Alicia Casanova provided an update. The MBNA has been advocating for a white divider line and stay right safety signage, as well as video surveillance cameras, to be installed along the Beachwalk since pre-construction.
    - In 2022, the MBNA encouraged the City to do a Pilot Program in the 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> street area. The results of this Pilot were not favorable, according to the Department of Transportation. Another revised Program, with new safety signage, white divider lines, and Stay Right directional arrows, was conducted in September. That Pilot was successful and the MBNA approved it.
    - We are now waiting for the final City approval so that the continuation of signage, white divider lines and arrows can continue from 29<sup>th</sup> street to 49<sup>th</sup> street. Commissioner Dominguez is leading this effort. She provided updates and assured is she will be following up on this. She informed us that the City has funded \$200k for this project and is currently in the phase of selecting an approved vendor by the end of the calendar year so the project can begin at the beginning of 2024. While MBNA advocated for the mid beach area, the advocacy assisted and will be done for the entire Beachwalk. Members were told to visit our MBNA website for more information.
    - A discussion regarding electric vehicles and how to enforce compliance of rules, security enforcement, etc. took place.

- [Public Spaces:](#)
  - The Public Spaces Working Group committee has been actively working on the development of a new Dog Park on 37<sup>th</sup> Street & Collins and Miami Beach Drive. This group is being led by Deb Lake. The MBNA has received a lot of feedback on the envision of this public space area.
  - The new bollards on MB Drive have been installed. Commissioner Alex Fernandez and Director Gomez have been instrumental in making this happen, bas well as keeping the drive clean and better maintained. The future look of this public walkway will be dealt with in 2024.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We encourage participation.
- [Indian Creek Pedestrian Pathway:](#)
  - Rodney Hollingworth provided a brief update regarding the landscaping concerns that were approved for Indian Creek Drive since those trees and foliage will cause a visual barrier along the shoreline and block the water views from condo units on ICD.
  - This week MBNA Board will be meetings with the City Manager Hudak and CMB Staff to discuss this issue and MBNA concerns. A slideshow and photos that illustrate the impact of the proposed landscaping is posted on our MBNA website
  - There was also some discussion on the protection for bus shelters. A prototype will be built of what has been approved within 5-6 months. Once installed and approved, they'll begin to work on installation sequence. There is no timeline scheduled now, but once it is available, this will be shared. Kevin Pulido will be sending the approved shelter design to the MBNA Executive Board soon.

#### 4. **Insurance Condo Crisis:**

- Senator Jason Pizzo provided a lot of insight regarding the condo insurance crisis. He is one of the few senators that actually lives in a condo.
- Condo owners are now paying a lot more for insurance. Pizzo stated he was active in the removal of the requirement of flood insurance for high-rise condos which was just not logical and has been active speaking to the CEO of Citizens. He provided some information about the re-insurance market, appraisals, milestone inspections, reserve matters, etc. that are impacting condo owners. The efforts continue.

#### 5. **Adjournment:**

- MBNA is highly encouraging all residents to participate in the upcoming CMB Elections on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will take place in January.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.