



**MEETING MINUTES  
MIDBEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
Meeting was held virtually via Zoom**

- I. **Call to Order:**  
Anamarie Melo verified the quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:**
  - A. AM welcomed everyone.
  - B. Member Updates
    - a. Mayor Gelber Town Hall with MidBeach, January 27th 6:00pm.
- III. **Approval of September and November Minutes**  
Michele Redlich motioned to table the approval of Minutes to February, seconded by Robert Rabinowitz, all in favor, motion passed.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report (Melinda Pearce):**
  - A. To date there is \$5,298.51 in the Iberia Bank account.
  - B. Checks written and accounts payable since our last meeting was \$0.00.
- V. **Special Presentation, State Rep. Michael Grieco, District 113**
  - A. Legislative Updates
  - B. MBNA Request: Utility Markings, Green Bike Lanes, Collins Avenue, Indian Creek Drive
- VI. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Membership Working Group Update, Melinda Pearce, Working Group Chair**
    1. MBNA has 52 active members, 14 hotel and 38 condominium properties.
    2. Yearly Membership Dates are now from January to December
    3. Recruitment plan is to obtain addresses for all MidBecah properties, send letters/emails, and make visits.
  - B. **Indian Creek Dr. Project Updates, Esteban Procelli, Working Group Chair**
    1. Roadway construction update was provided by Minda Samadi. Project is running on schedule.
    2. Seawall update was provided by Mina Samadi. In an effort to avoid delays a temporary wall/ sheetrock is being placed where seawall is absent. Permitting from both the County Derm department and Army Corps of Engineer is missing. County District 5, Commissioner Higgins, committed to assisting with the County's end of the permitting process.
    3. Generator location was updated was provided by Mina Samadi. The Historic Preservation Board voted against the proposed location that was decided upon with input from numerous stakeholders including MBNA condominium and hotel members, elected officials, and Flamingo Drive Association. MBNA will submit a letter to the HPB and be present on January 12th to provide input on the process.

**C. Beachwalk Working Group Updates, Alicia Casanova, Working Group Chair**

1. MBNA has been advocating for a brick pathway from the Beachwalk to Indian Beach Park. The City of Miami Beach assured the group that this item has been requested in the upcoming budget. MBNA will need to follow-up during budget hearings.
2. Construction update provided included an anticipated timeline of Summer of 2021.
3. Bollards are being managed by the Property Management Department. The department has chosen to hire a safety consultant to assess several areas in the City of Miami Beach where bollards have been requested. MBNA has been advocating for the safety of all of its member properties that border the Beachwalk, particularly 47th Street entrance and north on 53rd Street. Commissioner Ricky Arriola has committed to hear this item at the next finance committee meeting, January 22nd.
4. Motorized scooters/bikes on the Beachwalk are of grave concern to MBNA. The City of Miami Beach did not have an update but suggested for the item to be heard at the February meeting with Police Park Rangers who provide enforcement on the Beachwalk leading the discussion rather than the Dept. of Parks and Recreation.
5. MBNA has been advocating for additional signage indicating SLOW Yield to Pedestrians. A few new signs have been placed but additional signage is needed.

**D. Collins Walking Group, Alicia Casanova, Working Group Chair**

1. Turn Lane on 54th St. was restored and the County recently completed their work.
2. Collins Corridor Project update was provided by Dan Hardy, on behalf of FDOT-D6. The WikiMap is underway, the Public Involvement Plan draft is posted on the MBNA website for feedback from members, and the Project Advisory Committee (PAT) will include an MBNA member.
3. 41st Street Turn Lane Study update was provided by the Dept. of Transportation. At the upcoming Collins Avenue Work Group a presentation will be given with the study's updates.

**E. Public Space Working Group, Deborah Lake, Working Group Chair**

1. Indian Beach Park update was provided by Barbara Hernandez at the Dept. Parks and Recreation. The renderings have been finalized and the department is in the process of beginning to purchase the items.  
A detailed update will be provided at the March 2021 MBNA membership meeting.
2. East MidBeach access to Bayshore Park is of concern to MBNA. Members living east of Flamingo Drive would cross over the bridge at 29th and find themselves in a difficult position to cross Pine Tree and access the Bayshore Park, G.O. Bond project. MBNA will discuss this further in the upcoming February meeting.

**VII. New Business**

1. Items were tabled to the February 3rd meeting.
2. Two new items were discussed during the meeting: a. An abandoned property at 36th Collins and b. the water and trash accumulation at 5750 Collins. MBNA will follow-up on both items and have an update at the February meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.