



MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Attendance: Board Members – Anamarie Ferreira de Melo, Alicia Casanova, Justin Jacobs (absent), & Esteban Porcelli. Deborah Lake, Oscar Vazquez, and Jose Flores (absent).

<https://youtu.be/lwcrMtVPNCK?si=HPdGFXJEndalHodn>

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 some reminders and introduced various persons in attendance:
 - **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.
 - **Active Working Groups:** Beachwalk, Beach & Water Quality (meets the 3rd of every month at 4pm), Public Space, Collins North, Collins South (24th to 44th), and Indian Creek Drive. You can see all these working groups and their progress on our website.
3. **FL Dept. of Transportation/ Collins North Working Group:**
 - Alicia Casanova reported they had a meeting with various FDOT Project Managers and Administrators. There will be a presentation scheduled for the next MBNA Meeting in March and we will be posting as much information available from FDOT on our website as possible to keep our members informed.
 - The community outreach specialist, Melissa Rodriguez provided a quick update on the two FDOT roadway projects which have two project limits. The first one is from Collins Avenue from 26th to 44th street. The second is a lighting project from Collins Avenue from 4900 block to 5800 block. They should have started in mid-February, but the utility companies are still performing preliminary work and determining the staging area.
 - MBNA suggested the staging area to be next to the Eden Rock between 46th and 47th street, close to the project. In the next few weeks there will be minimal interruption to the public, as other preliminary work is being undertaken.
 - In the March meeting there will be a full detailed presentation which will include the intended traffic plan, lane closures and a detailed schedule of work and timelines. Residents can sign-up for weekly electronic updates on the project website page.
4. **Beachwalk:** Alicia Casanova reported that we are advocating along with Mayor Meiner and Commissioner Fernandez to create a pathway east of the dunes to provide an alternative walkway for pedestrians, not bicyclists. It will not be an easy process to have this approved due to bureaucracies, but they will work towards achieving this goal. They will also continue to add STAY RIGHT signage throughout the Beachwalk.
5. **Beach and Water Quality:** Oscar Vazquez reported that the next and first Committee meeting will be held on February 21st at 4pm. There will be discussion on beach and water quality group activities as it revolves around Sargassum and how to handle any potential influx. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to participate. Last

year we provided contributing recommendations for the rewrite of the concession manual, which we were happy with the changes and updates, but we are uncertain if those revisions were approved. Kevin Pulido from CMB and Daniel Reyes from the County stated they would follow up on that and participate in the next group meeting.

6. **Charter Boats & 63rd ST Bridge:** Commissioner David Suarez reported we passed first reading on the 9pm closure for Citywide private and public marina charter operations. One more reading is pending on the 21st of February, but he does not foresee a problem. Suarez stated the business operations of the waterway from 41st to 63rd has outgrown itself and is not conducive to residential waterway of MidBeach._
7. **Indian Creek Drive:**
 - AFM reported that tomorrow there would be a site visit internally with group members and a site-visit the city next week Monday at 4pm.
 - Randy Hollingsworth reported that there has been some plant material installed along Indian Creek per the City Plans. A large majority of the work has been completed. They continue to have concerns about the plant material being extremely dense. This density of the tree canopy will certainly affect the view of Indian reek facing west which has always been a water view. In addition, you can see the new plantings are already affecting the sidewalk.
 - You can visit the MBNA website for videos about this area and matter. Rodney Knowles, Asst. Director of Public Works and Mina Samadi, Sr. Project Manager of Capital Improvement Projects of the City, responded to a few questions and concerns from Board members as it related to lighting for safety and the [Zicla](#) zipper bicycle lane dividers for pathway congestion.
 - Otniel Rodriguez from the CMB Transportation Dept. updated also on the [bus shelters](#), there was a small modification needed to move onto permitting and they expect to have a prototype installed in the next 8-10 weeks.
 - MBNA expressed concerns about the bus shelter roof size being too small and not covering sun and rain. Otniel stated this will be looked at during the prototype before moving onto mass production. MBNA suggested the prototype be installed on 40th street and Collins. They have yet decided the location but will have this considered.
8. **Public Space:**
 - [Miami Beach Drive:](#) Kevin Pulido reported that Public Works Director Joe Gomez has been working closely with MBNA members on short/mid-term and long-term improvements on Miami Beach Drive. These improvements were discussed.
 - [Dog Park:](#) Kevin Pulido has been working with the Parks team to do a walk-thru with some MBNA members to view a proposed green area between the Beachwalk and a parking lot on Collins and 36th Street. It seems like a reasonable option, but they need to work with budgeting to determine the full costs and needs.
8. **Adjournment:** Our next meeting will be March 6th and our annual meeting will be in person on April 10th. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.