



MEETING MINUTES

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

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rngiBlInDGdU>

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. As a reminder our Annual Meeting will take place next month on April 10th.
 - **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. You can see all these working groups and their progress on our website.
3. **Dog Friendly Area (36th Street & Collins):** Randy Hollingworth updated the members. The city is considering incorporating a dog-friendly area on 36th Street and Collins. The MBNA fully supports this as the area is already being utilized by pet owners and would be a good amenity for our community. Tomorrow at 11 am at 3501 Collins Avenue, there will be a walk-through with the city, and anyone is welcome to attend.
4. **Indian Creek Drive:** Randy Hollingworth updated the members specifically on the landscape project from 24th to 41st and the bike lane. The project is nearing completion on the landscaping. There has been some concern about the intensity of the landscaping and its effects on views. The city is also looking into widening the bike lane by at least one foot toward the east, incorporating small bumps onto the pavement to separate the bike lane and street, new bus shelters, and a continuous walkway. The MBNA is also advocating for the jersey barriers to be painted with appropriate material to prevent graffiti pollution. Please visit the MBNA website for more information and details.
5. **Beachwalk:** Commissioner Laura Dominguez, chair of the Public Safety Neighborhood Quality of Life committee, reported on the Beachwalk. In the last February committee meeting, an item was brought forward by the MBNA to have a pedestrian-only path east of the dunes, which was passed unanimously. It will now go to the Commission next week. She informed that there will be some regulatory and environmental permitting hurdles to overcome, but if there is no impact on sea turtles, we should be good. The Mayor and Commissioners are supporting this. MBNA also stressed the need to continue proper signage and painting of lines and arrows down the Beachwalk to assist in better traffic flow, as well as having police and park ranger presence for rule enforcement.
6. **Charters & 63rd Street:** Commissioner Suarez reported on his progress with this subject. There are now some added code enforcement officers on the Indian Creek waterway, and they have found over 80 illegal businesses operating in this area. In order for a business to operate, they would need to operate out of a hotel with 350 more rooms, which would be limited to Eden Roc and Fontainebleau. He is pushing to change the code to only allow hotel guests to use charters and to have more code enforcement. The opening of the 63rd bridge for charter boats

creates traffic congestion and noise pollution. Commissioner Bhatt also added some comments and actions she has already been working on related to the bridge and on micromobility on the Beachwalk.

7. **Kiosk:** Ana Baeman and her team did a full presentation on this item and the presentation can be found on the MidBeach website.
8. **Sargassum:** The MBNA has been in communication with the County regarding sargassum as it is coming up, and we want to be ahead of it. We want to ensure that the vendor contracts in place are collecting at the best time, and we are making the best use of our tax money to address short-term and long-term needs for our community. Danny Reyes explained that there is a meeting scheduled for March 20th. The MBNA will review the FAQ and some notes from a meeting last year prior to attending.
9. **Spring Break MidBeach Impact:** Captain Madison reported that we expect a lot of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, more law enforcement presence, and public parking will be impacted. The city has a lot of resources, including external agencies assisting throughout the city, and will continue to mitigate traffic.
10. **Miami Beach Drive:** AMF mentioned that this is a short promenade that has now gone to finance and was approved to go back to the Commission as a budget line item. While the city has done some pressure washing and minor upkeep, the MBNA would like to see a more drastic change and a master plan for this area. On the MBNA website, you can see some historical data on this and some short- and long-term suggestions for this area.
11. **FDOT- Collins Roadway and Lighting Project:** Alicia provided a quick update on this topic. The project was supposed to start in February, and there was a delay. Melissa Rodriguez, the Community Outreach Specialist for this project from FDOT, did a full presentation for the members. This presentation will be uploaded and available on the MBNA website. The presentation provides an overview, schedule, and project details. The project will run through Spring 2025.
12. **Adjournment:** Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on April 10th, location to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.