



MBNA MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual via ZOOM

MEETING MINUTES

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

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmEcizK04IA>

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. You can see all these working groups and their progress on our website. There are also two open Board position seats.
 - Senator Shevrin Jones is working to team with other state senators to host a condominium town hall meeting to update residents and communities about various topics that are or will be affecting Condo owners. He also provided some insight and updates on several topics.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Oscar Vazquez, our new MBNA Treasurer, provided an update to the membership. He shared information about the current banking balances and highlighted some outstanding account receivables. Out of the 63 properties that were invoiced, only 18 have made their payments. He kindly requests for all members to ensure that the dues are paid promptly.
4. **Project on 41st Street- Collins North** Working Group: AFM reported the project is anticipated to continue until September. Following that, the Department of Transportation will establish a similar M.O.T. MBNA website containing all project updates, timelines, and any changes. Alicia Casanova is the working group chair leading this project and extends an invitation to residents who are interested in joining the Collins North Working Group.
5. **Turtle Season- Lighting:** MBNA members have raised awareness about the turtle nesting season and the expectations for properties regarding lighting and fertilization practices. The turtle nesting season spans from April to October. Commissioner Suarez collaborated with different city branches to conduct a survey of the mid-beach area, revealing that many properties are not meeting state regulations. Properties with lights shining directly east are advised to install a dome, film, or reflector to redirect light away from the east side. More details on this matter will be shared at our upcoming June meeting. For additional information, please visit the MBNA website.
6. **Dog Friendly Area (36th Street & Collins):** One of the absentee owners of a property adjacent to this area commissioned a Landscape Architect to design a park. The design was reviewed by the executive board of the MBNA, but it is not yet ready for release as the board had numerous comments and questions aimed at optimizing the park for its intended purpose. Randy Hollingworth, the chair of Public Spaces, is collaborating with the team to develop a high-quality project that will enhance the community.

7. **Beachwalk:** Alicia Casanova is the working group chair of this topic so she reported to the membership. Members can log on to the MBNA website for more detailed information on various topics all related to the Beachwalk including cleaning, pedestrian walkway, shrubs, vegetation encroachments and others.
 - a. **Sanitation/Cleaning:** Rodney Knowles, Asst. Director of Public Works reported on various topics. The stained pavers have been cleaned and the appearance has improved. Bradford Kane Sanitation Director advised that there isn't a dedicated pressure washing team for the Beachwalk, but they will work on placing the team on a quarterly schedule to maintain this area. He also added some new initiatives his department will be undertaking including using a bobcat to pressure wash and a dedicated crew specifically to handle more difficult stains including gum removals. The pressure washing element will be increased.
 - b. **Pedestrian Pathway:** Aron Soriano, aide to Commissioner Laura Dominguez, updated the members on the alternative walkway east of the dunes for Beachwalk residents, indicating that the Commissioner is actively advancing this initiative.
 - c. **Laundry Carts:** Manny Valar from the Code Compliance Department shared that they recently learned that laundry carts are prohibited on the Beachwalk and other public spaces unless they are being used within a designated concession area. They have contacted the hotels and beach operators to address this issue, and it has since been resolved. They will maintain ongoing monitoring of the situation.
 - d. **Shrubs:** Rodney Knowles provided an update on this matter, mentioning that the city staff assessed properties with encroachments onto the Beachwalk. They have been collaborating with code compliance to ensure that these properties address their vegetation issues to comply with regulations. Proactively, the City has already trimmed vegetation on non-compliant properties and is imposing daily fines on them.
8. **Zicla Bike Separators:** Esteban Porcelli is the Working Group chair of this group. He requested for this topic to be added to the agenda for the Transportation Parking Pedestrian Facilities Committee meeting next Monday. There has been a lot of delays in these which should have been installed at the beginning of 2024. MBNA members expressed other concerns such as the needed paint on jersey barriers. Porcelli stated that he should obtain a timeline from the City on Monday.
9. **Bus Shelters:** On the MBNA website, you can find a rendering and additional information about bus shelters. A prototype is expected to be installed at Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue in October.
10. **CMB Police Update:** Sergeant Rezende, who leads the marine patrol unit, reported that the team continues to patrol the area to enforce noise and speed requirements for charters.
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Our next MBNA monthly meeting will take place on June 12, 2024.