

MBNA MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

4779 Collins Avenue

Blue Diamond Condominium, Sapphire Room

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Attendance: Board Members – Present: Anamarie Ferreira de Melo, Alicia Casanova, Jorge I. Acosta Melinda Pearce, Charlotte Tomic and Esteban Porcelli. Absent: Deborah Lake.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/5FbwzxEgQM>

- I. **Registration, Networking, Snacks & Cocktails:** Several individuals attended the meeting including MBNA active members, City departments, State and local elected officials, and Miami Beach businesses, residents, and other stakeholders. Five Star Claims Adjusting, meeting sponsor, provided all refreshments and food.
- II. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by MBNA president, Anamarie Ferreira de Melo (AFM), at 6:03 pm.
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** MBNA Board of Directors introduced themselves, AFM, Melinda Pearce (MP), Alicia Casanova (AC), Jorge Acosta (JA), Charlotte Tomic (CT) and Esteban Porcelli our new hotel member, Eden Rock was welcomed.
- IV. **Approval of 4/17/19 Minutes:** Minutes tabled.
- V. **Treasurer's Report & Membership Update:** MP read the [Treasurer's Report](#).
- VI. **Sponsorship Presentation:** Adam Goldman, from [Five Star Claims Adjusting](#) spoke about the company and what services they offer for commercial and residential properties. They represent policy holders and assist their customers with insurance claims.
- VII. **Old Business:** MidBeach Projects
 - A.
 - i. [Collins Ave Safety Planning Study](#): Lynda Westin, from the CMB Transportation Dept. updated the membership. A positive development occurred as the project was stopped after many issues were raised to FDOT. Meantime, they have allocated \$300k to do a Planning Study. At the end of October, they will bid out of the project to the Consultants and will award the project in March 2020 and they will be scoping the project in the next few months. This project will now be aligned with the City's Transportation Master Plan and the study will be a multi-motto study.
 - ii. [G.O. Bond Update](#): Robert Rabinowitz, MBNA GO Bond Representative attended the April 18th meeting and informed the membership. MidBeach feels that the MidBeach area is not being equitably or fairly represented. There are 57 projects all together however the Mid-Beach impact will be minuet. Beachwalk cameras will only be installed in between 5th to 23rd streets. When questioned why they were not being installed in Mid-Beach, the Commission stated they worked down and prioritized projects based on funding available. There will also be some paving funding for City roadways in the MidBeach area. Robert will continue to monitor this topic, as clearly MidBeach makes up a large portion of taxpayers for the City and the G.O. Bond projects are not impacting this area equitably. Michael Gongora will be advocating in future meetings for the MidBeach area.
 - iii. [Beach Walk Expansion Project](#): AFM the Beachwalk is being finalized and is 85% complete and a Grand Opening event will take place the first week of June and information will be sent to Residents for all to attend.
 - iv. [Indian Creek Roadway/Seawall/Landscaping](#): Roy Coley, CMB Public Works provided an update for the membership. He was accompanied by a City Civil Engineer Mr. John Carlos Peña

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and introduced Lynn the Public Information Officer for the project as well. Coley stated they started to do some improvements yesterday which was thanks to the activism of the MBNA. He explained the project in detail and some current temporary impacts such as moving a bus stop, adding a second lane west bound to alleviate some traffic. Board member, Esteban Porcelli, expressed we needed a better solution. Coley stated FDOT will not consider doing a multiple way traffic on Collins. The project needs to get completed as there are no temporary solutions that will achieve the condition desired. The goal is to do as many interim measures to reduce the stress on the community. AFM stressed that in the next scope review the negative economic impact on the hotels, the quality of life on the community with the noise, stress, etc. should be considered. Coley stated that the scope is strictly only managing the storm waters flooding condition and building the roads. This project was taken as an emergency procurement and therefore many of these factors were not considered at the initial planning.

Coley updated on the landscaping aspect of this project. He stated that the Engineer of Record reviewed the recommendations given and confirmed that a continuous shared-use path was not an option. AFM stressed that a Bicycle Lane is needed. The Flamingo Association is also involved in this aspect of the project and will be in communication with the MBNA.

IX. New Business

- A. MidBeach Safety Concerns: Officer Hazzi reported on the safety concerns residents reported on the speeding in the past meeting. Two officers are assigned to the Beachwalk and crime has reduced drastically. The City has passed permits allowing for people to sell coconuts and this has been used as an engine of crime. They are talking to City officials to try to have this permit removed. Captain Ian Robinson will be back next month and will respond on this issue. Speeding on certain areas including Collins Avenue are of high focus at this moment for the department.

X. Adjournment: AFM motioned to adjourn the meeting. MP second. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.