

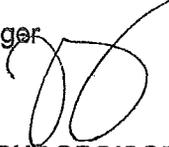


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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager 

DATE: September 15, 2010

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (NCAC) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010.**

A meeting of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 2:30pm in the City Manager's Large Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall. **Commissioners in attendance:** Vice-Mayor Libbin, Commissioners Jorge Exposito, and Jonah Wolfson (arrived at 3:30pm). Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance. Please see the attached sign-in sheet.

THE MEETING OPENED AT 2:47 PM.

1. UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF EFFORTS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENCOURAGE FDOT TO RE-STRIPE THE LANES IN THE MID BEACH AREA ALONG ALTON ROAD. (2:50PM) *(Returning from the April 27, 2010 Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee meeting)*

Mr. Chris Tavella, Assistant District Design Engineer for District 6 at FDOT reported on the proposal to have the City do milling and resurfacing where the parking lanes on Alton Road in mid-beach were deemed deficient. FDOT's criteria for parking lanes is a minimum width of seven (7) feet, measured from the face of the curb to the edge line of the outside lane. FDOT did a field survey from Michigan Avenue northward to 63rd Street. He reviewed their diagram Mr. Tavella explained that he was here to advise the Committee that FDOT is taking the responsibility to pay for the cost to rectify those locations where the parking lanes are less than seven (7) feet. In order to do so, FDOT proposes shifting the inside edge line closer to the median curb; they have been approved to go within six (6) inches of the face of the curb of the median and will enhance that stripe by adding raised pavement markings to emphasize that the stripe is closer to the curb than typical. This will allow the inside and outside lanes to be shifted over by a foot and widen the parking lanes by a foot.

Vice-Mayor Libbin questioned whether FDOT planned to mill the surface. Mr. Tavella explained the quoted cost is based on the design and construction costs to mill an inch of asphalt from the face of the median curb to the gutter line on the outside for the entire width for the areas that are less than seven (7) feet.

Commissioner Exposito asked for clarification of the estimated cost quoted to the City. Mr. Tavella explained that is the estimated cost for the areas that are between seven (7) feet and seven (7) feet, eleven (11) inches. Fred Beckmann, Public Works Department Director added that of the areas that fall in that range, very little is actually just seven (7) feet and most is closer to the seven (7) feet, six (6) inches width and higher.

Mr. Beckmann, Public Works Director, added that in the areas where the parking lanes are very near to the eight (8) feet width, he does not think it would be very wise to spend the money to mill and resurface to gain only one (1) inch.

Gabrielle Redfern spoke.

Vice-Mayor Libbin stated that he spoke with Tom Rockwell of the Alton Road Homeowners Association, asking him and their board to go out and study the areas that FDOT is correcting at their expense and then look at the remaining areas and let him know if they are satisfied by the FDOT improvements. If they determine that there are some areas that still need improvements then there may be additional conversation at this committee to consider spending City funds to enlarge one or more areas.

There was some discussion regarding bike lanes and options regarding Pinetree Drive and LaGorce.

Mr. Beckmann stated that he will meet with the HOA, including Mr. Rockwell and members of FDOT and City staff. He stated that the areas being fixed by FDOT and maybe the areas that are between seven (7) feet and seven (7) feet, six (6) inches would be his recommendation to work on, and that the areas greater than seven (7) feet, six (6) inches would involve spending too much money and gaining very little, so he would not recommend.

ACTION: The committee, (Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito), directed Mr. Beckmann to meet with the Homeowner Association, including Mr. Rockwell and members of FDOT and City staff, prior to the next meeting of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee and return with their comments and suggestions on FDOT's proposal.

2. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET CONDITIONS ON 6TH STREET NEAR LAS OLAS CAFÉ. (3:15PM) *(Returning from the April 27, 2010 meeting of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee)*

Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager reviewed the update as outlined in the committee memo included in the agenda package.

Vice-Mayor Libbin asked to get the word out and advertise to the neighborhood when there is a planned walk-around of the area to help encourage neighborhood involvement.

ACTION: The committee, (Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito), made no motion, this was a follow-up report.

3. UPDATE REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS IN SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOODS. (3:24PM) *(Returning from the May 25, 2010 Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee meeting)*

Fred Beckmann, Public Works Department Director reviewed the updates and information outlined in the committee memo and included in the agenda package. He stated that if anything changes, updates will be provided by LTC.

Vice-Mayor Libbin asked for the status of traffic signals at 12th and 13th Streets on Collins Avenue. Mr. Beckmann explained that they are in the program for next year.

Commissioner Exposito asked whether once intersections are identified where a stop sign may be installed; the City can have the stop sign installed on a temporary basis as this would allow people to get used to it and start to have a safety effect on traffic. Mr. Beckmann explained that is what is being done once the intersection is identified and the County approves the location; a sign is placed in a temporary location until the work is completed and the permanent sign is installed.

ACTION: The committee, (Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito), made no motion, this was a follow-up report.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE ON THE BOARDWALK IN HONOR OF NORMAN CIMENT. (3:28PM) *(Deferred at the May 25, 2010 meeting of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee)*

Kevin Smith, Parks and Recreation Department Director explained that this referral is from Commissioner Góngora at the April 14, 2010 Commission meeting requesting a plaque that would go on the Boardwalk in a place to be determined by the Arts in Public Places Committee (AiPP) in honor of Mr. Ciment. Mr. Ciment was a Judge, Mayor, and Commissioner here in the City.

Vice-Mayor Libbin asked what the steps are after today's approval by the committee to recommend this to the Commission. Mr. Smith explained the steps as outlined in Section 82-504 regarding Monuments. Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager clarified that once the Commission approves the plaque, it would go to AiPP for approval as to placement and aesthetics. Vice-Mayor Libbin suggested that it would make more sense for the Commission to have the final say after a design is approved by AiPP. Ms. Fernandez suggested taking this request to AiPP now, then come back to this committee for approval to go to the full Commission for a public hearing. Jose Smith, City Attorney stated that this process would be fine as the ordinance is a little ambiguous.

Commissioner Wolfson joined the meeting at 3:30pm.

Ms. Fernandez added that administration would speak with Commissioner Góngora and come back with recommended locations. Mr. Smith asked if the plan is to take down the Boardwalk at some point, do we want to put a plaque where eventually it is going to be knocked down. Ms. Fernandez stated that it could be placed at the threshold where the Beachwalk joins the Boardwalk because that will stay.

Commissioner Exposito made the motion to refer this item to AiPP for approval of placement and design and return to the NCAC for approval and recommendation to the Commission for a public hearing.

Commissioner Wolfson asked if there was any family present on behalf of Mr. Ciment. There was none. Ms. Fernandez stated that when this discussion returns from AiPP, the administration will let Commissioner Góngora know that he can notice the family if they wish to attend the meeting where you will look at the plaque.

Motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Libbin. (Vote: 2-0, Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito present)

ACTION: The committee, (Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito) moved to refer this item to AiPP for approval of placement and design and return to the NCAC for approval and recommendation to the Commission for a public hearing.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING A BOTTLE AND CAN DEPOSIT ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH. (3:32PM) *(Referral requested by Commissioner Edward L. Tobin, May 12, 2010 Commission item C4D)*

ACTION: The item was not discussed. Per Vice-Mayor Libbin, the item was deferred at the request of Commissioner Tobin.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 3 ENTITLED "LOBBYISTS." (2:47PM) *(Referral – June 9, 2010 Commission Item C4B)*

Robert Parcher, City Clerk explained the request to change the disclosure requirement date in the future for lobbyists from October 1 back to January 31 for the preceding year. He added, because of the amount of work required, that for January 31, 2011 they be allowed to pick up for the years of 2009 and 2010.

Commissioner Exposito made the motion to recommend to the Commission to amend the bylaws to change the lobbyist disclosure date from October 1 to January 31 for each year and for January 31, 2011 to collect for the years 2009 and 2010. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Libbin. **(Vote: 2-0, Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito present)**

ACTION: The committee (Vice-Mayor Libbin and Exposito) moved to recommend to the Commission to amend the bylaws to change the lobbyist disclosure date from October 1 to January 31 for each year and for January 31, 2011 to collect for the years 2009 and 2010.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS (i.e., APARTMENTS AND CONDO BUILDINGS) TO RECYCLE MORE. (3:33PM) *(Referral – June 9, 2010 Commission Item C4H)*

Commissioner Wolfson stated that he has been working with staff and Raul Aguila, Deputy City Attorney, to come up with a Recycling Ordinance and suggested referring this item to the Sustainability Committee to be discussed in concert with that effort.

Gabrielle Redfern spoke.

Fred Beckmann, Public Works Department Director, explained the County's Recycling Ordinance does not have specific guidelines, it just states that you must have a recycling program which could be anything.

Vice-Mayor Libbin stated that the City now requires the waste haulers to sign a contract with the condo that shows them the offers of a recycling element. Mr. Beckmann clarified that there is a requirement now for the franchise haulers to offer recycling services to the condo associations. Once they offer, they have to receive something that states whether the condo association accepts the offer. By the end of the year, the City should have full inventory of who has accepted and who has not. Mr. Beckmann stated that he has a list of who has been offered as of now and their responses. He estimates that about 80% of the condos do not have recycling.

Commissioner Exposito made the motion to refer this discussion to the Sustainability Committee for further consideration. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Libbin. **(Vote: 2-0, Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito present)**

ACTION: The committee, (Vice-Mayor Libbin and Commissioner Exposito), referred this item to the Sustainability Committee for further consideration.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:41PM

Note: The next meetings of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, August 31 and October 5, 2010.


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