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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager 

DATE: March 13, 2013

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013.**

A meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee was scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 4:00 pm, and was held in the City Manager's Large Conference Room, 4th Floor. **Commissioners in attendance:** Commissioners Ed Tobin, Jerry Libbin and Jorge Exposito Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance. Please see the attached sign-in sheet.

THE MEETING OPENED AT 4:50 PM.

1. **Discussion Concerning The Flamingo Park Neighborhood Becoming Florida's Most Pedestrian Friendly Neighborhood. (4:54 PM)**

ACTION: Discussion for this item was deferred for next meeting as a request by Fred Beckmann, Public Works Department Director

2. **Discussion Regarding Expanding The Ordinance (2012-3751) Amending Chapter 66, "Marine Structures, Facilities And Vehicles," Article Iv, "Vessels," Section 66-151, "Launching And Hauling," To Prohibit Docking, Securing, Embarking Or Disembarking Vessels At Municipal Or Public Seawalls, Wharfs, Docks Or Bulkheads In Single Family Neighborhoods, Creating Exceptions, Providing For Repealer; Codification; Severability And An Effective Date To Make It More Comprehensive. (5:27 PM)**

Peter Luria from Sunset 3 & 4 spoke, seeking direction on the item.

Commissioner Libbin indicated that he was in favor of protecting the integrity of the neighborhood, and was worried about the criminal activities in the area.

Terry Bierstock spoke

Gary Held Firs Assistant City Attorney indicated the language change in the ordinance Section 1 at the end of (b) (1) where it reads "...in a residential neighborhood, except in facilities expressible that are designed and authorized for that purpose"

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin, Libbin and Exposito present) unanimously moved to forward to Commission.

3. **Discussion Naming 8th Street After Tony Goldman. (4:55 PM).**

Commissioner Libbin wants administration to follow up with the Legal department to review the procedures for this item.

Max Sklar, Acting Assistant City Manager noted City code requires a change in the ordinance and we needed to look into the matter further.

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Jose Smith, City Attorney added that naming a street requires a referendum, and will not be possible.

Commissioner Libbin suggested having a statue at Lummus Park.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin, Libbin and Exposito present) recommended administration to get in touch with Tony Goldman's family and Marlo to discuss options and location. Commissioner Libbin also offered to meet with the family to discuss the options further

Commissioner Tobin suggested for Commissioner Libbin to reach out to Commissioner Gongora as well.

4. Discussion Regarding The City Of Miami Beach Centennial, Which Will Occur On March 26, 2015. (4:59 PM)

Commissioner Tobin presented the item, stating that we should have a committee for the event.

Max Sklar, Acting Assistant City Manager agreed to have a committee for the event, and would like direction as to how to structure the committee.

Commissioner Libbin suggested that it was a good idea to form a host committee for the big event.

Commissioner Tobin suggested that we should give the task to the Miami Beach Visitor & Convention Authority (VCA).

Commissioner Exposito suggested that we should have different events through the year to make the Centennial a memorable one.

Commissioner Libbin made the motion to suggest that the Miami Beach Visitor & Convention Authority take this as a project and authorizes them to raise funds for it, Commissioner Exposito seconded the motion.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin, Libbin and Exposito present) unanimously moved to have the Miami Beach Visitor & Convention Authority to take this celebration as a project.

5. Discussion Regarding The Placement Of A Fence Along The Perimeter Of The Scott Rakow Youth Center Playfield. (4:50 PM)

Kevin Smith, Parks and Recreation Department Director gave an overview of the item, stating that at one time the fence was on the design but it was removed from the plans. Now it will cost around \$16,500 for the fence.

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager stated that the cost of the fence will be added in the new budget.

Commissioner Tobin expressed that the budget be added for this fiscal year, and direct administration to find the funds for the project to begin.

Commissioner Exposito asked about safety on the park, since the Golf course will begin renovation starting June 2013, and if fence for that project will be a concern for the safety of the kids attending the Youth center.

temporary fence can be erected. Then see if we can find the funds for a permanent fence.

Kevin Smith, Parks and Recreation Department Director indicated that he will meet with Fernando to coordinate efforts for the safety of the kids.

Commissioner Libbin made the motion to have the fence placed along the perimeter of the Scott Rakow Youth Center, commissioner Exposito seconded the motion.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin, Libbin and Exposito) unanimously moved for the project to go forward pending the administration find funds for the project and coordinate with CIP during their project.

6. Discussion Regarding Creating A Municipal Youth Council On Miami Beach. (5:10 PM)

Kevin Smith, Parks and Recreation Department Director presented the item, emphasized being a great program for the kids of our community, and have the kids participate on several meetings and have them share their input and thoughts.

Commissioner Tobin suggested that maybe the City should have a program like the Leadership Academy for the youth of our community, so they can see how the City works, how the Government is managed we should include the Citizens Police Academy as well.

Commissioner Exposito added that it would be a great idea having the kids participate in different committees and establish a Youth Committee that will help high school students' future. Commissioner Libbin suggested that rather than creating a program, establish a seat for each board as a non-voting or voting and then having their own council, and they can discuss among themselves and come up with their vision or goal.

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager indicated that the involvement of the kids on different boards could be a great civics lesson.

Dessiree Kane, Commissioner Tobin's Aide, explained the program, its success in Tampa, and how it was designed for 10th, 11th and 12th graders. This will be a great idea for kids to participate on different boards, and have a sense of ownership of their City.

Maria Ruiz, Office of Community Services Division Director, stated that there are several models throughout the country and depending on how we want them to succeed, we could adopt several models. Have them be part of our decision making, could also create community services for the students.

Jose Smith, City Attorney suggested to reach out to the student's council at Miami Beach High through Leslie Rosenfeld.

Dessiree Kane, Commissioner Tobin Aide, indicated that she already met with the Vice President of the Student Council, and they are interested.

Commissioner Tobbin also stated that he would like to further meet with Dessiree and Maria Ruiz to discuss options.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin, Libbin and Exposito present) recommended administration to follow up if everybody agrees on having the kids enrolled in the next Leadership Academy, and report the outcome next month.



NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 28, 2013

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