

MIAMI BEACH

Mayor's 41st Street Committee
4:00pm Tuesday, November 19, 2018
Iberia Bank
400 41st Street, Miami Beach

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Seth Gadinsky, Chair
- Betty Behar
- Michael Burnstine
- Yechiel Ciment
- Francisco Diez-Rivas
- Eric Hankin
- Jerri Herzberg Bassuk
- Robin Jacobs

Committee Members Absent:

- Jeremy Wachtel

City Staff Present:

- Heather Shaw, Acting Director Tourism, Culture and Economic Development
- Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager
- Gedel Merzius, Economic Development Specialist
- Ian Robinson, Miami Beach Police Department
- Eliut Hazzi, Miami Beach Police Department
- Jenny Hernandez, Tourism, Culture and Economic Development

Seth Gadinsky opened the meeting at 4:11 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes: Robin Jacobs made a motion to approve the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes. Michael Burnstine seconded and the motion passed 8-0 to approve the meeting minutes.

Discussion Committee Outreach: Captain Robinson stated that his main responsibility is the entertainment district of Miami Beach and also responsible for the homeless outreach. The homeless outreach team consist of One Sargent, four officers and one liaison specialist. The Homeless Liaison specialist is Borinquen Hall who used to be homeless in the City of Miami Beach. Captain Robinson stated there has been a daily increase of people in the area due to the cold weather. Captain Robinson suggest that communicating with committee members and business owners on 41st Street about the free "No Trespassing" sign for their business would be beneficial regarding the public safety issues on 41st Street. The trespassing sign gives the police the authority to remove individuals. Committee member Francisco Diez Rivas asked for any feedback from Mount Sinai about the issue of homeless. Heather stated that Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing had a meeting with Mount Sinai and was invited to brief the committee about the

meeting but unfortunately could not attend due to a conflict in schedule. Committee member Betty Behar asked about Mount Sinai's transportation bus that would be scheduled to take them to a shelter, but this has yet to happen. Seth, Robin, and Gedel set a date to walk through 41st Street to introduce Gedel as well as to inform the business owner about the "No Trespassing" signs.

Seth entertained a motion. Robin expressed that 41st Street should have an officer to help alleviate traffic and illegal turns especially during the time students are getting out of school on 41st Street and Pine Tree.

MOTION: Motion to utilize intersection of 41st Street and Pine Tree Drive as a test study, with a non-sworn officer, to help alleviate congested traffic between the hours of 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.

GO Bond Review, Prioritizing and Planning: Heather Shaw informed the Committee that Geoff Dyck, project manager from Gehl Studios would be coming to Miami Beach to discuss the 41st Street Design and Vision Plan with the City of Miami Beach City Commission Land Use and Development Committee Meeting on November 28th at 2:30 pm at the City Commission Chambers. The the 41st Street Design and Vision Plan recommendations from Gehl Studios, along with the recommendations of the Committee, will be presented to the Committee.

Kathie Books, Assistant City Manager, stated that the Commissioners have established an oversight committee that will meet for the purpose of making recommendations and prioritization of projects and funds from general obligation bonds.

Parklet Location: Eric Hankin presented models that students from Design and Architecture Senior High School ("DASH") have created for the activation of a parklet structure. Eric suggested that the consultant company that is chosen to build and implement the parklet give specific feedback to the students.

Kathie informed the Committee that the Commission is aware of the parklet designs but has not yet had a discussion regarding hiring a consultant to build and implement the parklet. Yechiel stated that it would be difficult to gain approval to build a parklet on 41st Street. Instead, Yechiel suggested that a temporary parklet should be placed in front of the restaurant Tasty's located on 41st Street and Royal Palm Avenue.

Seth Gadinsky entertained a motion. Yechiel Ciment made a motion. Jerri Herzberg Bassuk seconded and the motion passed 6-0 to approve the item.

MOTION: Motion to install a temporary parklet in front of Tasty Beach Café, assuming Tasty ownership approval and in exchange for extended evening hours to activate nightlife and use funding from the \$100,000 budgeted in FY 18/19 to be used for this purpose.

Gedel and Heather will reach out to Jeremy Wachtel to inform him of this motion.

Discussion on Up-zoning: Yechiel stated that the Committee should invite a property owner, like James Murphy or Alex Fryd to attend the next meeting. They can explain what some challenges they are having are and what they think would help them.

Storefront Activations & Artistic Element: Heather informed that AIPP (Art in Public Places) is doing a walkthrough in December to find a location for the artistic element.

MB Commission and Committee Agendas: Heather gave an update on the Production Industry Council creating an announcement in order to encourage more film and production to Miami Beach.

The City will also be conducting the 2018 resident and business surveys. This business survey will target all businesses and ask specific questions related to City service delivery. The Mayor's Ad Hoc Small Business Task Force survey, in October, was targeted to small businesses and general challenges.

Public Comments: Seth Gadinsky briefly spoke about workforce housing.

The Committee agreed to have the next meeting on Thursday, January 10th from 4 – 6 pm at IBERIABANK.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

October Minutes Approved by the Mayor's 41st Street Committee

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Seth Gadinsky, Chair