

# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Board and Committee Biannual Reports

Attached for your review, are the Board and Committee Biannual Reports submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to City Code Section 2-22(13), "The Chairperson or his/her designee shall biannually submit a completed written report form, supplied by the City Administration, to the City Commission and City Manager. Additionally, the Chairperson or his/her designee shall annually present an oral report to the commission and the City Manager."

JLM/REG:rq



c: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk





**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

1. The AHAC will review and evaluate the City's current Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). The committee will then make recommendations for the preparation of the new LHAP which will take effect in FY 2016/2017 as required by the State SHIP Program.
2. The AHAC will review and evaluate funding proposals for the allocation of FY 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funds, which will become the basis of the City's U.S. HUD Annual Action Plan. The Administration will present the proposed Action Plan to the City Commission for its approval and then submit it to HUD for its acceptance and approval as required by regulation.

**NOTE:**

The AHAC has operated without a full complement of appointed members. This has caused the committee, on some occasions, to be unable to take official action due to a lack of a quorum. It has also caused the committee to operate while not being fully compliant with the State's specific membership requirements.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 1**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Art in Public Places

**CHAIRPERSON:** Cathy Byrd

**CITY LIAISON:** Dennis Leyva

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015: 6**

**ACTIVITY:**

AiPP Miami Beach Convention Center Professional Advisory Committee Recommendations
AiPP Committee Miami Beach Convention Center Call to Artists Six Artists selected.
AiPP Five Year Master Plan 2016 – 20
AiPP Fund 147 Capital Budget Book FY 15 - 16
AiPP Ordinance – Amended
AiPP Website ongoing
Call to Artists – Soundscape Park FY 15 - 16
Call to Artists – Flamingo Park FY 16 - 17
De-Installation Judy Pfaff – Miami Beach Convention Center
Donation Assessment – Marilyn Monroe Sculpture (material scrap metal)
Fabrication – Capitman Family Donation “Barbara Capitman Memorial”
Installation Art Shows Fourth Floor Gallery Space.
Maintenance Tobias Rehberger “eloquent south pointe park pier gate”
Maintenance LED Tobias Rehberger “obstinate lighthouse”
Project Assessment – Decorative Bicycle Racks
Termination of Agreement Mayor and City Commission – Brian Tolle “Tempest”

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

AiPP Miami Beach Convention Center Approval Process Six Artists
AiPP Collection Conservation Assessment
AiPP Collection Inventory
AiPP Website Updates
Call to Artist Flamingo Park
Call to Artist Soundscape Park
Conservation Treatment Roy Lichtenstein “Mermaid”
Conservation Treatment Tobias Rehberger “eloquent south pointe park pier gate ”
Installation Art Shows – Fourth Floor Gallery Space
Installation “Barbara Capitman Memorial”
Maintenance LED Tobias Rehberger LED “obstinate lighthouse”
Attending Art Basel Art Fair
Florida Association of Public Art Administrators Conference

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

AiPP PAC Miami Beach Convention Center Selection Six Artists
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AiPP Miami Beach Convention Center AiPP Press Release/Media Articles
AiPP Fund 147 Update - Capital Budget Book FY 15 – 16
AiPP Ordinance – Amended
AiPP Website Updates Ongoing
Conservation Treatment Dan Graham “Morris”
Conservation Treatment Tobias Rehberger “eloquent south pointe park pier gate”
Conservation Treatment LED Tobias Rehberger “obstinate lighthouse”
Florida Association of Public Art Professionals
Installation Art Shows Fourth Floor Gallery Space.
Termination of Agreement – Mayor and City Commission Brian Tolle



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Recommended to City Commission to increase penalties for non-filers of Sanitation Franchise Fees. Ordinance changed was made on October 14, 2015 to amend penalties for Franchise and Permit fees not paid to the City by Private Waste and Specialty contractors.
Covered interim audit findings of Internal Audit Division including audit reports and follow-ups.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Discuss Internal Audit findings (reports and follow-ups) for FY14/15 and approve plan for FY 15/16.
Discuss results of Annual External Audits_ by Crowe Horwath

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December 2015

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Beachfront Management Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Group

**CHAIRPERSON:** Elizabeth Wheaton

**CITY LIAISON:** Margarita Wells, Environmental Resources Manager

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE January 1, 2015:** 1

**ACTIVITIES:**

Review, discuss, and provide recommendations on the City's draft beachfront management plan in accordance with Chapter 259.032(10) of the Florida Statutes.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Reviewed the draft beachfront management plan and voted to discuss seven items in detail.

Provided recommendations and suggested revisions for the draft beachfront management plan in each of the seven discussion items.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

The advisory group has met the requirements of Chapter 259.032(10) of the Florida Statutes. As such, no future meetings or activities are needed at this time.



**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM – PAGE 1 OF 2**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**CHAIRPERSON:** - BRYAN ROSENFELD

**CITY LIAISON:** - ANTOINETTE STOHL  
Secretary to the Board

**DATE OF REPORT:** - July through December 2015

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:** 6

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION	CONTINUED	WITHDRAWN	NO ACTION
Jul 10	<b>CANCELLED</b>						
Aug 7	<b>CANCELLED</b>						
Sep 11	5	3			2		
Oct 2	3			1	1		1
Nov 6	4	1		2		1	
Dec 4	3	1		2			
<b>Totals:</b>	15	5		5	3	1	1

Note: Some totals may not match due to some items being removed from the Agenda at the last minute.

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<b>BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM – PAGE 2 OF 2</b>

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** - FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

**CHAIRPERSON:** - BRYAN ROSENFELD

**CITY LIAISON:** - ANTOINETTE STOHL,  
Secretary to the Board

**DATE OF REPORT:** - July through December 2015

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 6**

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Aug 8	CANCELLED					
Sep 5	0					
Oct 3	0					
Nov 7	0					
Dec 5	0					
Totals:	0					

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**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 2**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Budget Advisory Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:** John Gardiner

**CITY LIAISON:** John Woodruff

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015: Total = 4**

**ACTIVITIES:**

**07/16/2015 Meeting Agenda:**

- Prep for Finance Committee 3rd Budget Meeting on 7/17/15
- Finalize FY15/16 Operating and Capital Budget
- Stormwater update
- Proposed Water and Sewer Rates

**09/08/2015 Meeting Agenda:**

- Parking Department Budget Presentation
- CIP Department Budget Presentation

**10/13/2015 Meeting Agenda:**

- Building Department Budget Presentation
- TCED Department Budget Presentation

**11/10/2015 Meeting Agenda:**

- Building Department Budget Presentation
- Collective Bargaining Update
- City's Healthcare Plans
- Global Pharmacy Management Presentation

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary taxable value of 12% to the certified taxable value of 13.2%.
- Unallocated Surplus in the General Fund of \$147,750
- Ratings from S&P and Moodys
- FY15/16 Miami Dade County Wholesale Water and Sewer Rates
- Water and Sewer Revenue Review Recommendations
- Water and Sewer Findings
- Departments description and the different divisions
- Parking programs
- Parking spaces challenges in new construction areas
- Recent accomplishments
- FY16 Budget Overall and Rate increases
- Departments Interaction and break down of the departments functions
- Design Build standards and criteria's
- Departments challenges with outside companies wanting to do business with the City

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>of Miami Beach</li> <li>• Overview of the CIP department's budget</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City-owned properties and their leases</li> <li>• Convention Center Agreement and Bonds</li> <li>• Difference in staffing, full time, part time, new positons, and contract employees</li> <li>• Redevelopment Agency (RDA)</li> <li>• Funding, Resort Tax and Grants</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Department's divisions and their functions</li> <li>• Customer Service</li> <li>• Fees compared to other municipalities</li> <li>• Reduced Construction Activity - Two Year Plan</li> <li>• Collective Bargaining Update</li> <li>• City Healthcare Plans Update</li> <li>• Global Pharmacy Management Presentation</li> </ul>

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule Future BAC Meetings</li> <li>• Discuss Agenda Topics for 2016 BAC Meetings and Reviews of Department Budgets</li> <li>• Review FY 2016/17 Budget Update</li> <li>• The Budget Advisory Committee will continue to monitor, review and provide recommendations regarding the City of Miami Beach Budget and its process.</li> </ul>
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**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 3**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Quality Education Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Beth A. Edwards  
**CITY LIAISON:** Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015: 4**

**ACTIVITIES:**

The Committee for Quality Education was established in 1999 to guide the city's efforts toward providing the best education possible in Miami Beach public schools.

The Committee investigated, developed, and carried out plans to promote and ensure the provision of quality education in Miami Beach public schools, in the areas of Communication, Health and Well-Being, Safety / Traffic, Student Achievement, Parental Involvement / Family Support / Youth and Community Engagement, Technology and Teacher Recruitment / Retention.

The Committee is continuing to work on evaluating safety of our students in our schools by working with MDCPS. The committee has requested MDCPS to come back and confirm the number of security officers (green shirt) per schools, how they are funded and how they are trained. Aside from that we have opened up discussions regarding School Resource Officers and upcoming possible changes of how they are funded and any possible relationship to CMB. Furthermore the QEC has requested via a motion to the Mayor and Commission that the MBPD institute a real time policy notifying citizens in real time any real or perceived threats. See motions section below

The Committee continually serves as a forum to discuss the Class Size Amendment issue and the Schools of Choice loophole closure to assure that our Feeder Pattern Schools are adhering to the new policy.

The Committee has opened discussions regarding concerns regarding capacity at our school sites and trying to get a handle on verifying that students coming to our Feeder Pattern schools are in fact residents on the Beach. A motion was put forth to Commission regarding the concern for address verification. See motion section below.

The Committee has committed to a grass roots effort to push past the limits set by MDCPS in regards to a 5% per pupil funding increase and asked the CMB to help get involved to request a fair and equitable increase to match the average federal funding level per pupil funding. MDCPS requested an increase of 5% from \$7096.96 to \$7452 per pupil. The Committee has requested a motion to increase per pupil funding to \$10,700 (an additional 30%). See motion below as well as Accomplishment section.

The Committee is currently reviewing accessibility to water on all Feeder Pattern playgrounds with MDCPS. The Committee has worked with the CMB to secure two water fountains on Polo Park as this serves as a playground to NMS.

The Committee has set forth various traffic study requests and is waiting to hear back these findings from the CMB Parking Dept. Studies include NBE, Beach High and Biscayne Elementary.

The Committee made recommendations to the city commission, which are outlined below in the below section.

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Miami Beach Mayor and Commission and the Miami Beach Department institute a policy similar to campus alert that notifies the citizens in real time about any real or perceived threats at our public schools.

The Committee for Quality of Education passed a motion to request the Mayor and Commission support the development of a culinary arts academy in the principal's cottage on Espanola Way to Support tourism/hospitality programs now offered in the Miami Beach Public Schools

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Miami Beach Mayor and Commission reach out to neighboring municipalities and Miami-Dade Public Schools to develop a plan similar to the one being developed in other municipalities regarding address verification for school enrollment.

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Miami Beach Mayor and Commission ask the Governor and Florida Legislature to increase per pupil education funding to minimally equal the national average of approximately \$10,700.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Miami Beach Mayor and Commission ask the Governor and Florida Legislature to increase per pupil education funding to minimally equal the national average of approximately \$10,700.

As a result Commissioner Micky Steinberg made "A resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, Accepting the Recommendation of the City's Committee for Quality of Education and Urging Florida Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature to Increase Per Pupil Funding in Florida Public Schools to Equal or Exceed the National Average of Approximately \$10,700. Motion Passes at Commission Meeting Dec. 9, 2015. (Resolution number to be assigned)



**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Continue to bring forth key issues and follow up on all open issues aforementioned to help guide the City's efforts toward providing the best education possible in Miami Beach public schools

Continue to provide insight and recommendations for the new Enhanced Collaboration between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the City of Miami Beach which was passed by Commission via Resolution No 2015-28997 on 4/15/2015.

Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Dual Enrollment and Extended Foreign Language programs in the City of Miami Beach public schools.

The QEC and its Health Care Task Force will continue to make sure funding is requested to support the Health Suites in each of Miami Beach Schools beyond 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 as it comes due.

The QEC will continue to support The School Board's top priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session:

**Funding:**

- Increasing Safe Schools Funding to pre-recessionary levels of minimally \$77.1 million and revise the funding formula so that each school district gets 50 percent of its previous years actual expenditures from the state;
- Increasing Exceptional Student Education funding to pre-recessionary levels of \$1.1 billion;
- Modifying the calculation of the FTE at 1.0 to exclude virtual courses taken during the summer and the proration of both ESE and ELL weights;
- Extending and funding a longer school year for all students;
- Supporting maximum flexibility in the use of funds appropriated; and
- Opposing unfunded state mandates

**VAB Structural Changes:**

Revise the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) proceedings to include:

- Proof of property owner consent/knowledge of an appeal;
- Limit appeal rescheduling to only one for good cause;
- Payment of interest at the market rate;
- Require the property appraiser (PA) to finish all appeals by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year
- Allow school districts to audit the VAB and PA;
- Require a review by the state of PA's process when the PA's estimate on the July 1st is two percent or more than the state estimate for three or more consecutive years; and
- Provide a hold harmless mitigating the impact of any loss of revenue due to PA not completing the tax valuation on a timely basis.

**Fair and Equitable Accountability Reform**

- Revise the current Assessment system and accountability system to:
- Provide a transitional period for school and district accountability, as well as teacher evaluation, as the state transitions to a new assessment tools; and
- Delay computer-based testing until all school districts have the necessary infrastructure to reduce the testing window and provide a paper and pencil option.

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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Committee on the Homeless

**CHAIRPERSON:** Daniel Nagler

**CITY LIAISON:** Maria Ruiz

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE January 1, 2015:** 12

**ACTIVITIES:**

Since July 1, the Committee has:

- Held six (6) Committee meetings
- Participated in the August Bi-Annual Point-In-Time Homeless Census
- Participated in one town hall meeting addressing homelessness
- Conducted a tour of a homeless shelter contracted by the City

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The Committee has:

- Approved an article on combatting homelessness that appeared in MB Magazine
- Extensively vetted a variety of homeless topics including:
  1. Relationship with Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust
  2. The impact of trespass laws on homelessness
  3. The parameters of engagement and law enforcement to address homelessness
  4. The nature and demographics of homelessness in the City
  5. Homeless engagement strategies and operations
- Submitted a 5-point resolution to Commission to further enhance the City's homeless strategies

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

The Committee is working on:

- Preparing a presentation to the Mayor and Commission's January 2016 meeting supporting its 5-point plan of recommendations

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June 2015 - December 2015

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Convention Center Advisory Board

**CHAIRPERSON:** Michael Goldberg

**CITY LIAISON:** Max Sklar

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE June 1, 2015: 5**

**ACTIVITIES:**

<u>The CCAB had a tour of the GMCVB offices.</u>
<u>Tony Rodriguez was removed from the board due to absences.</u>
<u>Brian Gilderman appointed to the CCAB.</u>
<u>CCAB made a request for an itemized list of MBCC inventory that can be recycled/ donated from the renovation and where each item will be going.</u>
<u>Jared Galbut and Roger Abramson removed from the board due to absences.</u>
<u>Vote for 2016 Chairman and Vice Chairman. Michael Goldberg reelected for Chairman and Elizabeth Resnick reelected for Vice Chairman.</u>
<u>Lior Leser appointed to the CCAB.</u>









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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Disability Access Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** R. David New  
**CITY LIAISON:** Valeria Mejia

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE January 1, 2015:** 11

**ACTIVITIES:**

Monthly meetings acting as advisory board to the Mayor and Commission
The DAC continues to engage with departments within the city to insure greater attention is paid to the accessibility.
We discuss CIP projects to influence contractors to make the appropriate choices before a project is started instead after the fact –e.g. accessibility during construction.
Also provided input with reference to enhancing accessibility in the new Convention Center beyond minimum compliance.
The committee works with other committees in supporting ideas to enhance city services to residents.
The DAC continues to support the accessible beach project and its different components as well as endorsing the Ability Explosion events.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

<p>The DAC has passed numerous resolutions to bring electric leaf blowers to the city's an ecological solution to the pollution in the environment as well as a solution to the noise pollution which is an accessibility barrier for people who are blind.</p>
<p>Other resolutions have been adopted as well to advise the commission about accessibility concerns that affect the community.</p>
<p>Support of Sabrina Cohen Foundation and input to the accessible Beach.</p>
<p>Continued to monitor progress of the Audible Pedestrian Signal program.</p>



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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** - FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

**CHAIRPERSON:** - BRYAN ROSENFELD

**CITY LIAISON:** - ANTOINETTE STOHL,  
Secretary to the Board

**DATE OF REPORT:** - July through December 2015

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:** 6

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	DISCUSSION CONTINUED	WITHDRAWN	NO ACTION
Jul 10	<b>CANCELLED</b>					
Aug 8	<b>CANCELLED</b>					
Sep 5	0					
Oct 3	0					
Nov 7	0					
Dec 5	0					
Totals:	0					

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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Health Advisory Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Steven Sonenreich, CEO, Mt. Sinai Hospital  
**CITY LIAISON:** Sonia Bridges, Risk Manager

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015:** 2

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Introduction of new HAC members and review of HAC history and purpose; discussed vacancies and recommendations to fill vacancies
- Future renovations of the Miami Beach Convention Center will attract more medical tourism, especially conferences, to the City which will create a substantial economic impact.
- The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services reported in September that they will award approximately \$500 million in Affordable Care Act funding to health centers in order to expand primary care services.
  - \$350 million will be awarded to 1,184 health centers in order to increase access to services not limited to behavioral, medical, oral, vision care and pharmacy.
  - \$150 million will then be awarded to 160 health centers for expansions, renovations and construction.
  - Health centers around the country have added 6 million patients since 2009 and are now serving approximately 23 million people each year at 9,000 clinic sites.
- Miami Beach Community Health Center held an Open Enrollment event for the Affordable Care Act on November 1, 2015. It was a priority to help the uninsured population.
- Proposal of possible shade structures at the golf ranges at Miami Beach.
  - Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. It is dramatically increased by sun exposure.
  - Since the Miami sun can be intense, those who practice at the golf ranges for hours at a time go elsewhere around Miami to practice.
  - Shade structures at the golf driving ranges in Miami Beach are being proposed.
  - Funds for this project can be generated from possible fundraising efforts or even sponsorships.
- Miami Beach Community Health Center obtained the highest level designation as a Patient Centered Medical Home from NCQA.
  - MBCHC obtained recertification as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical

Home for all of its three locations.

- The highest designation given by the National Committee for Quality Assurance is Level 3.
- The Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition is based on six standards which include (1) patient centered access, (2) team based care, (3) population health management, (4) care management and support, (5) care coordination and care transitions and lastly, (6) performance measurement and quality improvement.
- Discussion on Miami Beach Community Health Center's \$89.7 million dollar economic impact.
  - The Florida Association of Community Health Centers (FACHC) established that the complete economic impact of all MBCHC locations' in 2015 was 89.7 million dollars.
  - 671 jobs (350 direct and 321 indirect) were created during this time.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

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**FUTURE ACTIVITES:**

- State of Health for the City of Miami Beach will be discussed on the February 1 meeting.









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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** HISPANIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
**CHAIRPERSON:** FRANKIE TRULLENQUE  
**CITY LIAISON:** NANNETTE RODRIGUEZ

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015:** 5

**ACTIVITIES:**

Sought information and made recommendations on affordable housing programs.

Recommend the city administration seek new sources of revenue to assist low-to-moderate residents. There are three existing programs that do not fulfill the needs of Miami Beach residents as a result of higher property values and cost-of-living costs.

Recommend to the city commission to amend the city charter to protect the sale or extended lease of all property owned by the city and used for affordable, low income and/or workforce housing to require a majority vote of the electorate.

Recommended city's new website include Spanish translation.

Supported MBPD's Safe Haven program.

Sought nominations for Hispanic Heritage Month awards, selected winners and presented the awards at the city's annual Hispanic Heritage Month Festival at North Shore Park.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Selected and presented the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month award winners to the following individuals in their respective category: Educator, Lawrence Rodriguez, Public Safety, Jorge Garcia; Business, Marguerite Ramos; Adult Contributing to Youth, Alexandra Oliva; and Other, Leonor Hernandez.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Continue to seek more information to make further recommendations on affordable housing and support services.

<b>BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANUAL REPORT FORM</b>

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** . HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

**CHAIRPERSON:** . DAVID WIEDER

**CITY LIAISON:** . DEBBIE TACKETT

**DATE OF REPORT:** July 2015 through December 2015

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:** 6

Meeting Date	Agenda Items	Approved	Denied	Continued	Withdrawn	Discussion	Preliminary Evaluation
Jan 13	16	8		2		1	
Feb 10	15	9		4		1	
Mar 10	13	3		7		2	
Apr 14	19	4		12	1	2	
May 12	19	12		3			
Jun 2	15	12	1	4	1		
<b>Jul 14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
Sept 8	23	14	3	3	1	2	0
Oct 13	15	6	1	3	2	2	0
Nov 10	19	11	0	8	0	3	0
Dec 8	23	11	0	9	1	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** LGBT Advisory Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:** Edison Farrow

**CITY LIAISON:** Daphne Saba

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD FROM:** July 2015 – December 2015

**ACTIVITIES:**

Separate committee into subcommittees as necessary, so as to focus on topics of important more deliberately.

Invite new commissioners to monthly meetings so they are up-to-date on matters of importance to committee

Invite representatives from LGBT Visitor Center to find out what is being done to attract gay tourism.

Discuss progress police is making with LGBT matters with Detective Juan Sanchez, police liaison.

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**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Successfully advocated for the placement of an LGBT street sign-topper on Ocean Drive and 12<sup>th</sup> street.

Successfully advocated for the continuous up-keep of the rainbow colored crosswalk on Ocean Drive and 12<sup>th</sup> street, until a permanent rainbow colored crosswalk is placed (pending Ocean Drive plans to expand sidewalk).

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Analyze finances for World Out Games, and decide whether to support the organization and submit an LTC to commission for item sponsorship.

Complete and submit Human Rights Campaign (HRC) application.

Find out what the City is doing to help LGBT homelessness.

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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on North Beach  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Ricky Arriola  
**CITY LIAISON:** Jeff Oris

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015:** 6

**ACTIVITIES:**

The Panel continued to investigate key issues for North Beach and worked to promote the undertaking of projects important to revitalization efforts.

The Panel heard updates from staff on the City's transportation planning efforts and on the City's Blueways Plan. In addition, the group heard a presentation on the City's Homeless Outreach programs in order to understand the complex issue of homeless in the City.

The group met with and gave input to Allan Shulman, whose architecture firm was engaged by the City to design iconic City entrance signs for placement in North Beach and for a design to enhance the appearance of the 71<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge.

Discussion was also had at several meetings regarding the placement and design of a cover for the North Beach Bandshell.



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The Panel was able to provide significant input towards the implementation of a covering for the North Shore Bandshell.

Significant input was also gleaned towards the design of entrance features and the 71<sup>st</sup> street Bridge.

The group was also instrumental in getting several key capital projects into the City's budget. These projects included upgrades for the street ends of Bonita Drive, the creation of a public plaza at Vendome Plaza (the Normandy Fountain), a streetscape pilot project for the area of Collins Avenue between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Streets, and funding for the one missing segment of sidewalks in North Beach on 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

The Mayor officially sunset the Blue Ribbon Panel and thus there will be no future activities.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 3**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Mayor's Ocean Drive Task Force  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Jonathan Plutzik  
**CITY LIAISON:** Jeff Oris

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015:** 7

**ACTIVITIES:**

The Task Force met with a number of City Department representatives through this period in order to formulate recommendations to pass along to the Mayor and Commission. The group had discussions with Police, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Planning, and Community Services to discuss issues relevant to Ocean Drive.

The Task Force also created a subcommittee on Umbrellas and Aesthetics that met several times to review specific items related to umbrellas, café furniture and code violations in the Ocean Drive area. The purpose of this group was to delve deeper into these particular items of concern so that the full Task Force was not overburdened by them in their regular meetings.

The Task Force ultimately reviewed the materials presented to them, took public testimony and formulated a Final Report with recommendations to the Mayor and Commission that they felt would create a better experience for residents and visitors to Ocean Drive. The Task Force sunset in November, 2015 though the Final Report is scheduled to be presented to the Mayor and Commission at their January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The Task Force formulated and prepared a Final Report that included 29 recommendations to the Mayor and Commission that the members believe will make a more enjoyable experience for residents and visitors.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

The Task Force had a sunset date in November, 2015 and thus no longer exists. The Chairman is still scheduled to present the Task Force's Final Report to the City Commission at the Commission's January 13, 2016 meeting. Beyond this presentation, the Task Force will have no additional activities.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Human Rights Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:** Alan Fishman

**CITY LIAISON:** Marcia Monserrat

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD FROM:** July 2015 – December 2015

**ACTIVITIES:**

Have recurring subcommittee meetings to discuss/ plan two human trafficking awareness events.

Partner with Life of Freedom Center (a community resource that offers free support and restorative programs for female survivors of human trafficking), and work with them to market upcoming events for Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Ensure that all business are posting the human rights ordinance by visiting local businesses.

Work with the Office of Communications to ensure the meetings are advertised to beach residents.

Pursuant to City Code Section Sec. 2-22(13), the chairperson of each agency, board or committee, or his/her designee, shall biannually submit a completed written report to the City Commission and City Manager. The submitting agency, board or committee must approve the contents of the report prior to the presentation.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Successfully advocated for the City to provide a fee waiver to cover the cost of the Colony Theatre in order to host a human trafficking awareness event on February 9, 2016.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Host a human trafficking awareness event for students at Miami Beach Senior High on January 19, 2016.

Host a human trafficking awareness event for the public at the Colony Theatre on February 9, 2016.

Look into the Fair Wage Act and see if it is being implemented in the City.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM**  
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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Miami Beach Marine & Waterfront Protection Authority

**CHAIRPERSON:** Captain Dan Kipnis

**CITY LIAISON:** Mercedes Carcasses

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE June 2015:** 6

**ACTIVITY:**

Beach dune trimming recommendations, reports and progress
Beach sand re-nourishment review
Discussion regarding safety and security at the beach
Discussion regarding complaints about Jet Ski Exotics
Discussion regarding plans for a dinghy dock system at Maurice Gibbs Park
No wake zone in Malloy Channel
Discussion Beach Walk location and dune between 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Street
Signage along beach walk
Beach locker rental program
Discussion of Miami Beach Blue Water Plan with Parks & Recreation
Discussion of rules and regulations for Beachfront Management Plan
Unauthorized commercial businesses from outside the City using City seawalls and facilities for pick-ups
Jet ski and non-motorized channel at the Deauville
Mastermind LLC application to use water channel controlled by Bouche Brothers

Bouche Brothers seeking approval for Mastermind LLC
Discussion of Purdy Ramp for business uses
Discussion FWC requirements for jet ski rentals
Update, Miami Beach water taxi
Discussion of establishment of a transient dock at Maurice Gibbs Park
Beach access gates
2016 Yacht Show
Replacement of Yacht Show floating docks
Beach shower rebuilding
Storm water pumping
Beach Maintenance
Beach fishing zones
City seawall replacement
Non-motorized vessel launch sites at City seawalls
Beach walk updates
Sand Sourcing
Hurricane Boat tours
Beach littering
Climate Reality Project
Jet Packs
Established sub-committee to look into watersports and safety issues
Passes a Resolution placing a moratorium on additional business licenses that will use the Purdy Boat Ramp
Presented the Julia Tuttle mitigation issue to the City Commission for emergency action
Allison Park redevelopment

## ACTIONS

Motion: No wake zone, Meloy Channel between McArthur Causeway and Government Cut (7-0)
Approved: Mastermind LLC to operate from Miami Beach Marina (7-0)
Approved: Miami Beach Yacht Show 2016 (7-0)
Motion: Limited Miami Beach Yacht Show future expansion (7-0)
Approved: Miami Beach Yacht Show replacement of floating docks (7-0)
Motion: Workable area shall consist of 60% of the concession area divided equally along the east west centerline of the concession area. The remaining 40% shall be equally divided and laid along the north and south boundaries and shall be called "buffer areas" and/or public access. (7-0)
Motion: Highly visible physical markers be used to clearly identify usable and buffer areas and that these buffer zones be set by GPS. (7-0)
Motion: Buffer zones be reserved for use only by the public. (7-0)
Motion: Allowable storage area be reduced from 50% to 30%. (7-0)
Motion: Storage be allowed north and south along the beach and not east and west as currently proposed. (7-0)
Motion: Concessionaire beach chairs be provided on demand. Allow for 10% of chairs to be set up at the beginning of the day and that the rest of the chairs be provided as requested. (7-0)
Motion: concessionaires with cooking facilities be subject to annual inspection. (7-0)
Motion: Instead of monetary fines, shutting down the operation of the site for varying lengths of time. (7-0)
Approved: Miami Beach Yacht Show 2016 (7-0)
Approved: MWPA approve the expansion for the Miami Beach Yacht Show, with the understanding that there be no additional expansions in the future. (7-0)
LTC: Replacement of the seawall at Mount Sinai include living shoreline elements in order to promote resilience and biodiversity within our waterways. (7-0)
Approved: The Hurricane Boat. (4-3)
Motion: City of Miami Beach to develop plans that go from bulk-heading to vegetation-only seawalls or hybrids in their future planning for City Seawalls. (8-0)
Approved: Request for a water channel at the Deauville Hotel. (8-0)



## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

Permit and licensing application review as requested.
Review and authorization of any appropriate water use related issues for the City of Miami Beach
Coordinate siting and infrastructure for water taxis
Continue with plans for a possible marina at Purdy ramp
Help facilitate a Blue Plan for Miami Beach
Review water sampling from ongoing storm water pumping
Continue to establish a navigable channel north of Julia Tuttle Causeway
Continue efforts for designated launching sites for non-powered water craft at Purdy Boat Ramp
Monitor dune restoration efforts
Continue efforts to establish living sea walls at Mount Saini and other City seawalls.
Continue efforts for designated launching sites for non-powered water craft at new City seawalls.
Monitor beach re-nourishment projects

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

As always the Authority remains ready to review and recommend marine related businesses seeking permits to operate on Miami Beach. Additionally, with the merging of the Waterfront Protection Committee and the Marine Board, the new committee has a widely expanded role in Miami Beach's water and beach issues.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:**

Miami Beach Commission for Women

**CHAIRPERSON:**

Mercedes Carlson

**CITY LIAISON:**

Bonnie Stewart

**MEETINGS HELD SINCE JUNE 2015:**

The Committee met as follows:

July No Meeting, August 4, 2015 Board Meeting, September 8, 2015 Board Meeting, October 6, 2015 Board Meeting, November 3, 2015 Board Meeting, December 1, 2015 Board Meeting

Total of 4 Meetings

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Women Worth Knowing Event, March 1, 2016 recognizing women working, and providing exemplary service, in the hospitality industry in Miami Beach.

Pay Equity Event, April 12, 2016. Details to be discussed.

Health Forum to be held on May 17, 2016 at City Hall.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

On September 8, 2015, Dr. Lynette Long, a Miami Beach historian, made a presentation to the members of the Committee on Equity for Women in the Capital.

On October 18, 2015, The committee hosted an information booth at Publix on 6876 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida for Domestic Violence Month where they distributed information regarding Domestic Violence. Many women were reached as the result of this initiative.

During the month of December 2015, the Committee participated in the Share program for Miami Beach Senior High School and Children's Cancer Caring Center Extravaganza successfully contributing by donating \$10.00 gift cards.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 3**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council (CAC)

**CHAIRPERSON:** Charles Million

**CITY LIAISON:** Gary Farmer

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July, 2015:** 5

**ACTIVITIES:**

Recommended funding 47 cultural grant applicants for FY 15/16 for a total of \$798,000.

Approved a new drama-specific grant program contingent upon increased availability of Community Benefit Fund rent waiver dates

Monitored performance of contracted grantees and processed final reports, new contracts and payments.

Monitored contract for youth arts education programs with Arts for Learning/Miami.

Reviewed and edited grant guidelines and applications for FY 16/17

Agreed to discontinue the Cultural Tourism Grants Program managed jointly by the CAC and the VCA; unanimously approved by both boards.

Continued to promote Miami Beach cultural events through weekly updates to website and accompanying advertising campaign, e-blast and text alert program.

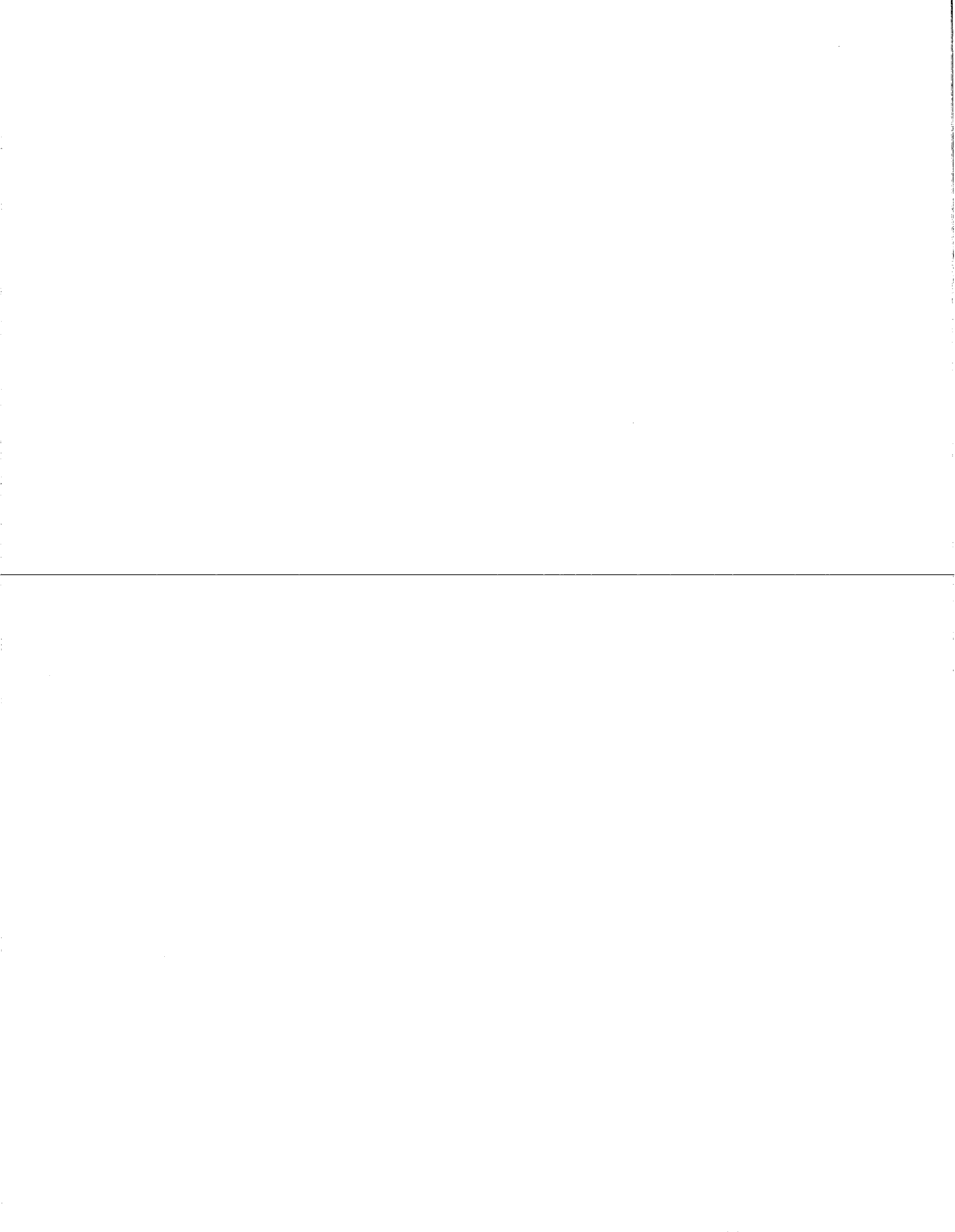
Managed the Community Benefit Fund Rental Fee Waiver program for the Fillmore Miami Beach.

Managed the SoundScape Wall Use Grant program.

Continued to work with WESTAF to improve online grants application process.







## BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:**

Miami Beach Sister Cities Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:**

George Neary

**CITY LIAISON:**

Danila Bonini

**MEETINGS HELD SINCE JUNE 2015:**

The Committee met as follows:

July 30, 2015 Meeting, August , 2015 Board Meeting, September 24, 2015 Board Meeting, October 29, 2015 Board Meeting, November No Board Meeting, December No Board Meeting

Total of 4 Meetings

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Making Salamanca, Spain a Sister City.

March International Board of Directors Luncheon/Dinner March 2016. Details to be discussed.

Planning Fujisawa, Japan trip in May. Details to be discussed

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

August 21-22, 2015 Miami Beach Sister Cities Committee Hosted the Florida Sister Cities State Meeting at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.

October 13-15, 2015, The committee hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Miami Turkish Film Festival at the Colony Theater, and attended a dinner hosted by the Consulate General of the republic of Turkey in Miami, Mr. Ozgur Kivanc Altan.

During the November meeting 4 delegates were screened and accepted to represent the City of Miami Beach at the Pre-Olympic Marathon in Fujisawa, Japan in January.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 1**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Normandy Shores Gov. Neighborhood Improvement

**CHAIRPERSON:** N/A

**CITY LIAISON:** John Woodruff

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015:** Total = 2

**ACTIVITIES:**

*There were no meetings held in August through October 1, 2015 and November 1-December 31, 2015*

**07/09/2015 Meeting Agenda:**

- FY16 Certified Taxable Values– OBPI
- Finalize FY16 Proposed Budget
- Follow up Items from June 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

**10/21/2015 Meeting Agenda:**

- Follow-up gate procedures
- Update Re: Normandy Shores Phase II Park

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- John Woodruff, Budget Director, informed the Board of the Certified Taxable Value issued by the Miami-Dade County Property Appraisal issued on July 1, 2015 which went up from 13.1 to 14%.
- Anthony Kaniewski, Director of Property Management Division briefly explained the Inspection Report done on June 24, 2015 to the Board regarding the new gate and guard house. Board member John Bowes mentioned the interior of the guard house was not included in the inspection report and requested one to be done.
- John Woodruff, Budget Director, presented the Finalized FY15/16 Proposed Budget and gave a breakdown of each line item, as well as a brief review of the claim process without insurance.
- Discussed the status of the new gate and reviewed the quote and concept plan submitted by vendor AAA Automated Door Repair Inc.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

Continued communications with the City regarding the gate as well as incident reports.



## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Parks and Recreational Facilities Board

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jonathan Groff

**CITY LIAISON:** Elizabeth Valera

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015: 3**

July 2015 (No Meeting); August 2015 (No Meeting); September 9, 2015; October 7, 2015; November 4, 2015 and December 2015 (No Meeting)

**ACTIVITIES:**

The Parks and Recreational Facilities Board addressed several different issues and areas of concern during the past six months.

- Relocation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Teen Center Program
- Usage of community park tennis courts
- Future park development projects: Muss Park
- Needed facility improvements
- Providing additional swimming lessons

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

After a presentation from Miami Beach Tennis Management, the board made programming recommendations to the management company, primarily to improve participation and activities at the North Shore Park Tennis Center.

The Board also motioned for the Parks and Recreation Department to identify potential locations within the North Beach area for the installation of an all-wheels sports track facility.

After a presentation from the golf course management company, Professional Course Management (PCM), the Board made recommendations to improve youth programming at both golf clubs. PCM implemented some of the recommendations and they have been successful in increasing youth attendance.

The Board requested the installation of a playground at the Scott Rakow Youth Center. Their request was sponsored by Commissioner Steinburg and adopted by the City Commission. This playground will primarily be used by the After-School Program participants.

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

The Board will continue to discuss the possibilities of a skate park and a competition swimming pool in the City.

The Board will also be involved in providing their input to the future master plans of Muss Park, the Park formerly known as the Par 3, and North Shore Open Space Park.

The Board has also expressed interest in discussing the future expansion of athletic programming for both youth and adults.

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**PERIOD COVERING:** July - December, 2015

**BOARD NAME:** Personnel Board

**CHAIRPERSON:** Gabriel Paez

**CITY LIAISON:** Sylvia Crespo-Tabak, Human Resources Director

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE JUNE, 2015:4**

**ACTIVITIES:**

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| • Approval of proposed 2016 Personnel Board meeting dates.   |
| • Approval of amended job descriptions for the following classified positions: Senior Building Inspector, Senior Electrical Inspector, Senior Mechanical Inspector, Senior Plumbing Inspector, Police Officer Trainee, Police Officer. |
| • Approval of the School Liaison Officer job description.  |
| • Continued keeping a running list of items to be considered for amending the Personnel Rules.   |

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

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| • With the Board and Human Resources' assistance, City departments continue to decrease the number of past due performance evaluations, achieving an overall improvement from previous years. |
| • Chairperson Gabriel Paez and Associate Member Rosalie Pincus have completed their membership with the Board.  |

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

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| • Welcome new Associate Members: Florencia Jimenez-Marcos and Michael Barrineau.          |
| • Continue monitoring performance evaluation reports.                                     |
| • Hear appeals and interpret Personnel Rules.   |
| • Approve new and amended job descriptions, as needed.                                    |
| • Review and select the Special City Awards winners for the 2016 Special Awards Ceremony. |

<b>BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT</b>

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** - PLANNING BOARD

**CHAIRPERSON:** - JONATHAN BELOFF

**CITY LIAISON:** - MICHAEL BELUSH

**DATE OF REPORT:** . JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:** 6

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	APPROVED	DENIED	Presentation/ DISCUSSED	Deferred/ CONTINUED	PRELIM REVIEWS	NO ACTION/ WITHDRAWN
July 28	19	3		3	9		4
Aug	<b>CANCELLED</b>						
Sept 30	<b>RE-SCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 9TH</b>						
Oct 9	24	6		3	6		9
Oct 27	14	9		2	3		
Nov 24	19	6		2	11		
Dec 15	15	8	3	1	2		1
Totals	91	32	3	11	31		14

Note: Some totals may not match due to some items being removed from the Agenda at the last minute.



Jared Plitt  
Steven Oppenheimer  
Tiva Leser  
Melissa Sheppard-Broad  
Capt. David De La Espriella

Danny Aronson  
Lt. David Hernandez  
Meryl Wolfson  
Chief Oates

Discussion of the progress of the LPR system:

There are three types of License Plate Readers (LPRs), mobile LPRs, fixed LPRs, or portable fixed LPRs. The LPR system notifications include:

- Stolen Vehicles
- Stolen License Plates
- Expired License Plates
- Wanted Persons
- DWLS/No Valid ID (on registered owner)
- Missing Persons
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Vehicles used in the commission of crimes
- Financial Responsibility Suspensions (no insurance)

The LPR system is going to be expanded in the future. The expansion plans include:

- Citywide – ballpark cost \$1 - \$3 million.
- Expand each year as budgetary constraints allow:
  1. Venetian Causeway almost completed
  2. Next Step – MacArthur Causeway
  3. Julia Tuttle Causeway
  4. 79<sup>th</sup> Street Causeway (71<sup>st</sup> Street)
  5. 87<sup>th</sup> Terrace & Collins/Harding/Byron Avenues
- Submitted purchase request for two addition LPR vehicles.

The implementation of the LPR system faces potential challenges:

- Governmental bureaucracy:
  1. City vs County vs State
  2. Public Works vs Traffic Departments
  3. Permitting through Public Works, Traffic, Electrical/Building etc.
  4. Procurement Process (RFP, Contracts, Commission)
  5. Vendor/Contractor Selection
  6. Construction, electrical, positioning, FPL
  7. Establish a physical address for FPL account/service

### **Minutes of October 20, 2015**

Members present: Steven Oppenheimer  
Claire Warren  
Meryl Wolfson  
Lea Reich

Michael Perlmutter  
Jared Plitt  
Bruce Reich  
Leonel Pozo

Chris Sullivan  
Walter Lucerno  
C.O.S. Wendy Rich-Goldschmidt-Egypt Project Leader

Nelson Gonzalez

The Miami Beach Police Department, in concert with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), hosted a group of approximately 10 Egyptian criminal justice officials from September 30 through October 4, 2015. The purpose of this visit was to showcase the best practices of a multi-disciplinary approach to sexual assault investigations. The core hosting group included policy level delegates representing members of the criminal justice system, victim advocates and medical professionals.

The training started with an overview of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) including information presented by lead detectives from the MBPD, the Miami-Dade Laboratory Manager, the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center victim advocate, the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office senior trial counsel, the Miami Beach Public Safety Communications Unit, and the Miami Beach Victim Advocates. The roles and responsibilities of each of these entities and their interactions were discussed. This was followed by a thorough review of a Miami Beach Police Case Study. The delegation visited the Roxy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (RTC) at Jackson Health Systems. The history and mission of the RTC as well as information on forensic exams, evidence collection, prophylactic medication, and medical consents was provided. The delegation also visited the Miami-Dade Crime Lab. This tour included information on current evidence processing procedures, serological screening, DNA testing, robotics and an overview of the Forensic Biology Section's overall mission. The last stop on the delegation's training tour was the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO) and courthouse. The SAO's presentation focused on the prosecution of sexual battery cases.

In addition to the formal training portion of the visit, the delegation also was able to tour some of the cultural and historic highlights of Miami Beach and South Florida. This included shopping on Lincoln Road, lunch at Monty's overlooking the Miami Beach Marina, and excursions to Fairchild Tropical Gardens and Bayside Mall.

#### **Minutes of November 17, 2015**

Members present: Bruce Reich  
Jared Plitt  
Danny Aronson  
Walter Lucerno  
Major Rick Clements

Lea Reich  
Claire Warren  
Meryl Wolfson  
Nelson Gonzalez

Presentation by Major Clements on new recruitment and hiring practices:

The Personnel Board unanimously passed two significant changes to the standards for police officer appointment in the Miami Beach Police Department. These two changes were the increase in the minimum age for appointment, from 19 to 21 years of age, and

the imposition of a four-year college degree requirement. The MBPD is also planning to hire an entire 10-person class of candidates with no prior police experience.

The Department also determined to make the 21-year and 4-year college degree requirements mandatory for experienced police officer ("lateral") candidates for the same reasons of maturing and diversity of thought, perspective and life experience. There will be one exception to the college degree requirement for certified officers only. As an alternative to a college degree, three years of military experience with an honorable discharge will be accepted, in deference to the special skills, training and discipline these veterans have always brought to the police profession.

Presentation by Captain Robinson and Officer Llamoca on the homeless issues facing the Police Department.

In July of 2015 the City of Miami Beach Homeless Outreach Team identified and provided the Police Department with approximately 60 chronically homeless nuisance individuals who were in need of social services. From those 60 + people, 20 of them have been identified by the Police Department as Habitual Criminal Offenders based on their historical arrest data (one individual has more than 200 arrests within our City).

Every two weeks we host a Homeless Solutions Meeting at the police station. This meeting is attended by some City Commissioners, the Assistant City Manager, the Police Command Staff, area shift commanders, police area supervisors, Crime Analysts, the Homeless Outreach Team, and other stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting is to track these Habitual Offenders and attempt to find permanent shelter for them or to successfully prosecute them if and when they commit a crime. The Homeless Outreach Team provides information on any social services that these homeless persons have been offered, when the last time that they were contacted, if they were offered shelter, accepted shelter, or declined shelter or services. The Police Department representatives are notified and identify when each of these offenders was last arrested and for what. When an arrest has been affected we track them from the initial arrest through the prosecution. We have five Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs) that attend bond hearings for these individuals and attempt to encourage a judge to increase a bond or mandate that these individuals be placed in needed services based on their challenges (i.e. detox, mental health facility, etc.). Each week, we conduct joint missions at various hours with the Homeless Outreach Team to offer services and/or arrest homeless individuals where probable cause exists. During these bi monthly meetings, we sometimes opt to remove individuals from the Habitual Offender List as they have not been seen, contacted, or arrested for a crime within the past six months. New names are added and tracked.

The City of Miami Beach does more than any other municipality within our area to identify, track, and assist homeless persons. We might never be able to rid the City of Miami Beach entirely of homelessness but we will continue to try to place them into services and/or find them permanent shelter.





## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

### **POLICE/CITIZENS RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2016 CALENDAR**

January 19, 2016	May 17, 2016	September 20, 2016
February 16, 2016	June 21, 2016	October 18, 2016
March 15, 2016	July 19, 2016	November 15, 2016
April 19, 2016	<b><u>NO AUGUST MEETING</u></b>	December 20, 2016

All of the above meetings will be held in the Community Room of the Miami Beach Police Department at 6:00 p.m.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- The Police/Citizen's Relations Committee provides the means for a better understanding of the policies and procedures of the Miami Beach Police Department.
- The Police/Citizen's Relations Committee affords the Miami Beach Police Department the opportunity to communicate to the community information regarding current events, changes in the Police Department, and allows for community concerns to be brought to the attention of the Chief of Police.

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**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:**      Production                      Industry                      Council  
**CHAIRPERSON:**      Bruce Orosz  
**CITY LIAISON:**      Graham Winick

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE January 1, 2015:**      11

**ACTIVITIES:**

Created Digital/ Film Finance subcommittee.
Participated in Dade Delegation Hearings to testify on behalf of the Film Incentive.
Created a briefer/ welcome package for new PIC members.
Began outreach to tech groups (Lab, Hive) to discuss co-op opportunities.
Met with MBVCA and CAC to discuss easing their restrictive film grant programs to encourage more filming in Miami Beach







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December 2015

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Sustainability Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:** Dave Doebler

**CITY LIAISON:** Elizabeth Wheaton, Assistant Building Director, Environment and Sustainability Division

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE January 2015: 5**

**ACTIVITY**

To identify and promote policies and practices with the City of Miami Beach aimed at achieving a sustainable environment, as well as to minimize negative impacts and maximize benefits to the environment.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Supported outreach campaign to inform the commercial family residences and the business community of the City's Recycling Ordinance mandating recycling for businesses and multi-family residences.

Supported the development of ordinances banning polystyrene ice coolers, food and beverage containers at City-owned facilities, beaches/parks, and sidewalk cafes. Supported unprotected expanded polystyrene be eliminated from private/personal boat docks.

Conducted Styrofoam cooler-swapping program at various city events and holidays to support the polystyrene ordinance and decrease disposable cooler use on city beaches.

Continued to identify and combat concerns with ongoing litter issues including increasing the enforcement of the City's existing zero-litter policy.

Supported the development of an anti-litter campaign for residents and visitors.

Continued to support the reallocation of funds from the Dade Recycling revenue towards the City's recycling and/or educational campaigns.

Recommended that Whoosh Water Systems be implemented citywide to provide residents and visitors access to filtered water refill stations. Supported existing water fountains to be retrofitted to include water bottle refill stations.

Supported the expansion of the storm drain grate pilot program to include all inlets located within the entertainment districts and within residential streets that have high pedestrian traffic and an abundant tree canopy.

Supported tree canopy as an integral part of the private development and Public Works projects from their very outset, as well as the City's prior Million Trees Miami commitment to provide a minimum of 30% tree canopy coverage by 2020.

### **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

Engage in issues that are relevant to the Sustainability Plan's program areas and support enhancing the environmental sustainability of the City.

Support continued efforts to monitor and maintain the cleanliness of the City's waterways.

Identify opportunities for incorporating green infrastructure, reducing stormwater impacts, and improving water quality Citywide.

Support the polystyrene ban and educational campaign.

Identify opportunities for the Anti-litter Campaign.

Support tree canopy as a priority within the City.

Support the development of a Sustainability and Resiliency Program by advocating for the allocation of funds to further develop a viable program to support adaptation and mitigation strategies and initiatives.



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**JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2015**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** TRANSPORTATION, PARKING & BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

**CHAIRPERSON:** MARK WEITHORN/AL FEOLA

**CITY LIAISON:** SAUL FRANCES

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE JULY 2015:** FIVE (5)

**\*\*NO MTG HELD IN AUGUST\*\***

**ACTIVITY:**

**July 6, 2015:**

- Alton Road & Collins Ave Project Update
- Red Light Cameras at 17<sup>th</sup>/Alton
- Transportation Department Items:
  - Overview of Bus Shelter Reinstallation Process – Alton Road
  - Alton-West Trolley
  - Mid-Beach Trolley
  - North Beach Trolley
  - ITS/Traffic Monitoring & Management
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Bicycle Safety Campaign
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Beach Corridor Transit Connectivity Study
  - Misc. Traffic Studies & Transit Reports
- Status Report Items: Parking Status Reports – March & April 2015

**September 8, 2015:**

- Alton Road & Collins Ave Project Update
- Parking Dept. Items:
  - Zone 21 – Lower Sheridan Ave Residential Parking Program
  - Parking Rate Ordinance
  - Car2Go Update
  - Angled Parking Issue on Sheridan Ave
- Transportation Department Items:
  - Alton-West Trolley
  - Mid-Beach Trolley
  - North Beach Trolley
  - ITS/Traffic Monitoring & Management
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Bicycle Safety Campaign
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Beach Corridor Transit Connection Study
  - Misc. Traffic Studies & Transit Reports
- Status Report Items: Parking Status Reports – May & June 2015

**October 12, 2015:**

- Aton Road & Collins Ave Project Update
- Update Red Light Cameras – Ticket Trends; Signage
- Transportation Department Items:
  - Presentation on the Transportation Master Plan
  - North Beach Route Stop Removal
  - Trolley ID#'s
  - Par 3 Golf Course Plans
- Status Report Items: Parking Status Report – July 2015

**November 2, 2015:**

- Traffic Management Officers
- Banyan Tree Park Concept Plans
- Transportation Division Items:
  - Alton-West Trolley
  - Mid-Beach Trolley
  - North Beach Trolley
  - ITS/Traffic Monitoring & Management
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Bicycle Safety Campaign
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Beach Corridor Transit Connection Study
  - Misc. Traffic Studies & Transit Reports

**December 14, 2015:**

- Ongoing Public Works Projects
- Venetian Bridge Update
- Transportation Department Items:
  - Alton-West Trolley
  - Mid-Beach Trolley
  - North Beach Trolley
  - ITS/Traffic Monitoring & Management
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Bicycle Safety Campaign
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Beach Corridor Transit Connection Study
  - Misc. Traffic Studies & Transit Reports
- Approval of 2016 Meeting Dates
- Chair & Vice-Chair Appointment
- Status Report Items: Parking Status Report – August 2015

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:****July 6, 2015:**

**Letter to Commission sent (#315-2015), with the following Recommendations/ Motions:**

**Transportation Items/Other Business:**

- Committee Recommendation: More flexible design of structures for bus shelters be explored, to include LED display to show times of bus arrival/countdown
- Motion Passed: City should petition County to change the A Bus Route to connect to the Mid-Beach Trolley
- Committee Recommendation: City should send letter to County regarding DOT's denial to have emergency openings on the causeway, as this is an unsafe condition

**September 8, 2015:**

**Letter to Commission sent (#382-2015), with the following Motions:**

**Zone 21 – Lower Sheridan Ave Residential Parking Program:**

- Motion Passed: TPBPFC endorsed the Zone 21 Lower Sheridan Avenue Residential Program

**Parking Rate Ordinance:**

- Motion Passed: TPBPFC asked that revenue presently being taken from parking funds for the City's operating budget, be replaced before increasing parking fees

**Transportation Items:**

- Motion Passed: TPBPFC endorses Bici Box as a bicycle parking system

**October 12, 2015:**

**Transportation Items:**

- Motion Passed: TPBPFC asked Mayor & Commission to commence monthly Community Bike Rides
- Motion Passed: TPBPFC recommends that the City Commission approve low floor trolleys

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

• Freight Loading Zones
• Parking Rates – Motorcycles/Scooters
• Parking Management System
• Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
• Smart Parking (Mobile Applications/LPR/Space Monitoring)
• Collins Park Garage
• Garage Development – City Owned
• Garage Development – Public/Private
• Implementation of mobility improvements recommended in the Transportation Master Plan
• Implementation of improvements identified in the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan, including painting green bike lanes, installing bicycle parking, and implementing protected bike lanes, bicycle boulevards, and off-road paths
• Implementation of regional mass transit solutions including short-term express bus service connecting to Downtown Miami
• Planning and implementation a light rail transit/modern streetcar system in South Beach as first phase of the Beach Corridor Transit Connection Project connecting Miami Beach and Miami
• Implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems, including adaptive traffic signal control, to improve traffic flow and manage congestion on a permanent real-time basis
• Planning and development of intermodal facilities and park-and rides to serve as modal transfer hubs in South Beach, Mid-Beach, and North Beach
• Implementation of water taxi/ferry service connecting Miami Beach and Miami
• Expansion of a citywide interconnected circulator/trolley system, including a Mid-Beach Trolley, Collins Link, and South Beach Trolley
• Implementation of Pedestrian Priority Zones
• Expand and continue the bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign and bicycle-friendly community events

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BI-ANNUAL REPORT FORM - PAGE 1 OF 7**

**BOARD OR COMMITTEE NAME:** Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Peggy Benua  
**CITY LIAISON:** Grisette Roque

**NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE July 2015 – December 2015: 5**

**ACTIVITIES:**

**August 27, 2015:**

The June 25, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Mr. Hertz to approve the June 25, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board members were provided with a list of upcoming grant applicants and denied applicants.

A discussion regarding an evaluation method for Public Relations firms was held.

The Capital Assets Policy was reviewed and approved. Mr. Perry motioned to approve the Capital Assets Policy. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

The winners of the Photo Caption Contest were selected. Motion by Mr. Hertz for "Keep calm and enjoy life at Miami Beach! Love soft white sand and turquoise waters all within reach" as the 3rd place winner. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hertz for "When stress wears you down, surviving another day is hard. Let Miami Beach be your life's lifeguard!" as the 2nd place winner. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Perry for "Cool breezes, cold drink, sounds of waves crashing and toes in the sand...relaxing!" as the 1st place winner. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

The 2015/2016 Film Incentive Grant Program guidelines were reviewed and approved. Mr. Hertz motioned to approve the new Film Incentive guidelines. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

The South Beach Triathlon 2014/2015 grant was reviewed. Mr. Perry motioned to keep the original funding as is. Mr. Hertz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hertzberg to approve the 2015/2016 MBVCA budget. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

**September 22, 2015:**

The August 27, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Mr. Hertz to approve the August 27, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hertzberg. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board members were provided with a list of upcoming grant applicants and denied applicants.

A grant in the amount of \$45,000 was awarded to Dirt Box LLC for the Seed Conscious Plant Based Food and Wine Festival. Motion by Mr. Hertz to grant \$45,000 to Seed Conscious Plant Based Food and Wine Festival. Mr. Nardi seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$45,000 was awarded to Live Ultimate Run LLC for the Serena Williams Live Ultimate Run South Beach. Motion by Mr. Perry to grant \$45,000 to Serena Williams Live Ultimate Run South Beach. Mr. Hertzberg seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$40,000 was awarded to Exclusive Sports Marketing, Inc. for the 2015 Miami Beach Halloween Half Marathon & Freaky 4-Miler. Motion by Mr. Gonzalez to grant \$40,000 to 2015 Miami Beach Halloween Half Marathon & Freaky 4-Miler. Seconded by Mr. Hertzberg. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$40,000 was awarded to Community AIDS Resource, Inc. dba Care Resource for the Care Resource Sponsored "White Party Week" events. Motion by Mr. Nardi to grant \$40,000 to Care Resource Sponsored "White Party Week" Events. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$40,000 was awarded to the Latin Songwriters Hall of Fame for the Latin Songwriters Hall of Fame "La Musa" Awards. Motion by Mr. Hertzberg to grant \$40,000 to Latin Songwriters Hall of Fame "La Musa" Awards. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$40,000 was awarded to Miami Beach Bowl LLC for the Miami Beach Bowl. Motion by Mr. Perry to grant \$40,000 to Miami Beach Bowl. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$28,000 was awarded to NATPE National Association of Television Program Executives for NATPE Market & Conference 2016. Motion by Mr. Hertz to grant \$28,000 NATPE Market & Conference 2016. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$28,000 was awarded to the Hialeah School of Self Defense for the Pan American Internationals. Motion by Mr. Gonzalez to grant \$28,000 to Pan American Internationals. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$32,000 was awarded to Scope Art Show for the Scope International Contemporary Art Show-Miami Beach 2015. Motion by Mr. Perry to grant \$32,000 to SCOPE International Contemporary Art Show – Miami Beach 2015. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$40,000 was awarded to the CI Foundation for the South Beach Seafood Festival. Motion by Mr. Hertzberg to grant \$ 40,000 to South Beach Seafood Festival. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$28,000 was awarded to Art Fairs Unlimited LLC, d/b/a UNTITLED. Miami Beach for UNTITLED. Art Fair Miami Beach. Motion by Mr. Perry to grant \$28,000 to UNTITLED. Art Fair Miami Beach. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

**October 21, 2015:**

The Board members were provided with a list of upcoming grant applicants and denied applicants.

A grant in the amount of \$30,000 was awarded to the MDGLCC Foundation, Inc. for the LGBT Visitor Center. Motion by Mr. Hertz to grant \$30,000 to the LGBT Visitor Center. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$30,000 awarded to the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce for the Miami Beach Guest Program. Motion by Mr. Perry to grant \$30,000 to the Miami Beach Guest Program. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$19,245 was awarded to the Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce for the Tourist Hospitality Center. Motion by Mr. Hertzberg to fund \$19,245 to the Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce Tourist Hospitality Center with the request of a status update on the accountability of hotel room nights. Seconded by Mr. Hertz. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$30,000 was awarded to the Miami Beach Watersports Center, Inc. for the Miami Beach Watersports Center. Motion by Mr. Gonzalez to grant \$30,000 to the Miami Beach Watersports Center, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Perry.

Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$85,000 was awarded to the Orange Bowl Committee for the 2015 – 2016 College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl Game and Ancillary Events. Motion by Mr. Hertz to grant \$85,000 to for the 2015 – 2016 College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl Game and Ancillary Events. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$85,000 was awarded to Life Time Fitness for the 2016 Miami Marathon and Half Marathon; Tropical 5K; Health & Fitness Expo Life Time Fitness. Motion by Mr. Gonzalez to grant \$85,000 to the 2016 Miami Marathon and Half Marathon; Tropical 5K; Health & Fitness Expo Life Time Fitness. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$30,000 was awarded to UNIDAD of Miami Beach, Inc. for The Customer and You – Certificate Program in Service. Motion by Mr. Nardi to grant \$30,000 for The Customer and You – Certificate Program in Service with the request of periodic updates of effectiveness and letters of support from trainees to continue support from the MBVCA in the future. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

A grant in the amount of \$21,000 was awarded to the Miami Design Preservation League for the Miami Beach Visual Memoirs Project. Motion by Mr. Hertz to grant \$30,000 for the Miami Beach Visual Memoirs Project to continue the interviews, with a minimum of \$6,000 to be used for editing the current videos, and then returning in a few months for the remaining amount requested. Seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passes unanimously.

**November 19, 2015:**

The September 22, 2015 and October 21, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by the Board. Motion by Mr. Hertz to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming and denied applicants.

The Miami Design Preservation League and Close-Up Productions provided an update on the Miami Beach Visual Memoirs Project. Motion by Mr. Hertz to have them return with an updated proposal for the second part of their request. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. Motion passes unanimously.

An update on The Customer and You – Certificate Program in Service was provided to the Board.

The Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the Tourist

Hospitality Center's relationships with hotels.  
An update on the API was provided by Solodev.

**November 23, 2015:**

The 2014/2015 19th Brazilian Film Festival of Miami was reviewed due to a reduction in their budget. Motion by Mr. Hertz to keep the \$17,500 grant awarded to 19th Brazilian Film Festival of Miami. Seconded by Ms. Hornstein. Motion passes unanimously.

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**FUTURE ACTIVITIES:**

The next MBVCA Board meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Miami Beach Watersports Center located at 6500 Indian Creek Drive, 2nd Floor, Miami Beach.

The following boards and/or committees did not submit a Biannual Report:

- Miami Beach Human Rights Committee
-