

# MIAMI BEACH

**Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive**  
**May 20, 2019 - 9:00 AM**

Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Chair  
Commissioner Michael Góngora, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Joy Malakoff, Member  
Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemán, Alternate

Eric Carpenter, Liaison  
Christina Baguer, Support Staff

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A meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (the “Committee”) was held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor of City Hall. Commissioners in attendance: Micky Steinberg, Michael Góngora, Joy Malakoff, John Elizabeth Alemán and Mark Samuelian. Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance.

The meeting began at 9:02 AM.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRIME IN MIAMI BEACH**

February 14, 2018 - R9 X  
Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Police

Major Paul Acosta updated the Committee on the two public meetings that were held to inform the community on the action plan for Memorial Day Weekend. Commissioner Góngora requested an LTC from Police regarding the Ultra Concert and how it would be handled by the Police Department. Commissioner Samuelian asked about the ordinance regarding promoters. Major Acosta stated that they were working with several groups and are ready to go.

**Direction: Commissioner Góngora requested an update be given regarding the new Chief of Police or Interim Chief at the June 19, 2019 NCAC meeting.**

**2. DISCUSSION REGARDING UNDERGROUNDING FOR NORTH BAY AND ALTON ROAD**

May 16, 2018 - R7 O  
Public Works

**Direction: Item deferred to the June 19, 2019 NCAC meeting.**

**3. DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR DOCKED ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE SHARING SERVICES.**

October 17, 2018 - C4 J  
Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola  
Transportation

Commissioner Aleman stated she was opposed to any program that will affect the right-of-way or parking spaces. She is open to a program where more pick up and drop off locations can be provided without losing parking spaces.

An Uber representative spoke about their electric bicycle program. A representative from Citi Bike spoke about their current contract with the City and stated that they have the ability of adding electric bicycles to the program.

Commissioner Malakoff feels the City is too dense for the addition of these types of bicycles and does not think the technology has been tested enough and referred to recent safety issues.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager, suggested origin and destination surveys to determine if we are substituting bicycle trips for car trips.

Commissioner Steinberg is concerned about safety and would like to know where these bicycles are allowed.

**Direction: Transportation to return to NCAC in June or July with a plan for a pilot program, to include number of bicycles and length of program.**

**4. DISCUSS REGARDING THE MAYOR'S 41 STREET BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE'S MOTION ABOUT IMPROVING THE LIGHTING ON THE 41ST STREET CORRIDOR, SPECIFICALLY TO ALLOCATE THE 41ST STREET QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDS TOWARDS LIGHTING THE TREES ON THE 41 STREET CORRIDOR.**

February 13, 2019 - C4 I  
Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Property Management

Adrian Morales, Director of Property Management stated that he is working with the 41<sup>st</sup> Street Committee to provide an agreed upon plan.

**Direction: Góngora deferred the item for 60 days. Property Management to return to the July 23, 2019 NCAC meeting with an approved plan.**

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING FINES LEVIED AGAINST PROPERTIES AND A POLICY DECISION AS TO WHEN THE CITY SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS.**

March 13, 2019 - C4 E

Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman

Code Compliance

The Committee discussed under what circumstances the City should go after a foreclosure. Commissioner Aleman wants research on the properties to determine which ones the City should proceed with foreclosure. Commissioner Góngora stated that outside attorneys may want to take on these cases on a contingency basis. Aleksandr Boksner, Chief Deputy City Attorney, suggested the Administration look at the properties on the list and bring back to the Committee a list of properties the City should consider going after foreclosure. Commissioner Aleman wants to know what other cities are doing. Mr. Boksner stated he would check with the City of Miami and Coral Gables. Eric Carpenter stated that he would work on a list that would include homes that owe six figures and higher.

**Direction: Code Compliance to return with list of properties to the September 25, 2019 NCAC meeting.**

**6. MARKETING STRATEGIES OF THE NEWLY RENOVATED Miami Beach CONVENTION CENTER.**

March 13, 2019 – R9H

Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

Tourism and Culture

Matt Kenny, Director of Tourism and Culture briefed the Committee on the recent presentation given to the Convention Center Advisory Board. Mr. Kenny stated that the Convention Center is being promoted as part of a cultural campus, highlighting all the cultural activities available in the Convention Center area. Rolando Aedo with the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) explained to the Committee how the industry meets and sets goals for meetings and conventions in the area. This information is captured on a monthly dashboard and is shared with the City. Mr. Aedo also announced a major medical convention just booked for 2020. Commissioner Góngora asked if Commission should e-mail Mr. Kenny with ideas and information on potential conventions Mr. Kenny responded that Commission should send any suggestions or contacts they have for potential conventions to him. Commissioner Aleman asked if staff was looking at the list of conventions lost because of not having a convention center hotel. Mr. Aedo stated that they were contacting that group.

**Direction: No further action required. Item to be closed.**

**7. DISCUSSION TO REVIEW THE “KEEP HOLLYWOOD BEAUTIFUL” PROGRAM.**

April 10, 2019 – C4 N

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Communications

Tom Curitore, Assistant Director, Code Compliance, presented a video showcasing all the different ways that the Department educates and enforces compliance throughout the City.

**Direction: Commissioner Gongora requested this item be added to the quarterly Cleanliness Report. Item to be closed.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**8. DISCUSSION ON THE RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPTS PROPOSED IN THE CHASE AVENUE AND 34 STREET FROM ALTON ROAD TO PRAIRIE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

April 10, 2019 – C4 I  
Transportation

**Direction: Item deferred to the June 19, 2019 NCAC meeting.**

**9. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED CONCEPTS PROPOSED IN THE ALTON ROAD FROM 63 STREET TO NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE BICYCLE ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.**

April 10, 2019 - C4 J  
Transportation

Staff presented the item.

**Action: Motion to approve the recommended concepts proposed in the Alton Road from 63 Street to North Michigan Avenue Bicycle Alternatives Analysis and Implementation Study made by Commissioner Gongora; seconded by Commissioner Malakoff. Item moved to Commission.**

**10. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING TRASH BINS/SCULPTURES ON THE BEACH.**

April 10, 2019 - C4 K  
Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Tourism and Culture

Matt Kenny, Director of Tourism and Culture, briefed the Committee on recyclable artistic bins and stated that his department is working on a Call to Artist.

**Direction: Continue with the Call to Artist. Item to be closed.**

**11. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS OF HISTORICAL MARKERS.**

April 10, 2019 - C4 L  
Sponsored by Commissioner Aleman and Samuelian  
Planning

Deborah Tackett, Chief of Historic Preservation in Planning, presented the item. Commissioner Aleman stated that she wanted to make sure the signs were visible from the street. Commissioner Góngora asked that signs marking where famous movies were filmed be considered for future signs. Commissioner Steinberg agreed with all locations set forth by the Administration and that all signs must be visible.

**Action: Item was moved to Commission by acclamation.**

**12. DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION TO AMEND CITY CHARTER SECTION 2.07 GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE CITY COMMISSION.**

April 10, 2019 - C4 P

Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg  
Office of City Attorney

Jean Olin, outside Counsel, explained the proposed change to the City Charter.

**Action: Motion to approve the proposed ballot question to amend City Charter Section 2.07, governing procedures for the filling of vacancies in the City Commission. Made by Commissioner Góngora; seconded by Commissioner Malakoff. Item moved to Commission.**

**13. DISCUSSION REGARDING INCREASING THE DURATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SPECIMEN TREES.**

April 10, 2019 - C4 Q

Sponsored by Commissioner Aleman  
Environment and Sustainability

Commissioner Aleman introduced the item.

**Action: Prepare an Ordinance based on the Administration's recommendation. Item moved to commission by acclamation.**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

**14. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 23 STREET AND 63 STREET COMPLETE STREETS FEASIBILITY STUDIES.**

December 13, 2017 – C4 A

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Transportation

**Status: Deferred pending community meeting.**

**15. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF BEAUTIFUL BARRIERS CONCEPT AS SECURITY BARRIERS AROUND THE CITY.**

April 11, 2018 - C4 Q

Sponsored by Commissioner Aleman  
Property Management

**Status: Deferred pending implementation of a six month pilot program.**

**16. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING A TURNING LANE WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING EAST ON I-95 HEADING ONTO 41 STREET AND TURNING SOUTH ON ALTON ROAD.**

May 16, 2019 – C4 Q

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Transportation

**Status: Deferred pending petition results from St. Patrick Catholic School.**

**17. DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPLORING ADDITIONAL AVENUES FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.**

June 6, 2018 – C4 Q

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian  
Marketing and Communications

**Status: Report back to NCAC on a quarterly basis, next discussion on July 23, 2019.**

**18. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF EXTRANEIOUS AND POTENTIALLY OUTDATED LEGISLATION IN MIAMI BEACH.**

July 25, 2018 – C4 E

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Office of City Attorney

**Status: Deferred pending recommendations from each department. City attorney to bring back comprehensive multi-department recommendation to NCAC meeting when ready.**

**19. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INTEREST OF THE COMMISSION IN OPERATING ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AT ALL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A FUTURE PILOT PROGRAM.**

July 25, 2018 - R9 V

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora  
Transportation/Legal

**Status: Deferred to the June 19, 2019 NCAC meeting**

**20. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER CONCEPTS FOR THE NORTH BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY.**

December 12, 2018 - C4 Q

Transportation

**Status: Deferred pending traffic study on the one-way portions.**

**21. DISCUSSION REGARDING CLEANLINESS IN MIAMI BEACH.**

January 16, 2019 - C4 S

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Public Works/Organizational Development

**Status: Report back to NCAC on a quarterly basis, next discussion on June 19, 2019.**

**22. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LONG WAIT TIMES FOR THE SOUTH BEACH TROLLEYS.**

February 13, 2019 - C4 M

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Transportation

**Status: Deferred to the June 19, 2019 NCAC meeting, pending additional ridership data.**

**23. DISCUSSION TO POTENTIALLY BRING BACK THE ARTS GALA AND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.**

March 13, 2019 - C4 B

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Tourism and Culture

**Status: Deferred to the June 19, 2019 NCAC meeting**

**24. DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED "HUMAN RELATIONS", BY AMENDING SECTION 62-206, THEREOF, ENTITLED "REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE SAFETY BUTTON OR NOTIFICATION DEVICE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES, "BY EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 62-206 FROM AUGUST 1, 2019 TO AUGUST 1, 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

May 8, 2019 – R5 Y

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Office of City Attorney

Commissioner Góngora asked if the compliance date could be moved six months to allow for the all hotels to comply. Representatives from several hotels asked for a short extension in order to be compliant. A vendor of panic buttons suggested extending the deadline on a case by case basis. He offered his opinion, that devices that merely create noise do not stop attackers. He also stated that there are many devices that are safe, reasonably priced and can be installed in a timely manner. Commissioner Malakoff stated she was in favor of a 90 day extension. Commissioner Gongora supported her motion. Commissioner Aleman asked what happened to the Administration looking into the various options available. Eric Carpenter stated that the Human Resources and Information Technology Departments teamed up to find different options and costs for these safety devices.

**Action: The Administration shall provide information on different options and cost. The Committee recommends a 45 day extension. Item moved to Commission by acclamation.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.