

MIAMI POLICE

Miami adopts new program for complaints against cops

■ For non-criminal complaints against officers, a new program would allow cops and citizens to discuss incidents with the help of a mediator.

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In hopes of restoring strained relations between law enforcement and the public, Miami police and its civilian oversight panel have agreed to voluntary mediation for officers receiving non-criminal complaints like discourtesy or bias profiling.

Consider it mediation light. Unlike regular mediation, which can often result in stiff penalties, suspensions or other discipline, these talks are likely to result in a written agreement — perhaps even a handshake or hug between cops and the people who file complaints against them. The goal, according to the agreement announced on Thursday outside City Hall, is for the parties to listen to each other and understand what led to the complaint.

"It strikes a balance between protecting our officers and also protecting the public," Miami Mayor Francis Suarez said. "We want to create friendships and non-adversarial disputes."

Because the goal is communication over punishment, the rules of evidence in legal mediation will not apply. The proceedings also will be voluntary, confidential, and a resolu-

tion isn't even required.

Under a program called Community Police Mediation Program, the parties can bring whatever information they feel is relevant to the meeting. And the three parties — the officer, the person who filed the complaint, and the mediator — will work together to try to determine a resolution everyone is happy with.

Fraternal Order of Police President Tommy Reyes said the plan actually predates the social unrest that has rocked the country since George Floyd's death by about a year. Reyes said he was approached by Assistant CIP Director Rodney Jacobs in early 2019 with the plan, which closely models one that has worked well in New Orleans for the past five years. Civilian Investigative Panel

"It's a good idea," said Reyes. "It will help the community understand us and us to understand them a little better." The goal of the new mediation process is twofold: the hope that it will bring police and the community closer together, and also lessen the workload of the police oversight group and the police department's internal affairs investigators. Both spend hundreds of hours a year investigating dozens of minor complaints that will

now instead be passed along to trained mediators.

Miami will be the first city in Florida to install the mediation process and one of the first in the country. The expectation is that the Civilian Investigative Panel will hire about six mediators at first and that 50 or more cases will be dealt with a year. Mediators will be trained by the oversight board and police and will be paid a stipend for each case. The CIP and Internal Affairs will determine which cases will be chosen.

There's also a major carrot stick for any officers who may initially be wary of sitting opposite someone who files a complaint about conduct: Agreeing to mediation guarantees that the case won't be investigated by Internal Affairs.

"By signing the agreement, the complaint will be dropped," said Reyes. Assistant Miami Police Chief Cherise Gause said the surveillance video captured case of University of Miami Dr. Armen Henderson being taken into custody by a Miami police sergeant at the doctor's home would have been the ideal incident to highlight the new program.

Said Assistant Police Chief Ron Papier: "At the end of the day, most people who file a complaint just want to have their voice heard."

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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE LAND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR HOTELS ABUTTING LINCOLN LANE SOUTH,
A LOW DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL AREA (RM-1)
OCTOBER 14, 2020 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The October 14, 2020 City of Miami Beach Commission Meeting will be held in the Commission Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Members of the public wanting to participate virtually may do so via video conferencing. To participate or provide comments virtually, the public may join the City Commission Meeting at: <https://miamiherald.com/join/0756695212> or via telephone at: 1-877-305-6099 (US) or 888-475-4499 (Toll Free). The Webinar ID is: 0756695212. Members of the public wanting to virtually speak on an item during the City Commission Meeting, must click the "raise hand" icon if using the Zoom app or press "9" on the telephone to raise their hand.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Second Reading Public Hearing will be heard by the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, on October 14, 2020 at the following times, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard:

5:30 a.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

RM-1 HOTELS ABUTTING LINCOLN LANE SOUTH - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE RESIDENTIAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING CHARTER 142, ENTITLED "LAND USE," BY AMENDING POLICY RUL 1.1, "ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES," BY AMENDING POLICY RUL 1.1.5, ENTITLED "LOW DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL, RM-1," TO ADD THE ALLOWED USES FOR PROPERTIES ABUTTING LINCOLN LANE SOUTH BETWEEN DIESEL AVENUE AND LINDA AVENUE, AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is being heard pursuant to Section 166 of the City's Land Development Code. Inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department at 305-672-7555.

5:30 p.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

RM-1 HOTELS ABUTTING LINCOLN LANE SOUTH - LDR AMENDMENTS AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 142, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS," ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "DISTRICT REGULATIONS," DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY DISTRICTS," SUBDIVISION II, ENTITLED "RM-1 RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY LOW INTENSITY," SECTION 142-152, ENTITLED "MAIN PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES," TO AMEND THE PERMITTED USES FOR PROPERTIES ABUTTING LINCOLN LANE SOUTH BETWEEN DIESEL AVENUE AND LINDA AVENUE, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 142, ENTITLED "OFF-STREET PARKING," ARTICLE II, "DISTRICTS, REQUIREMENTS," SECTION 142-152, "OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1," TO AMEND THE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTEL UNITS ABUTTING LINCOLN LANE SOUTH BETWEEN DIESEL AVENUE AND LINDA AVENUE, AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is being heard pursuant to Section 169-104 of the City's Land Development Code. Inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department at 305-672-7555.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED "MARINE STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, AND VESSELS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "RESTRICTED WAKE ZONES," BY AMENDING SECTION 66-43 ENTITLED "RESTRICTED AREAS," BY AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) THEREOF TO AMEND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SLOW SPEED, MINIMUM WAKE ZONE IN THE AREA OF THE MIAMI BEACH MARINA; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is being heard pursuant to Section 215 of the City Charter and §165.041 F.S. Inquiries may be directed to the Enforcement and Sustainability Department at 305-673-7094.

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