

MIAMI BEACH

Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

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September 23, 2020 - 8:30 AM

Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Chair
Commissioner Steven Meiner, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Michael Góngora, Member
Commissioner David Richardson, Alternate

Eric Carpenter, Liaison
Christina Baguer, Support Staff

A meeting of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (NQLC) was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 via Zoom. Commissioners in attendance: Micky Steinberg, Steven Meiner, Michael Góngora, David Richardson and Mark Samuelian. Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 8:30 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE HOMELESS ISSUE IN MIAMI BEACH.**

February 12, 2020 - C4S
Commissioner Meiner
Office of Housing and Community Services

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services updated Committee members on the current homeless situation.

Rick Clements, Chief of Police, updated the Committee on the Police efforts with the homeless population.

Direction: Return to the November 4, 2020 NQLC meeting

2. **MONTHLY CRIME UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2020**

February 14, 2018 - R9 X
Commissioner Gongora
Police

Rick Clements, Chief of Police, presented the Committee with the Miami Beach crime statistics.

Chief Clements also presented the MXE Reimagined Police Power Point that was originally discussed at Land Use and Sustainability Workshop on September 17, 2020.

Direction: Return to the November 4, 2020 NQLC meeting with an update on technology in the Police Department and its uses for fighting crime.

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON THE BEACHWALK**

December 11, 2019 - C4G

Commissioner Steinberg

Transportation & Mobility and Police

Jose Gonzalez, Director of Transportation and Mobility and Rick Clements, Chief of Police, presented the item. Mr. Gonzalez and Chief Clements updated the Committee on the current signage, upcoming signage and enforcement on the Beachwalk.

Motion: By acclamation, the Committee moved this item to the full Commission.

Direction: Return to the December 16 NQLC meeting with an update.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMEMORATING MR. IRVING KARP WITH A PLAQUE ON SIXTH STREET.**

January 15, 2020 - C4 I

Commissioner Steinberg

Parks and Recreation

Motion: By acclamation, the Committee recommends the placement of a plaque commemorating Mr. Irving Karp. Remove item from NQLC agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **DISCUSS AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY REQUIRING PROMPT NOTIFICATION TO HOMEOWNER AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ON UPCOMING PROJECTS AND MEANINGFUL CHANGES TO PROJECTS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS.**

July 29, 2020 - C4 D

Commissioner Meiner

Marketing & Communications

Item was deferred to the October 19, 2020 NQLC meeting.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING FIRST RESPONDERS AND COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON HOW TO INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND RESIDENTS OF MIAMI BEACH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

July 29, 2020 - C4 C

Commissioner Gongora

Police

Commissioner Gongora opened the item and explained that the item came from the Disability Access Committee.

Valeria Mejia, ADA Coordinator, informed the Committee that Eddie Sierra, Chair of the Disability Access Committee, could not attend the meeting but asked her to talk about the issues with the food distribution. A few of the complaints came from individuals who can not leave their homes to pick up the food or do not have cars.

Commissioner Gongora explained that there are several food distribution methods, including Commissioner Richardson's drive-thru, the City offers food pick up and throughout the County there is food delivery.

Maria, Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services, updated the Committee on the services offered by her department, which includes a food pantry where people can come to the City and select their food. The department also delivers to the elderly.

Direction: Staff to present the different resources available through the City and the County at the next Disability Access Committee. Remove from the NQLC agenda.

7. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF A FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION, CURRENTLY OPERATED BY SOUTH POINTE CAFÉ LLC ("CONCESSIONAIRE"), LOCATED IN A PORTION OF THE SOUTH POINTE PARK PAVILION BUILDING.**

July 29, 2020 - C4 B

Commissioner Gongora

Property Management

Commissioner Gongora opened the item.

Adrian Morales, Director of Property Management presented the item with an overview and status with the current vendor.

Motion: By acclamation, the Committee recommends moving the item to Commission with a one-year extension of the current contract and issuing an RFP at the end of the extension. Remove item from the NQLC agenda.

8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN/SLOW STREETS IN THE FLAMINGO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Commissioner Samuelian

Transportation & Mobility

Commissioner Samuelian open the item.

Jose Gonzalez, Director of Transportation and Mobility presented the item and discussed a pilot program with various options.

Motion: By acclamation, move item to full Commission recommending option one (the option the community wanted) and adjust pilot if traffic issues arise or there are community concerns. Reach out to the community one more time before the pilot commences. Remove from NQLC agenda.

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS FEBRUARY 28, 2020 MEETING, TO ACCEPT THE REVISIONS TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDELINES RELATING TO CITY SPONSORSHIPS, BY CREATING AN EVALUATION PROCESS TO ANALYZE AND PROCESS SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS BASED ON WEIGHTED CRITERIA AND AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$1,500,000.**

September 16, 2020 - R71

Tourism and Culture

Commissioner Steinberg Opened the item and explained to the Committee her initial concerns and the modifications made since the item was first presented at Commission on September 16, 2020.

Heather Shaw, Assistant Director of Tourism and Culture, presented the item, detailing the areas that were revised.

Motion: By acclamation, the item is moved with the revisions without a recommendation to the full Commission.

10. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ANTI-BULLYING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAME.**

July 29, 2020 - C4 A

Commissioner Góngora

Human Resources

Commissioner Gongora opened the item by updating the Committee on the work that had been done by the Anti-Bullying Taskforce.

Cindy Casanova, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation presented on the various recommendations provided by the task force that the Parks Department had implanted.

Marla Alpizar, Assistant Director for the Human Resources Department, also presented the Committee with an update on how the recommendations from the task force had been implemented citywide.

Direction: Remove item from the NQLC agenda.

DEFERRED ITEMS

11. **DISCUSSION REGARDING HOW TO CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MIAMI BEACH**
January 15, 2020 C4 E
Commissioner Gongora
Housing & Community Services
Status: Return to NQLC after Land Use and Sustainability Committee has made decisions on zoning for affordable housing.
12. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NORTH BEACH REGIONAL PARKING PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**
October 30, 2019 - C4 F
Commissioner Samuelian
Parking
Status: Return to the October 19, 2020 NQLC meeting.
13. **DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING IN LUMMUS PARK AND MARINE TURTLE PROTECTION.**
March 18, 2020 - C4 H
Environment and Sustainability
Status: Deferred to the October 19, 2020 NQLC meeting.
14. **DISCUSSION REGARDING NORMANDY SHORES GATE DISTRICT.**
March 18, 2020 - C4 A
Property Management
Status: Deferred to the October 19, 2020 NQLC meeting.
15. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TOPS PROGRAM: OFF DUTY POLICE.**
October 30, 2019 - C4G
Commissioner Samuelian
Police
Status: Deferred until COVID-19 Emergency Orders are lifted and bar/night clubs reopen.
16. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INTEREST OF THE COMMISSION IN OPERATING ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AT ALL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A FUTURE PILOT PROGRAM**
July 25, 2018 - R9V
Commissioner Góngora
Transportation & Mobility
Status: Defer to the January 2021 NQLC meeting.
17. **DISCUSSION ON THE PLACEMENT OF A LEFT TURN SIGNAL WHEN TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON WEST AVENUE ONTO DADE BOULEVARD.**
June 24, 2020 - C4 J
Commissioner Meiner
Transportation & Mobility

Status: Return to NQLC when traffic normalizes, after full reopening of City of Miami Beach.

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

December 12, 2018 - C4 Q

Transportation

Status: Deferred pending completion of traffic study.

19. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF EXTRANEOUS AND POTENTIALLY OUTDATED LEGISLATION IN MIAMI BEACH.**

July 25, 2018 - C4 E

Commissioner Góngora

Office of the City Attorney

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

ADDENDUM

20. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATING A REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM TO MIAMI BEACH RESTAURANTS FOR DELIVERY SERVICES.**

September 16, 2020 - C4 B

Commissioner Góngora

Economic Development

Commissioner Gongora opened the item and gave a brief overview of the reimbursement program he would like to explore at Miami Beach.

A representative from Uber eats described various programs offered to cities.

Motion: Recommend to Commission at the July 29, Budget Meeting, an allocation of \$60,000 (\$5,000 a month) to start a reimbursement program to Miami Beach Restaurants for delivery services. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner.

Direction: Staff to work with Uber Eats on program options. Office of City Attorney to research the City's ability to regulate fees charged for food delivery services. Return to October 19, 2020 NQLC meeting.

21. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LINCOLN ROAD ENTRANCE TO THE BEACH.** September 16, 2020 - C4 G

Commissioner Meiner

Property Management

Commissioner Meiner opened the item and detailed the desire of the stake holders he spoke with, to enter into a Memo of Understanding with the City to clean up the area, assist with the homeless issue and activate the area.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager, discussed a current maintenance agreement that could be updated for this purpose.

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services discussed the current homeless situation. She explained how the pandemic has created new challenges with the homeless and has increased homeless population.

Motion: Administration to explore negotiations for an agreement and take to the full Commission. Motioned by Commissioner Meiner and seconded by Commissioner Gongora. Remove form NQLC agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.