

# MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: May 18, 2020

SUBJECT: **West Avenue Phase II Neighborhood Improvement Project Public Outreach**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide the Mayor and City Commission with an update regarding the public outreach efforts conducted thus far for the West Avenue Phase II Neighborhood Improvement Project.

The project team has conducted extensive public outreach including continuous communication with the West Avenue Neighborhood Association (WAvNA), electronic email updates, open office hours, neighborhood walk-throughs, property specific one-on-one meetings with the project team and more. In preparation for property specific meetings, the project team has prepared harmonization plans for 192 locations. The team has met and presented 16 properties with proposed plans and received feedback.

Additionally, in 2018, the West Avenue Phase II Neighborhood Improvement Project was selected as one of four projects in South Florida to participate in the Resilience Accelerator program hosted by 100 Resilient Cities and the Center for Resilient Cities & Landscapes at Columbia University. The Resilience Accelerator team met with representatives from the West Avenue Neighborhood and the North of Fifth Neighborhood at the onset to garner feedback that was critical in informing the Accelerator outcome. After the program, the team met with community groups multiple times and provided updates to project stakeholders.

Throughout the life of this project, the team has presented and discussed updates at multiple community and neighborhood meetings, including the West Avenue Neighborhood Association, North of Fifth Neighborhood Association, individual building associations and other meetings organized by the community.

Commencing in December of 2019, the team has held open house meetings at the Office of Capital Improvement Projects every Friday, where anyone from the community was welcome to meet with the team for information or to provide feedback. To date we have had approximately seven in person meetings at the CIP offices and held three via Zoom. Attendees to these meetings are typically the board representatives.

Most recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Neighborhood Affairs Division has provided properties with an opportunity to meet via virtual means as well as responded to emails and phone calls as needed. On Wednesday, May 20, 2020, the city will host a virtual public meeting to discuss the proposed harmonization policies for the project. This meeting is being published in the Miami Herald, emailed to the contact list for West Avenue and shared on social media.

Attached is a recap of all public outreach that has been held to date regarding the West Avenue harmonization and private property drainage policies.

Attachment  
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## WEST AVENUE OUTREACH

Recap as of May 7, 2020

Title	Type	Date	Location	Notes
West Avenue Ph2 FAQs	Eblast	5/5/2020	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 LUSC	Eblast	5/4/2020	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Office Hours By Appt	Eblast	1/21/2020	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Office Hours	Eblast	12/20/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Office Hours	Eblast	11/27/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Project Update	Eblast	11/18/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Office Hours	Eblast	11/6/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Soft Digs	Eblast	9/5/2019	Email	
West Ave Ph2 Project Update	Eblast	8/7/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Public Meeting Reminder	Eblast	5/2/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Public Meeting Reminder	Eblast	4/24/2019	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Public Meeting Reminder	Eblast	4/10/2019	Email	
West Ave Ph2 Project Update	Eblast	2/26/2019	Email	
West Ave Ph2 Project Update	Eblast	11/21/2018	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Timeline	Eblast	11/1/2018	Email	
South Florida Resiliency Workshops	Eblast	7/23/2018	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Public Meeting	Eblast	11/13/2017	Email	
West Avenue Ph2 Public Meeting	Eblast	11/3/2017	Email	
West Ave Ph2 Project Public Meeting	Community Meeting	11/14/2017	Miami Beach Senior High, library	approx. 90 people signed in
West Ave Ph2 Project Public Meeting	Community Meeting	5/2/2019	Mondrian Hotel	approx. 70 people signed in
WAVNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	6/27/2017	usually hosted at The Waverly's community room	
WAVNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	9/4/2018	usually hosted at The Waverly's community room	
neighborhood walk thru	Community Meeting	11/8/2018	pedestrian	
WAVNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	4/9/2019	usually hosted at The Waverly's community room	
WAVNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	4/26/2019	usually hosted at The Waverly's community room	
WAVNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	9/10/2019	usually hosted at The Waverly's community room	
WAVNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	10/1/2019	usually hosted at The Waverly's community room	
WAVNA Neighborhood Meeting	Community Meeting	1/7/2020	Lincoln Rd. West End on Bay - Outdoor Meeting (proposed location of pump station)	These are well attended, usually 40-50 people
neighborhood walk thru	Community Meeting	1/20/2020	pedestrian	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	11/1/2019	CIP	These meetings are regular - (almost every-other week) and are still on-going. Mostly held in CIP offices, a few in the field. Usually with the board reps, usually approx 4 people: Tim Carr, Stephen Ginez, Shawn Patrick Bryant, Gregg Chislett and sometimes Gayle
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	11/15/2019	CIP	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	12/6/2019	CIP	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	12/13/2019	CIP	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	1/15/2020	CIP	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	2/14/2020	CIP	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Office Meetings	2/28/2020	CIP	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Virtual Meeting	3/13/2020	Zoom Meeting	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Virtual Meeting	4/0/20	zoom Meeting	
Regular check-in meetings with WAVNA	Virtual Meeting	5/1/2020	zoom Meeting	
	Office Meetings	Started November 2019	Mostly held in CIP offices, dates listed above	Six different buildings took advantage of open office hours, some of them with repeat visits: Mondrian, Capri, 1450 Lincoln, 1310 15 Street, 1228 West Ave, Matthew (building unknown, bike path advocate)
NOFNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	9/12/2018	board member's office on Washington??	
NOFNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	3/26/2019	Mirador, 1100 West Ave	
NOFNA HOA Meeting	Community Meeting	7/23/2019	Mondrian Hotel	Commissioner Gongora attended
West Ave pump station meeting	Assoc. Meeting	11/19/2020	The Gaythering	approx 35 people in attendance
Resilience Accelerator public session	Public Meeting	8/6/2018	MDC Wolfson	all-day meeting, public session time, WAVNA and NOFNA provided input as part of the Resilience Accelerator program
Resilience Accelerator public session	Public Meeting	8/8/2018	MDC Wolfson	all-day meeting, public session time, WAVNA and NOFNA provided input as part of the Resilience Accelerator program
Harmonization Meeting	Individual Building Harmonization Meeting	2/20/2020	Harry and Jeannette Federation Towers, 757 West Avenue	

