

MIAMI BEACH

Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

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November 6, 2020 - 8:30 AM

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

Eric Carpenter, Liaison
Christina Baguer, Support Staff

A meeting of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Commissioners in attendance: Micky Steinberg, Steven Meiner, Michael Góngora, and Mark Samuelian. Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance.

Meeting commenced at 8:32 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

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

February 12, 2020 - C4 S

Commissioner Steven Meiner
Office of Housing & Community Services

Commissioner Meiner opened the item.

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services presented the item and explained the data sets of the current homeless population.

Rick Clements, Chief of Police, discussed the current state of homelessness and crime.

Direction: Return to NQLC in January 2021.

2. **CRIME UPDATE**

February 14, 2018 - R9 X

Commissioner Gongora
Police

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC Meeting.

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING AN ART DECO MARKET IN LUMMUS PARK.**

September 16, 2020 - C4 C

Commissioner Gongora

Tourism and Culture and Property Management

Heather Shaw, Assistant Director of Tourism and Culture, presented the item.

Motion: Move to Commission with recommendation for a one-year program. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove from NQLC agenda.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NORMANDY SHORES GATE DISTRICT.

March 18, 2020 - C4 A

Property Management

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager, updated the Committee on the ongoing conversations with the County regarding the permitting of the gates.

Direction: The Administration will continue to work with the County to resolve the permitting status.

NEW BUSINESS

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING YEAR-ROUND FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVATION IN LUMMUS PARK/OCEAN DRIVE AREA

September 16, 2020 - C4 D

Commissioner Meiner

Tourism & Culture and Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Meiner opened the item.

Heather Shaw, Assistant Director of Tourism and Culture, presented the Committee with an update.

Direction: Remove from NQLC agenda.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING FERRY SERVICE OPTIONS BETWEEN THE CITIES OF MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH

September 16, 2020 - C4 N

Commissioner Meiner

Transportation and Mobility

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCEPTING A DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF A PARK BENCH.

September 16, 2020 - C4 A

Commissioner Gongora

Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Gongora opened the item and expressed his agreement with staff's recommendation.

Motion: Recommend to Commission staff's proposal for installation of the park bench. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROJECT SCHEDULE AND OVERALL STATUS OF THE MIDDLE BEACH RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR (BEACHWALK), PHASE III, G.O. BOND PROJECT

October 14, 2020 - C4 Y

Commissioner Samuelian

Office of Capital Improvement Projects

Commissioner Samuelian opened the item and asked staff questions regarding the completion date for the project.

David Martinez, Director of Capital Improvement Projects updated the Committee and gave June 2021 as the projected completion date for the project.

Direction: Update Commission via an LTC in 90 days. Remove from NQLC agenda.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OCTOBER 5 MOTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE RECURRING EXPENDITURE ENHANCEMENT OF \$21,000 FOR "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY SHELTER," BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ANY DIRECT SERVICES, NOT JUST SHELTER OR HOUSING, FOR ANY VICTIM OF A CRIME.

October 14, 2020 - R9 U

Commissioner Gongora

Police

Commissioner Steinberg expressed concern over using the money for purposes that were not initially intended.

Enrique Doce, Major for the Police Department, explained why the money is needed for other areas that have a bigger need. He explained that the money is still being going to assist with domestic violence with expanded services to help victims of major crimes, such as sexual assault.

Motion By acclamation the Committee moved the item to Commission with a recommendation to include an additional \$16,000 for the extra services needed. Remove from the NQLC agenda.

10. DISCUSS RECENT HAZARDOUS USE OF WATERBORNE VESSELS AND UNRULY PASSENGER BEHAVIOR ON MARINAS AND WATERWAYS CITYWIDE

October 14, 2020 - C4 T

Commissioner Meiner

Police

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING METHODS TO REDUCE EXCESSIVE VEHICULAR SPEEDING IN MIAMI BEACH.

October 14, 2020 - C4 Q

Commissioner Meiner
Police; Transportation

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

12. DISCUSSION ON THE POLICE CITIZEN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S MOTION EXPRESSING CONCERN AND REQUESTING ENHANCED REVIEW OF SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

October 14, 2020 - R9 H

Commissioner Samuelian and Commissioner Meiner
Public Works

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

13. DISCUSS THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE'S MOTION URGING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION ENDORSE THE USAGE OF THE VACANT BUILDING ON 8128 COLLINS AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOUSING THE CITY'S TRAP, NEUTER, VACCINATE, AND RELEASE PROGRAM AND OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE RELATED SERVICES.

October 14, 2020 - C4 O

Commissioner Samuelian
Public Works

Commissioner Samuelian opened the item.

Jay Fink, Assistant Director of Public Works and Linda Diamond, Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee, presented the item.

The Committee raised several questions regarding the types of services and frequency of services that would be handled at the proposed site, alternative sites available, the fiscal impact to the City and the community feedback from residents not on the Animal Welfare Committee.

Direction: Return to NQLC on December 16, 2020 with responses to the Committees questions.

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE OCTOBER 29, 2019 ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MOTIONS REGARDING ANIMAL ADOPTION EVENT, ANIMAL LIAISON, AND CODE COMPLIANCE EVIDENCE.

March 18, 2020 - C4 E

Commissioner Gongora and Commissioner Samuelian
Public Works

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

15. **DISCUSS METHODS TO PROMOTE SEC. 82-384 OF THE CITY CODE ALLOWING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, A SIDEWALK CAFE TO EXPAND 50 FEET IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM RESTAURANT FRONTAGE.**

October 14, 2020 - C4 X

Commissioner Meiner

Public Works

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

16. **DISCUSSION REGARDING G.O. BOND PROJECT #40 - A CONCEPTUAL STREETScape DESIGN FOR THE 41ST STREET CORRIDOR.**

October 14, 2020 C4 P

G.O. Bond Program

Maria Hernandez, GO Bond Program Director, presented the item, along with an AECOM presentation.

The Committee requested an itemized list of cost of total project, details of where any tree removed will be placed and feedback from the current businesses.

Motion: By acclamation the Committee moved the item to the Commission with direction to continue outreach to businesses along the corridor and provide details to Commissioners on the tree removal and replacement.

17. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS.**

October 14, 2020 C4 R

Commissioner Meiner

Marketing & Communications

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

18. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE JACK STEWART MURAL PRESENTLY AT THE VERSAILLES AND ITS POSSIBLE RESTORATION AND INSTALLATION ON THE 17TH STREET GARAGE OR SOME OTHER CITY PROPERTY.**

October 14, 2020 C4 M

Commissioner Gongora

Tourism & Culture and Property Management

Commissioner Gongora opened the item and explained his ideas for the mural.

Heather Shaw, Assistant Director of Tourism and Culture, presented the item and explained some of the challenges with installing the mural.

Direction: Return to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting with location options for the Mural, including the potential for installation at the 17th street Garage.

19. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BENEFITS THE CITY PROVIDES MILITARY VETERANS BOTH RESIDING AND VACATIONING IN MIAMI BEACH.

October 14, 2020 C4 U

Commissioner Meiner

Human Resources; Procurement; Economic Development

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

20. DISCUSSION REGARDING A NEW LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY TO CHANGE STATE OF FLORIDA STATUES TO ALLOW FOR MIAMI BEACH MUNICIPAL JUDGES TO ENFORCE CITY ORDINANCES.

October 14, 2020 C4 S

Commissioner Meiner

Office of City Manager; Legal

Direction: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

21. DISCUSSION REGARDING NOISE CONCERNS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

October 14, 2020 C4 N

Commissioner Samuelian

Code Compliance

Commissioner Samuelian opened the item.

Hernan Cardeno, Director of Code Compliance, presented the Committee with Statistics on noise complaints and explained the City's ability to enforce through noise ordinance.

Alek Boksner, Chief Deputy City Attorney, discussed our legal standing with the noise ordinance.

Direction: The Administration will consider feedback from the community and bring back recommendations and enforcement plan. Return to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

DEFERRED ITEMS

22. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING IN LUMMUS PARK AND MARINE TURTLE PROTECTION.

March 18, 2020 - C4 H

Environment and Sustainability

Status: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

23. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YEAR-ROUND HOLIDAY LIGHTING ALONG A PORTION OF THE 71ST STREET BUSINESS CORRIDOR.

September 16, 2020 - C4 F

Commissioner Meiner/Commissioner
Gongora Property Management

Status: Deferred to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

24. DISCUSSION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON THE BEACHWALK

December 11, 2019 - C4G

Commissioner Steinberg

Transportation & Mobility and Police

Status: Return to the December 16, 2020 NQLC meeting.

25. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TOPS PROGRAM: OFF DUTY POLICE.

October 30, 2019 - C4G

Commissioner Samuelian

Police

Status: Return to NQLC in January 2021.

26. 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

Commissioner Gongora

Transportation & Mobility

Status: Return to NQLC in January 2021.

27. 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

Status: Return to NQLC in January 2021.

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

July 25, 2018 - C4 E

Commissioner Gongora

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.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.