

# MIAMI BEACH

Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive

February 3, 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

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A meeting of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (the "Committee") was held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor of City Hall. 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 began at 8:30 AM.

## **OLDBUSINESS**

### **1. DISCUSSION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS ON ALTON ROAD FROM 10<sup>th</sup> STREET TO 16<sup>th</sup> STREET.**

May 8, 2019 - C4 A

Transportation and Mobility

This item was heard in conjunction with item #8.

Josiel Ferrer, Assistant Director of Transportation and Mobility, presented the item.

Commissioner Steinberg asked about the impact to traffic. Mr. Ferrer stated that some travel times will go up slightly.

Commissioner Meiner asked if the McArthur Causeway traffic would be affected. Mr. Ferrer responded that the City would adjust as necessary when traffic is impacted.

**Motion: Recommend to Commission Administration's improvement plan to the affected areas. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 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 Michael Góngora Code

Code Compliance

Item was deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC, pending Commissioner Gongora meeting with Code Compliance and City Attorney's Office to discuss policy.

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INTERSECTION AT 44 STREET AND CHASE AVE AND PRAIRIE AVE AS IT RELATES TO SAFETY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS.**

May 8, 2019 - C4 D

Commissioner Steinberg

Transportation and Mobility

Josiel Ferrer, Assistant Director of Transportation and Mobility, presented the item.

Commissioner Steinberg expressed her concern over school kids crossing the street in that area and asked if there are any short-term solutions.

**Motion: By acclamation the Committee recommends the Administration's long-term solution.**

**Direction: Police Department to return to the March 4, 2020 NQLC with short term solutions.**

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

February 13, 2019 - C4 M Commissioner

Góngora

Transportation and Mobility

Milos Majstorovic, Transportation Supervisor, presented this item. The Administration recommends the Committee approve the updated service plan that was developed in collaboration with the affected communities.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if the Flamingo Park Neighborhood was supportive of the changes to the routes. Mr. Majstorovic responded that they were aware of the new routes and supported them.

**Motion: By Acclamation the Committee supports the Administration's Recommendations. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

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

December 13, 2017 - C4 A

Commissioner Góngora

Transportation and Mobility

Lynda Westin, Transportation Manager for Transportation and Mobility, presented the item.

Resident Ray Breslin spoke during public comments to state that not all residents are happy with some of the designated bicycle lanes. He stated some residents are concerned with safety.

Ms. Westin stated that the Administration is working with the residents and the area hotels to address some of their concerns.

Commissioner Steinberg asked if the City communicates with the different agencies while designing these compete streets. Ms. Westin stated that the City does communicate with various agencies and we have support for the project.

**Motion: By acclamation the Committee recommended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street portion of the plan to Commission except for the Liberty and Collins bicycle lane and with no recommendation on the Beachwalk.**

**Direction: 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to return to NQLC at a later date. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NAMING OF THE NORTH SHORE BANDSHELL.**

September 11, 2019 - C4 G

Tourism and Culture

Item was withdrawn by the Administration.

**Direction: Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

**NEWBUSINESS**

7. **DISCUSSION REGARDING RENAMING OF COLLINS CANAL PARK.**

October 16, 2019 - C4 G

Commissioner Ricky Arriola

Tourism and Culture

Matt Kenny, Director of Tourism and Culture presented the item. He explained that the sponsor of this item, Commissioner Arriola, wants to rename Collins Canal Park to Muhammad Ali Park.

Commissioner Gongora asked about the process for changing the name. Aleksandr Boksner, Chief Deputy Attorney, stated that the name change would have to go to referendum.

**Action: By acclamation the Committee recommends keeping the name Collins Park Canal. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LIGHTING ON ALTON ROAD BETWEEN 17TH AND 10TH STREETS.**

December 11, 2019 - C4 P

Mayor Gelber

Public Works

Discussed in conjunction with item # 1.

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

January 16, 2019 - C4 S

Commissioner Góngora

Public Works

Jay Fink, Assistant Director for Public Works presented the item and discussed alternate side of parking plan.

Commissioner Steinberg asked about the NEET program.

**Direction: Return to NQLC on May 20, 2020 with update on the NEET program.**

10. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF CONDUCTING A CITYWIDE ASSESSMENT OF ALL CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, INCLUDING ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS, TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN STANDARDS.**

October 16, 2019 - C4 D

Commissioner Góngora Public

Works

Roy Coley, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Mr. Coley stated that Public Works and Police Department to identify and correct areas where lighting can help reduce crime.

Commissioner Gongora asked about a pilot and cost associated with the program. Mr. Coley responded that there is no added cost.

Mr. Coley explained that once the pilot is finished, we can identify if our efforts have made an impact.

**Direction: Update Commission on this item via LTC. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

11. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MOTIONS CONCERNING FUMIGATION.**

September 11, 2019 - C4 H

Commissioner Samuelian

Public Works

The Animal Welfare Committee representatives spoke to the item, urging the Committee to implement one-way doors and see through coverings for the bottom of buildings in order to protect animals during fumigation.

Commissioner Steinberg stated she loves animals and wants to protect them but is not sure if there are legal implications to some of the solutions being presented.

Aleksandr Boksner, Chief Deputy Attorney, stated that a one-way door could have potential for unintentional harm, and he would have to research the matter further.

**Direction: Public Works, Code Compliance and the City Attorney's Office meet to discuss the different solutions presented and other possible options and return to the March 4, 2020 NQLC.**

12. **DISCUSSION REGARDING MOTIONS PASSED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BOARD ON OCTOBER 2, 2019.**

October 30, 2019 - C4 E

Commissioner Samuelian

Parks and Recreation Department

Jose Del Risco, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation presented the item. Mr. Del Risco supported the Parks Boards recommendations and explained the funding was in place for 2025.

Parks Board Member, Carolina Jones, is very excited about these recommendations and explained to the Committee that these ideas have been through the Sustainability Committee. She also stated that these ideas are slated for Tranche 3 of the GO Bond, which gives the City time to work out a plan for implementation of this completely sustainable park.

**Direction: Commissioner Steinberg would like the Parks and Recreation to return to the April 1, 2020 NQLC with responses to questions residents have regarding these recommendations.**

13. **DISCUSSION REGARDING NORTH BEACH REGIONAL PARKING ANALYSIS - WALKER CONSULTANTS.**

October 30, 2019 - C4 F

Commissioner Samuelian Parking

Commissioner Samuelian introduced the item.

Saul Frances, Director of Parking, presented the Walker Consultants parking analysis.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager spoke about the timelines of the study and the parking spaces the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Civic Complex will require.

Commissioner Samuelian spoke about discussing the parts of the study that can be implanted now and asked about legislation on temporary and under used lots.

**Direction: Return to NQLC for the March or April meeting with a list of items the City can start to implement, along with timelines and update on temporary and private lot partnerships.**

14. **DISCUSSION REGARDING HOW TO CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MIAMI BEACH.**

January 15, 2020 C4

E Commissioner

Góngora

Housing and Community Services

Item was deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC, place as first item on the agenda and add workforce housing to the discussion.

15. **DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING UP WORLD REEF DAY EVENT - JUNE 1, 2020.**

January 15, 2020 - C4 H

Commissioner Góngora

Environment and Sustainability

Flavia Tonioli, Sustainability Manager, presented the item and discussed World Ocean Day as another event being hosted by the City.

**Motion: By acclamation, the Committee recommends to the Commission to host both World Ocean Day and World Reef Day on the same date. Date to be determined by Commission. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

16. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CHANGING THE RISING ABOVE LOGO.**

December 11, 2019, C4E

Commissioner Góngora

Marketing and Communications

Tonya Daniels, Director for Marketing and Communications, presented the item by explaining the current use of the logo and how accepted and recognizable the logo has become.

**Direction: Commissioner Gongora stated the logo discussion could be had at the next Goals Conference. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

17. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED CONCEPT PROPOSED FOR THE SOUTH BEACH PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY ZONE STUDY.**

October 30, 2019 - C4 D

Transportation and Mobility

Commissioner Steinberg introduced the item and suggested a Transportation workshop to discuss this item and similar items.

**Motion: Recommend to Commission to host an evening Transportation Workshop on the South Beach Pedestrian Priority One feasibility study recommendations. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora, seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

18. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MARKETING PLAN FOR CONVENTIONS/MEETINGS AT THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER.**

December 11, 2019 – C4F

Commissioner Góngora

Tourism and Culture

Matt Kenny, Director of Tourism and Culture presented the item.

Commissioner Gongora asked for impact of the Miami Beach Convention Center and return on investment.

**Direction: Monthly LTC updates on conventions, upcoming events and return on investment data. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

19. **DISCUSSION REGARDING DEVELOPING A REAL ESTATE MARKETING KIT/MATERIAL ABOUT "WHAT MAKES MIAMI BEACH FEEDER PATTERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS GREAT ."**

October 30, 2019 - C4 I

Commissioner Góngora

Organizational Development Performance Initiatives

Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning Development Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Steinberg commented on the City's unique partnership with Miami-Dade Public Schools and that many residents are not aware of the extent of the City's involvement and participation.

Commissioner Gongora added that the community should be made aware of the City's contribution to our public schools.

Ms. Rosenfeld stated that a marketing piece should be created by the City's Marketing and Communications Department and focus on what makes the City unique when it comes to our partnership with the Miami-Dade County School system.

**Direction: Return to NQLC on April 1, 2020 with mockup of marketing piece and cost projections.**

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

January 15, 2020 - C4 J Commissioner Steinberg

Parks and Recreation Department

Commissioner Steinberg introduced the item. Dr. Karp's son spoke on behalf of his family and asked for the plaque to be placed on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Meridian, where his father's business was originally established.

John Rebar, Director of Parks and Recreation discussed the process for installing this plaque, which includes receiving permission from the current business owner.

**Direction: Return to NQLC when an agreement for placement of the plaque has been established with the current business owner.**

**21. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF BICYCLE SAFETY MEASURES BEING ENACTED ON THE VENETIAN CAUSEWAY.**

January 15, 2020 - C4 F

Commissioner Samuelian  
Transportation and Mobility

Commissioner Samuelian introduced the item and expressed his desire for a speedy solution to this safety concern.

Commissioner Gongora stated he supported the Administration's recommendation.

**Motion: City staff work with Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami to implement protection for the bicycle lanes on Venetian Causeway, including bridges. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora, seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

**22. DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON SUNSET ISLANDS 1 AND 2 PER THEIR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.**

January 15, 2020 - R9 Z

Commissioner Steinberg  
Transportation and Mobility

Josiel Ferrer, Assistant Director of Transportation and Mobility, presented the item.

Resident from Sunset Islands 1 & 2 stated that there is too much speeding through their neighborhoods, and they need traffic calming measures.

Commissioner Gongora asked the Administration about the process for determining the type of traffic calming measures needed in certain areas.

Mr. Ferrer explained that a traffic study is conducted to determine the need of the area in question.

**Motion: Recommend to the Commission at the February 12, 2020 meeting, a traffic study and funding for Sunset Islands 1 & 2 traffic calming measures. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora, seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

**23. DISCUSSION REGARDING FARM SHARE AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS.**

December 11, 2019 - R9 L

Mayor Gelber and Commissioner Gongora  
Mayor and Commission



Commissioner Gongora introduced the item and providing history on the Farm Share turkey distribution. He stated he was open to suggestions moving forward and continuing to provide these services to our residents in need.

Commissioner Richardson spoke to his legislative experience and State House rules pertaining to food sharing/distribution organizations.

**Motion: No hosting food distributions during early voting and election days**

**No Candidate can campaign during event**

**The food distribution site cannot be near voting sites**

**Motioned by Commissioner Gongora, seconded by Commissioner Meiner.  
Remove item from NQLC agenda.**

24. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S PERMITTING PROCESS INCLUDING WALK-IN CUSTOMERS AND THE TIMELINE TO OBTAIN PERMITS.**

January 15, 2020 - R9 Y

CommissionerSteinberg

Building

Item deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC.

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

25. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING A TURNING LANE WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING EAST ON I-195 HEADING ONTO 41ST STREET AND TURNING SOUTH ON ALTON ROAD.**

May 16, 2018 - C4 AO

Commissioner Góngora

Transportation and Mobility

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

26. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF EXTRANEIOUS 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 NCAC meeting when ready.**

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

December 12, 2018 - C4 Q

Transportation

**Status: Deferred pending completion of traffic study.**

28. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CRIME IN MIAMI BEACH.**

February 14, 2018 - R9 X

Commissioner Góngora

Police

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

29. **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 Góngora

Transportation

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

30. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CITIZEN, THE SMARTPHONE POLICE BLOTTER.**

September 11, 2019 - C4 K

Commissioner Góngora

Police

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

31. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD FIRE STATION AND THE RELOCATION OF ENTITIES DISPLACED BY THE CONVERSION OF THE 6TH STREET COMPLEX.**

October 30, 2019 - C4C

Parks and Recreation Department

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

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

October 30, 2019 - C4G

Commissioner Samuelian

Police

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

33. **DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A POLICING PLAN**

October 30, 2019 – R9F

Commissioner Gongora

Police

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

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

December 11, 2019 - C4G

Commissioner Steinberg

Police

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

35. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE**

January 15, 2020 - C4G

Commissioner Meiner

Police

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

Item was removed from deferral and discussed.

Commissioner Meiner introduced the item and expressed his wish for a Public Safety Citizen Volunteer Initiative. He stated that many cities throughout the Country have started this type of program.

Chief Clements stated he would reach out to the Tri-County area for information and feedback on the success of this type of initiative. He noted that many aspects would have to be considered such as training and safety of the volunteers and he would need to discuss further with the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Meiner added that the program might work best if the citizen volunteers wore uniforms and were able to communicate directly with law enforcement to report any issues.

Chief Clements stated his number one concern is the safety of the volunteers and his officers. He noted that police radios communicate privileged information and might therefore not be appropriate for a volunteer.

**Direction: Chief Clements to meet with Commissioner Meiner to discuss the program in detail. Chief Clements to also meet with City Attorney's Office. Item to return to NQLC on April 1, 2020.**

36. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2020 CENSUS.**

January 15, 2020 - R9 F  
Mayor and Commissioners  
Office of City Manager

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**

37. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS APPEARING BEFORE THE CITY.**

January 15, 2020 - C4 I  
City Attorney

**Status: Deferred to the March 4, 2020 NQLC meeting.**