

MIAMI BEACH

Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee Meeting- Afteraction
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive
May 19, 2017 - 10:00 AM

Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Chair
Commissioner Michael Grieco, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, Member
Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman, Alternate

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A meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee was held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chamber, 3rd Floor of City Hall. Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Micky Steinberg, Michael Grieco, John Elizabeth Alemán, and Ricky Arriola. Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance.

Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF AMENITIES IN SOUNDSCAPE PARK

March 1, 2017 - R9 C

Tourism, Culture, and Economic Development

ACTION

David Phillips from the New World Symphony spoke on behalf of the item. He showed a presentation for the committee regarding ways to take the park to a higher level of experience. The goal is to be able to better accommodate the high volume of people. He provided explanations of their vision for Soundscape Park. The New World Symphony would like a more pedestrian friendly area surrounding the park. The New World Symphony would like to continue the conversations with City staff.

Commissioner Alemán said the ideas seems very interesting, but she is a little bit concerned about the removal the restrooms and they it will be too far. She said she wonders if they can try to minimize the impact of the restrooms other than moving them that far away. She asked if staff has had a chance to work through these ideas.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said staff has gone through the ideas with the New World Symphony, but haven't worked through them, developed any budget impacts, etc.

Commissioner Steinberg suggested directing staff to come up with a tighter concept and hash some things out. Also, have a component go to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC) because there will be a budget component.

Commissioner Alemán said she saw the street leveling in Coral Gables that was mentioned in the presentation, which can be very beautiful at times.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said that Coral Gables did it in an interesting way, because rather than raising the roads they did a gradual smoothing of the sidewalk down to street level, which is less expensive. She said they could definitely look into that.

Commissioner Steinberg said that there were great components that were shown, but they need to make sure what makes sense.

Commissioner Alemán complimented West 8 because when they do a project they are very committed to the areas where they have had an impact.

MOTION 1: Vote of acclamation to minimize impact of bathrooms.

MOTION 2: Vote of acclamation to direct staff to work out the cost of the concepts with New World Symphony.

MOTION 3: Vote of acclamation to send a financial component to the FCWPC after development of cost estimates.

2. **DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON MAKING MIAMI BEACH A "CITY OF KINDNESS"**

October 19, 2016 - R9 D Communications

Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

ACTION

Tonya Daniels, Director of Communications presented the item. She said that they have been working closely with Commissioner Steinberg. She said they are going to start with an internal launch as discussed. Then they will take it external and start with employees and City staff. They have done a poll and there are actually a lot of things that departments are doing, like charity work that we do not all know about. They are going to start with promoting those things. They are going to start with the internal campaign and then take it external.

Commissioner Steinberg suggested sharing with everyone the idea of the tracker.

Tonya Daniels said there is a coin, in the coin there is a tracker, you go online to register the coin, and when you give the coin to someone it is paying it forward. You register what you did to be kind and then you give it to someone else. All of the acts of kindness are tied to that coin.

Commissioner Steinberg said we will start with the City government first and work our way out.

NO ACTION TAKEN

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF FARAH SERVICE EUE SPORTS EQUIPMENT AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

November 9, 2016 - C4 A Parks and Recreation

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola

ACTION

DIRECTION: Deferred to the June 30, 2017 NCAC meeting.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING BUMP-OUTS ON 40TH STREET**

December 14, 2016 - C4 P Transportation

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

Jose Gonzalez, Transportation Director and Josiel Ferrer, Transportation Manager presented

the item. Josiel Ferrer said that 40th Street was part of the Bayshore neighborhood improvement. They took a look at the records of prior to the improvement and after the improvement. This is all based on a request from the synagogue on 40th Street and Chase Avenue. They have communicated with Rabbi Bixon and he said when there is traffic and gridlock in the area, the bump-outs are becoming an impediment to turning movements. He said they took a look how the street was prior to the bump-out conditions, the lane width along 40th Street was between 11-13 feet, the parking width was actually 11-14 feet. There was a 4-foot curb and gutter, a small planning strip, and then a sidewalk. With such wide parking and intersections people could go around a car that was stopped at a stop sign and make a right turn, now that is not possible. Before the crossing for pedestrians was 54 feet and now, it is 33 feet. The pedestrian crossings are now a lot safer. This is consistent with the street design guideline that was approved by the City Commission. Under the current conditions, even if the bump-outs are removed there still wouldn't be enough room to accommodate a vehicle turning.

Commissioner Steinberg asked if there is any other benefit of removing the bump-outs. Josiel Ferrer said no other benefit they can think of, in the reality, not even additional parking because the bump-outs are placed in a location where parking is not allowed anyway. The only benefit of removing the bump-outs would be to make the pedestrian area lengthier to walk.

Commissioner Steinberg suggested for Josiel Ferrer to brief Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez since she is the sponsor and share their findings, if she wishes to bring this back in another capacity they would be happy to hear it.

NO ACTION TAKEN

5. DISCUSSION ON OFFERING MIAMI BEACH AS A PILOT CITY FOR UBER SELF-DRIVING CARS

January 11, 2017 - C4 B Transportation

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

Jose Gonzalez, Transportation Director presented the item. He said they have been doing a lot of research of this topic. He said there are different companies testing this concept in various states. The technology is not yet operational in the industry. He said they looked at the Florida laws and they couldn't find any regulations in law, there is language that allows continued research and development of this technology, but not for operation. In Miami Dade County, they just recently launched a pilot program for autonomous vehicles. He said we have been in conversations with the County and expressed the desire to join them; they said they would not have any objections to that. Other areas being tested are Downtown Miami, Key Biscayne, and FIU campus. Jose Gonzalez said he is seeking the committee's direction on whether they would like to join the County on their effort or issue our own solicitation to perform some type of pilot.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said regardless of which option they choose the City will have to have close integration with the County because of signalization issues. There is a benefit of joining the County's effort to streamline.

Commissioner Arriola said he thinks it is worth trying.

Commissioner Steinberg asked how this would work. She asked where it be. She suggested Transportation coming back with more information of what this would entail.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said they can do that, but the first question is would this be something the committee wants them to do separately or with the County. There would still be something on Miami Beach, but they could work with the County to help define where this would occur.

Commissioner Alemán said she would think that we should join with the County. She suggested to talk to the County about joining their program and find out what it would look like in Miami Beach.

Jose Gonzalez said they are excited about joining the County's program. Commissioner Steinberg said she is excited about the signalization.

MOTION: Vote of acclamation to join Miami Dade County's program for uber self-driving cars.

DIRECTION: Come back to NCAC after more details are discovered of how everything will work.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING LOWERING SPEED LIMITS AND/OR TRAFFIC CALMING IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

January 11, 2017 - R9 F Transportation

Sponsored by Commissioner Grieco

ACTION

Commissioner Grieco said this is consistent with what was talked about at Commission; the speed limits are too high. Coral Gables successfully sought to have their speed limits reduced. He asked how they accomplished that and how would we go about doing that as well. He asked what we can do to change how the speed limits are established.

Jose Gonzalez said that Commissioner Grieco is correct regarding what he said about Coral Gables. He said they reached out to Coral Gables and the County as well to see how they went about lowering their speed limits. The City of Coral Gables and Miami Dade County got together and they agreed on a methodology to identify target areas within the City and collected data on those roadways. The methodology calls for if 85% of the motoring public is traveling between 22-28 mph that would justify lowering the speed limit to 25 mph. He said if we desire a speed limit of 25 mph we would need to have an 85% between 22-28 mph.

Commissioner Grieco said that makes no sense. He confirmed that we would have to have cars driving lowering than the speed limit in order to lower the speed limit.

Jose Gonzalez confirmed that is correct.

Commissioner Grieco said in Miami Beach if the speed limit is 35 mph people are probably going 45 mph. If we wanted to match the speed limits that people are actually driving we would be increasing the speed limits in most of the neighborhoods. The point of this is to reduce speed limits, so that if we wanted to conduct maybe a yearlong no tolerance policy, strict traffic enforcement Citywide we would have something to enforce.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said that she thinks part of the rational is that this is what it takes to get the County's approval typically and the rational for that is if that is the natural speed that is created by the roadway design that is the speed people will drive anyway. What we have been promoting instead are those traffic-calming measures you actually change the roadway design so people naturally slow down. She said we may want to look at more of those. She said if we do the Bayshore and Nautilus neighborhoods, maybe we can use that to justify for them to do the lower speed limits in all neighborhoods, using just those few neighborhoods.

Commissioner Grieco said that this is what was talked about the other day, about funding those traffic-calming mechanisms to implement some of the traffic circles and other traffic calming models. Anyone can ignore a sign. He said we need to keep this in the back of our minds, in addition to the traffic calming measures; we need to reduce the speed limits also which is consistent with what Commissioner Malakoff was saying the other day.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said she wanted to clarify that the City of Coral Gables

only did the lowering of speed limits on the City roadways they did not do it on the County roadways. Our residential streets are City streets; they are not County roadways or FDOT roadways.

Commissioner Alemán said we shouldn't be looking at any of these streets or neighborhoods in a vacuum. The other day we were talking about a request from North Bay Road to close off North Bay Road to anyone that does not live there. That would cause even more congestion and problems on Alton Road, which would cause even more cut-through traffic in other areas such as Nautilus and Central Bayshore areas. This is all interconnected. We need to be careful when considering these types of changes.

Jose Gonzalez said when they do a traffic study they do look at the impact the proposed action will have on the surrounding streets.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. DISCUSSION ON THE CREATION OF A MIAMI BEACH HALL OF FAME AND ESTABLISHING CRITERIA PLACEMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

January 11, 2017 - R9 R

Tourism, Culture and Economic Development Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the June 30th NCAC meeting.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BATHROOMS CITYWIDE

February 8, 2017 - C4 N

Parks and Recreation / Property Management

Sponsored by Commissioner Grieco

ACTION

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director and Adrian Morales, Property Management Director presented the item.

Commissioner Grieco asked how they think we are doing.

John Rebar said we can do better. He said they are grading with the cleanliness index which shows data where there needs improvement. They do need to upgrade some areas, there is a budget request in this year, since some bathrooms are old. Even when they are clean they don't look clean. Especially when they are trashed by certain users, by someone going in, but there is also that old dingy look that they are progressively fixing.

Commissioner Grieco said we are a world class City and we don't have world class bathrooms. He said especially in our parks or at the beach, when people go to the bathroom and some of them are just a disaster. Even in some of the new parks. He asked how we deploy the maintenance on this.

John Rebar said it is outsourced. Commissioner Grieco asked if it is all the same Citywide or if there are different vendors.

Adrian Morales said for cleanliness the vendor is United Services Inc, the City's janitorial contract provides service to those bathrooms. In June, there will be an item to issue an RFP for services since the current company isn't doing too well.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said now that we have developed performance standards for those bathrooms, we can incorporate that into the Bid, which we did not have before.

Commissioner Grieco said he thinks we can have a better vendor. More importantly what we are bidding out regarding responsibilities, hours, etc. is an important piece of this as well. We are not a 9am-5pm City. We need to come up with a better framework to be presented in a better way.

Adrian Morales said service right now is every hour in the public restrooms and during high impact weekends every half an hour. Sometimes the traffic is so high that it is not even enough. He said they are working on the specifications now.

Commissioner Steinberg said we have an opportunity to really look at the scope and taking everything we have seen in the last few years and incorporate new criteria.

Commissioner Alemán asked what the status is, she said she knows we have new bathrooms going in at Flamingo Park, at North Shore Park, and she is not sure of the other ones being put in around town.

Joh Rebar said that the one in Flamingo Park will be opening soon. Altos Del Mar, when that project is completed there will be a restroom. They are working on adding an outdoor restroom at North Shore Park and Youth Center, which they did hit some roadblocks at Design Review Board. They have to go back and maybe redesign and look at some other options.

The committee asked what the road blocks were. John Rebar said the design was not accepted, they have either to redesign at that location or move it to a different location closer to the interior of the park.

Commissioner Steinberg asked when they go in front of these boards, does that bathroom have to be in a certain location for functionality. John Rebar said the North Shore Park is a tight area, where they were suggesting locating the bathroom, had them relocate the batting cages. It is tight to the outfield. The other location it could be near the children's playground, which would have less strict design standards, but then they have to decide what to do with the children's playground. There is not much space at the park.

Commissioner Alemán said if we are going to do something like that, this needs to be completely rethought.

John Rebar said this is all fresh news, he spoke to David Martinez about this, if they are thinking of redoing everything in the park, redesigning, increasing costs, there needs to be a whole conversation. They may as well start from scratch to see what will work. They have already met with an architect.

Commissioner Alemán and Commissioner Steinberg want to meet with John Rebar separately regarding North Shore Park and Youth Center.

Lori Needer, Parks and Recreation Facilities Advisory Board spoke on the item. She mentioned that the board made a motion to expedite the bathroom at North Shore Park, the bathroom has been a huge concern. Commissioner Steinberg said she doesn't want to have to wait another year. Commissioner Alemán said she is upset to hear that the Design Review Board take the action they did. They need to improve safety by design. John Rebar said there is in the budget for next year a luxury portable for the 2-week period for the ITF, something similar they do for Miami Open.

Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney asked if there was direction to come back with this item.

Commissioner Steinberg asked if this has to go to Commission anyway.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said she wasn't sure if it would be a Bid or RFP. Adrian Morales said it will be an RFP. Kathie Brooks said then it would need to go back to

Commission.

NO ACTION TAKEN

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH BRANDING-MUNICIPAL LOGO**

February 8, 2017 -R9 E

Communications

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the June 30, 2017 NCAC meeting.

10. **DISCUSSION TO RECONSIDER THE CITY'S USE OF BONDED AGGREGATE FOR TREE PITS**

February 8, 2017 - R9 O

Public Works

Sponsored by Commissioner Alemán

ACTION

Rodney Knowles, Greenspace Management Division Director presented the item. He said that the bonded aggregate we are using throughout the City has come in handy, it has helped retrofit a lot of existing tree pits that have mature trees in them. The benefit of using it, there is a lot of concrete settling and there are some situations where the bonded aggregate can be adapted to the existing trees in existing conditions. In regards to other methods there are metal grates, the ideal situation is when the trees are first installed on a level surface. The problem is, as the tree grows there is a risk that the metal grates will damage the trees. If there is some kind of settling around the frame then you will have the panels upheaving and causing trip hazards. The metal grates are also notorious for collecting trash, cigarettes, etc. metal grates also don't allow water run off properly, and they don't help with gaseous exchange in the roots. As the tree grows, you run into issues again with the removable surface meets the tree trunk. Bonded aggregate works because even if the product fails, it doesn't damage the tree and it can be taken out.

Commissioner Alemán said when she first asked about this she was told that the bonded aggregate doesn't crack or break and she had photos from residents all over town. She asked if we have resolved the issues.

Rodney Knowles said that the issue with bonded aggregate is a new product and there are several vendors throughout the country who are hocking their product. They went back and looked at the formulation and decided to standardize it so that different people are coming in with their own different products. Planning and Parks and Recreation have worked with Greenspace Management, now there is a contract with a vendor that understands exactly the way we want it installed. The bonded aggregate goes to the edge of the pit, as the trees sways the rest of the product will remain and only some will break away.

Commissioner Alemán says that it sounds like the bonded aggregate cheaper, easier to install, easier to maintain, and we have resolved with a new strategy and product the cracking and lifting. She thinks on certain streets, on the iconic streets we would go back to the metal grates since they are pervious as well. The perimeter of the openings in the sidewalks are standard and as the tree grows it seems like there can be a depot with different sets of grates with different sizes of openings. If it is limited in its distribution to just those key iconic streets you can keep an eye on it and as the tree was getting close you could remove the metal grate and get a new one with a bigger opening. To her it seems achievable.

Commissioner Steinberg said they can look into that to see which streets it seems to make sense on.

Rodney Knowles said the metal grates work best when there is a new tree being installed. The concrete sidewalk everything is being poured at the same time.

Commissioner Alemán said then the bonded aggregate it is.

Rodney Knowles said they will continue to look at alternatives as they hit the market.

NO ACTION TAKEN

11. DISCUSSION AS REQUESTED BY THE VENETIAN ISLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, ON ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON THE VENETIAN WAY, FROM RIVO ALTO TO SAN MARINO

March 1, 2017 - C4 J

Transportation

Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

ACTION

Juergen Brendel, president of the Venetian Islands Homeowners Association spoke on the item. He said an issue is the small portable stop signs for pedestrians crossing Venetian Way. As the Venetian Way is becoming a busier artery going from Miami to Miami Beach, according to statistics there are about 200,000 vehicles coming across per month. He read some emails from residents that are concerned. The association suggests putting some of the flashing crossings like on Alton Road.

Jose Gonzalez, Transportation Director said that they have conducted an assessment of the existing conditions at the un-signalized crosswalks and there is some room for improvement. The Venetian Causeway is under Miami Dade County's jurisdiction, they would need to work closely with the County on any improvements. They would desire as a motion from the committee directing Transportation to work with the County to a great extent.

Commissioner Grieco asked where we are on the 2 pilot programs that are deployed now.

Jose Gonzalez said that there is funding available for some locations. Commissioner Grieco said he meant the statistics. Jose Gonzalez said that pilot has been completed and it was successful.

Commissioner Grieco said a couple of years ago they implemented a pilot program at South of Fifth and one in Collins Park, where they implemented crosswalks with LED lights and flashing beacons. There was statistical analysis done before, during, and after and the statistics showed a significant increase of compliance and worthy of expanding the program to other locations. Jose Gonzalez said that is all accurate.

Commissioner Grieco said that in his mind those two crossings on the Venetian Causeway were on his radar for the second round of implementation. He asked if there was grant money involved. Jose Gonzalez said it is capital funding.

Commissioner Grieco said even if we work out a deal with the County where we could chip in or something along those lines, that he thinks those locations would warrant this. Other locations in North Beach and on West Avenue could be involved as well. He thinks this location could be a perfect location to work on this with the County.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager asked Jose Gonzalez if we had the existing funding fully allocated. She said we might need to go back, look, reprioritize, and bring it back here.

Commissioner Grieco said in the meantime communicate with the County and share our data with them, he thinks that would be very useful. His own reservation is the amount of traffic on the Venetian Causeway.

Jose Gonzalez said both the beacons and LED lights are options; they are working with the

County on approving the thresholds the Transportation department developed. Several months ago, he came before the committee with some guidelines because they did not exist for these types of devices. They do have candidate locations and they will look at their priority listing to see if this one can be squeezed in.

Commissioner Arriola said that he understands where Mr. Brendel's concerns lie and that the City is working on it.

Commissioner Alemán said she got a call from Commissioner Sally Heyman's office because she had asked her to help with the Alton Road discussion appealing to Secretary of Transportation Jim Wolf from FDOT. FDOT's methodology to decide whether a crosswalk is needed is to look at pedestrians attempting to cross. Since that is the methodology and no one is crossing Alton Road because of the many lanes, they decide they don't need to install a crosswalk. We have to keep trying.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager asked Jose Gonzalez if he knows if there is an opportunity to get something in as part of the Alton Road FDOT project. Jose Gonzalez said it is not part of that. Kathie Brooks said if there is the opportunity to get that in, they should try.

Commissioner Steinberg asked what they need from the committee to get moving.

Jose Gonzalez said that Kathie Brooks reminded him of how they came before the committee a couple of months ago with a list of priority locations for the LED crosswalks, there is no additional funding available in the capital projects. They would need to come back before the committee to reprioritize.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said they can either come back to reprioritize or they can make an additional request in the capital budget process that they will be going through next month.

Commissioner Steinberg said to add it to the capital budget process, if they need to take another look at the priorities that is fine, but she wants to make sure the strip is being discussed now is added.

DIRECTION: Add this item to the capital budget process and provide a list of priorities from a couple of months ago.

12. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PILOTLESS DRONE TAXIS**

March 1, 2017 - C4 O

Transportation

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

Jose Gonzalez, Transportation Director presented the item. They have conducted some research on unmanned air craft system also known as drones. This item pertains to passenger drones, drones that are used for taxi purposed. They found that the first test for this will be done in Nevada, but they don't believe it has started yet. This testing is for research purposed only. They have looked into Federal Aviation Administration guidelines and one of the requirements states that you cannot fly these drones over people. In a City such as ours with so many people, that is quite challenging.

Commissioner Alemán said that when and if the technology becomes available bring it back then and let Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez know.

DIRECTION: Come back when and if the technology becomes available and inform Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez, the sponsor of the item

13. **DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE PLACING CAMERAS ON EVERY CORNER OF THE**

**MXE (MIXED USE ENTERTAINMENT) DISTRICT AND ON THE BEACHWALK, AND
INSTALLING EMERGENCY ACTIVATION BOXES ALONG THE BEACHWALK**

March 1, 2017 - C4 P

Police

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the June 30, 2017 NCAC meeting.

**14. DISCUSSION ON ADDING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
THE NEW PUMP STATION ON NORTH BAY ROAD AND 23RD STREET**

March 1, 2017 - C4 Q

Parks and Recreation

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director presented the item. This item is referring to a street end and possibly making it park-like. Before they came back to committee they wanted to do some public outreach on the item. There were mixed responses. He has received strong no's. This is a family residential neighborhood. There were some folks that wanted a little something maybe a few benches and maybe an area for dogs. There was strong opposition to the adjacent homeowners. He is asking for further direction, if there is direction to do something and maybe move this to the FCWPC, Parks and Recreation and CIP can do some cost estimates.

Commissioner Steinberg said there were some emails regarding making sure there cleanliness is taken care of and also the hours.

John Rebar said that this area is treated as a right of way by Greenspace Management , Parks and Recreation are going to put up some signs because it is used for recreational purpose. They will install sunrise to sunset sign establishing times of access. They will be taking a look at the cleanliness to make sure it is being kept clean. Police is also doing some special watches because the residents said there is some explicit behavior there.

Commissioner Alemán said she was reading over the survey, more than 50% of the people surveyed do not want any change, the only interest was possible benches.

John Rebar said if he had a recommendation at this time, it would be to not turn it into a park, to maintain it as a greenspace and maybe reevaluate next budget year to see if they want to add any more amenities.

Sharon Pizzorni, one of homeowners adjacent to the greenspace. She strongly opposes any people to be in that area. The noise is horrible. People are loitering and doing other explicit activity. It has changed their peacefulness living there. Hopefully there won't be any future activity there.

Commissioner Alemán said they will make sure Captain Pfrogner will be aware of the area. Commissioner Steinberg said Captain Pfrogner has put a watch on the area.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**15. DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CENTRAL
BAYSHORE NEIGHBORHOOD AND DISCUSSION REGARDING RAISING STREETS
HIGHER THAN OUR HOMES**

March 1, 2017 - R7 J and R9 S

Transportation / Public Works

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

Commissioner Steinberg said she discussed the traffic calming in the central Bayshore neighborhood at Commission. She said she knows we are having a workshop and she asked if this will be included. She confirmed that this will be taken up at the workshop.

NO ACTION TAKEN

16. DISCUSSION REGARDING FDOT RECONSTRUCTION OF ALTON ROAD TREES

March 1, 2017 - R9 X
Public Works

ACTION

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director presented the item. He said that this is really just an update on this particular item. At the direction of this committee they went out to the neighborhood with a lot of help from the Communications department. They have gone door to door to the 350 homes and touched every one of them. There will be a public meeting next Tuesday evening at 6 pm. This is an educational meeting to talk about the project, it is a City meeting. After the meeting they will be sending a survey out to get feedback on how residents feel about the project and of the two alternatives that have been discussed how they feel about them. Hopefully from that they will get a consensus and bring it back here next month.

Commissioner Alemán asked for the Alton Road Homeowners Association to be emailed about the meeting.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager asked Eric Carpenter to state on the record of when and where the meeting will be.

Eric Carpenter said it will be next Tuesday May 23rd at 6 pm at the Miami Beach Golf Club.

DIRECTION: Come back to the June 30th NCAC meeting with results from the survey after having the community meeting.

17. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE EAST VENETIAN BASCULE BRIDGE

March 1, 2017 - R9 V
Transportation
Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to June 30th NCAC meeting.

18. DISCUSSION REGARDING A TEMPORARY ART INSTALLATION, "ART IN MOTION" COMMUNITY PROJECT, TO PROMOTE THE ARTWORK OF MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

March 22, 2017 - C4 D
Organizational Development / Tourism, Culture, and Economic Development
Sponsored by Commissioner Joy Malakoff

ACTION

Jim Morrison, Art in Motion said Art in Motion would be a temporary project featuring a full color display placed in the middle of the Macarthur Causeway. It has been developed to the point where they have all of the content in place as per required by FDOT. It has to be brought to FDOT by the City through resolution in order for them to consider it. They are looking to work with local student artists and showcase them during Art Basel. It will be show

cased for a month during Art Basel through the holidays and then removed. There originally was a sign and it has been gone for many years. There is existing power and they will tap into that power in order to operate this installation.

Commissioner Alemán asked if they are expecting any funding from the City for this. Jim said not necessarily, he has been working with a grant writer currently putting together for some funding for this. It will operate as a non-profit.

Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning Development Officer said she has spoken to the principle of Miami Beach Senior High School, as far as the school system is concerned the permission has been granted and they are in possession of the students' artwork. Jim said he actually has content.

Commissioner Steinberg said they would have to make a recommendation to move forward since the resolution needs to go to the Commission for approval.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said that there are two things to consider. Art Basel has not weighed in on this. We might want to check into that first.

Jim said there was discussion last year with Bob Goodman on this. Since this is not an Art Basel sanctioned project he did not see it necessary to get directly involved.

Eva Silverstein, Tourism, Culture, Economic Development Director said the rendering in the memorandum uses the Art Basel Miami Beach logo. The committee said they don't have the rendering in the memorandum.

Commissioner Steinberg said you can't use someone's logo that is not yours.

Commissioner Alemán asked Eva Silverstein to follow up with Art Basel on the logo.

Kathie Brooks said the second item is the FDOT approval, which will be required. Jim said he has met with them a couple of times, they said 100% of the content had to be supplied as part of the permitting process, so that is why he went to Miami Beach Senior High School to have the content released. It is only released for the permitting process. Based on the response from FDOT and assuming the permit is allowed, and then you go back for individual releases from the students.

Commissioner Alemán said they should move it forward to the Commission pending FDOT's approval and pending the discussion with Art Basel.

Commissioner Steinberg said the gentleman is trying to say in order for the process to get started with FDOT the Commission needs to say they are okay with it.

Kathie Brooks said what she thinks Commissioner Alemán was trying to say is that approval can be subject to.

Jim said that he did visit with David Richardson and he said in order for him to step in with FDOT there would need to be a resolution by the Commission.

The resolution would be subject to certain criteria.

Commissioner Alemán said the big concern with the rendering it says Art Basel right on it.

Jim said the rendering was just for general purposes, of understanding where it would be placed and discussion.

Commissioner Steinberg and Commissioner Alemán said to get their approval or change the rendering.

Jim said he did reach out to try and speak with Design Review board to try to get some input

on what they would like the installation to look like. He said there is a lot of room for changes.

MOTION: Commissioner Alemán motioned to put a resolution together for the July Commission meeting pending FDOT's approval and pending a discussion with Art Basel. Commissioner Grieco seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

19. DISCUSSION REGARDING A NO PANHANDLING ZONE ON LINCOLN ROAD

April 26, 2017 - C4 Q

Office of Housing and Community Services / Police / Office of the City Attorney

Sponsored by Commissioner Alemán and Commissioner Malakoff

ACTION

DIRECTION: Deferred to the June 30, 2017 NCAC meeting.

20. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS DISCOURAGING PANHANDLING

April 26, 2017 - C4 P

Office of Housing and Community Services / Communications

ACTION

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services and Tonya Daniels, Director of Communications presented the item. They presented a handout to the committee.

Tonya Daniels said they were already working on signage with Maria Ruiz and her team to place throughout the City to discourage panhandling; they are working on a campaign. It encourages other ways of helping. The handout is an example of graphics they created and things like this would be placed in bus shelters and some posters. All of the items are still under discussion.

Commissioner Alemán said she is supportive of all of our attempts to cause a shift here. She is open-minded of trying these ideas. She said she doesn't know what happened with those Romero Brito meters.

Maria Ruiz said those meters help collect roughly \$10,000 per year that goes to the homeless trust budget.

Commissioner Steinberg asked if Maria and Tonya have sat down and worked through the messaging.

Maria said yes with Tonya and her team, they have done this for a few months now. They have looked at what other City's have done, they want to keep a balance of being straight forward without being offensive. This particular campaign really stresses the fact that you are not being compassionate by handing out the money. At the end of the day you are doing something that is counterintuitive. She believes the message is strong.

Commissioner Alemán said the particular guy in the handout looks more northern. Commissioner Steinberg agreed.

Tonya said they do agree and they are working on that. She said they want to do a photo shoot. The handout that was given was just an example.

Commissioner Alemán asked where else are the signs going to go besides bus shelters. Tonya said they are still working out the final details they need to look at budgets; there will be post cards and flyers as well. Any resources that are free they will utilize.

Commissioner Steinberg said she thinks changing the conversation about it is key and it

starts with the little things, hopefully they all come together and interconnect.

NO ACTION TAKEN

21. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY SUPPORT FOR THE SOBE CATS SPAY & NEUTER, INC. TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM

April 26, 2017 - C4 R

Public Works

Sponsored by Commissioner Alemán

ACTION

Commissioner Alemán gave some background on the cat situation in Miami Beach. Residents on both sides have always had concerns on how the City is handling this situation. The City's role has been to provide grant writing for the project called project cat snip. Our expert partner, Mary Thinglestad from Sobe Cats and they are requesting continued budget support for project cat snip. She explained they need help and resources to help spay and neuter the cats living in the community so they can make a difference. In Miami Beach there is a strategy of attrition through sterilization. If no one would dump another pet in a City of Miami Beach we would work our way out of this situation. She said that she knows Mary requested 3 things to be considered, whether the City would allow a pilot program of the feeder that was presented, whether the City formal registration and credentialing of the program volunteers who actually provide a good service, they identify certain things, and also whether the City would allow educational signage.

Mary Thinglestad said that she has been researching this on this project since they have been getting grants, for 6 years. She explained that Sobe Cats is a non-profit organization; all of the money they get goes towards the cats and their well-being. There is a need for feeding stations in certain areas. Some people come to the City put down food for the cats and it blows away and becomes a trash problem. The feeders are to have an organized community project; they just want the City to help with some components. She found the planter as the feeder and she is projecting it for the parks as the pilot program. She explained the infrastructure of the feeder, it looks like a log and it will blend in to the environment. It will feed anywhere between 12-15 cats. They will be put randomly where there are colonies. There will also be water bowls put inside of them. With the feeders there will be badges to explain where they feed and how many cats are in the colonies. They will be identified for Police and Code Compliance.

Commissioner Alemán asked if Mary has sat down with staff regarding the program. There are concerns about food and standing water.

Mary Thinglestad said there was a meeting and several members of the community and staff came to the meeting to see a presentation about what this is all about.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director said there have been several meetings. He also said that Mary is fantastic, she does all of this for no money. We wouldn't have a program in Miami Beach if it wasn't for Mary. He said that Ricky Falls has taken over for Lynn Bernstein who has been the liaison for the TNR program. This is an extremely challenging subject that we are trying to deal with. He said we want to control the cat population humanely and get to an end result. He thinks there has been progress and we have more control over the situation than we did in the past.

Commissioner Alemán asked if we had a feeder like this, can we use it to slowly move the cats away from humans.

Mary Thinglestad said they will be strategically placed to spread them out. Commissioner Alemán said right now the feeding is done in the right-of-way.

Mary Thinglestad said this pilot program is really a 3 point program in order to be successful. One is the feeding station, two is the feeder who is organized and responsible, and three is

signage. The signage she's proposing is small, but it needs to say that it is monitored feeding. Unless we put that out there to let people know to not feed the cats, people will want to move food out for the cats.

Commissioner Steinberg asked Eric Carpenter what his input is, she asked if he needs to work out some of the details to this new methodology of approach.

Eric Carpenter said he thinks the biggest complaint we get today is not the cats themselves, it is the litter related to the feeding of the cats. Mary's program is great by letting people the right way to do it, so there are not unintended problems.

Commissioner Alemán said in terms of the program registration of volunteers, she thinks we should do that. The respective departments will know the volunteers that are credentialed and know they are doing it the right way. She would like to see as long as the City staff say they have gotten over the hurdle of the devices and understand how it will be deployed she would like to see us pilot this somewhere to see if it is a good tool.

Commissioner Steinberg said she likes the idea of the pilot. Mary said they did a pilot and it was at least 4 years ago out from under the boardwalk. it was great, the problem was the homeless destroyed most of them because it wasn't this material of the new ones. It worked really well.

Commissioner Alemán asked for Eric Carpenter to work with Sobe Cats to determine the proper locations and reprove that the pilot will work. She is very optimistic about this, but before we invest in the devices Citywide she wanted to make sure they are working for everyone involved. She said to bring anything from a budgeting standpoint. She said the other item was Commissioner Steinberg's and it was more for budgeting resources.

MOTION: Vote of acclamation for Eric Carpenter and City staff to work with Sobe Cats and also bring the implications to FCWPC.

22. DISCUSSION REGARDING ALLOCATING MORE RESOURCES FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING CATS IN MIAMI BEACH

April 26, 2017 - R9AB

Public Works

Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

ACTION

Commissioner Steinberg said she thinks this item should be at FCWPC since they need to find financial resources.

Commissioner Alemán said that when she saw Commissioner Steinberg's item she was excited because money is an issue. City staff has always helped Sobe Cats get the Pet Smart grant. She said that from May 2012-2014 Mary spayed and neutered 2,000 cats. Through 2017 another 1,723 cats, she said Mary's goal this year is 500 cats. It costs \$70.29 per cat. In an ideal world, Mary said that if she had the funding for 2,000 more cats, that it would get her through 2 kitten seasons per year, which is \$140,000.

Commissioner Steinberg said that at the FCWPC meeting, they can hash out the different levels of funding sources, what we allocate now and how much more is needed and what impact it will have.

Mary Thingstad said that they have done almost 7,000 cats. The community has joined in, it is worth more than any money they could ever get. Mary said that on the website, the caring for animals section needs to be updated.

Commissioner Steinberg asked for Morgan Goldberg to get in contact with Mary and find out what needs to be updated by the appropriate person.

MOTION: Vote of acclamation to refer this item to FCWPC.

23. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPING BY THE MURANO AT PORTOFINO CONDOMINIUM ALONG THE PUBLIC BAYWALK ADJACENT TO THE MIAMI BEACH MARINA

April 26, 2017 - C4 S

Tourism, Culture, and Economic Development

ACTION

DIRECTION: Deferred to the June 30, 2017 NCAC meeting.

24. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NORTH SHORE PARK TENNIS CENTER TEACHING PROFESSIONALS

April 26, 2017 - C4 T

Parks and Recreation

ACTION

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director presented the item. He explained that the administration and elected officials have been receiving several emails from residents regarding teaching professional at North Shore Tennis Center. He gave a little background on what is happening up there. He explained they changed management of the two centers in 2014, at that time there were some holdover professionals at North Shore Tennis Center that had a following and were teaching. After several different attempts to bring them on with the new management company, nothing seemed to work out. Because they did have some clients they continued to teach under the clause called 3rd party professionals. All of the money should be going through the register and transparent. Since they weren't able to come on as employees, they had to cancel that 3rd party option. The negative of this is that these professionals are teaching the residents. The management company isn't doing anything wrong, he said if he had to pass any blame it would be at the 3rd party professionals, they did push the envelope. They were allowed to do semiprivate and private lessons, but they started pushing it into group lessons and camps. He said he had to step in and protect the contractor who was awarded the bid. The residents want these professionals.

He would like direction on whether they want to treat North Shore and Flamingo Park the same or differently. First, they need direction on the impact they have with these tennis professionals and need to know if there is a desire to take a different look at this center differently than the Flamingo Park center.

Commissioner Alemán said she received emails from all of the different parties. She understands the 3rd parties are not operating under the rules they should be and on the other hand she is getting emails from all of the residents that are using them and worried about having the lessons with those professionals. She said she does think that North Shore and Flamingo Park are different. She thinks that Miami Beach Tennis has resolved many issues that she has heard about in the past. She would like for Parks and Recreation to take a look at how they can run North Shore Tennis center differently. She said maybe they can come back with some different options for running the center. She said she is sure those options have different financial implications and to bring it back to the FCWPC.

John Rebar said they can run some models. He said they did a pre-bid in 2014, so they can update some of those models and bring it to the FCWPC since there will be financial implications to some of things they would bring forward.

Commissioner Grieco asked what happens next. He said he knows the people at North Shore and people love them, but it is his understanding they want to operate as independent contractors and handle their own transactions. He said that is not happening. Whether it is the City managing the center or us outsourcing it to another company, he asked if we would be having the same conversation.

John Rebar said there would be no model that he would bring forward and feel strongly recommending that wouldn't be that there will be rules and they are going to follow them regardless of who you teach. There will be transparency and accountability.

Commissioner Greico said that some of the emails he received, he finds completely offensive. He said on some level it is a win-win, this is not just a conflict in personalities; this is a conflict in the way certain people want to do business. He wants to make sure the expectations are realistic.

Commissioner Alemán said she thinks that it is for staff to do behind closed doors. Whatever the new program ends up being, everyone has to be on board and follow the rules. Some other things need to be put in for focus at North Shore Tennis center. There should be a summer program, which is a missed opportunity. She said we need to put focus on things that have been difficult to be resolved.

Commissioner Steinberg said this is an opportunity to make a positive experience for everyone.

John Rebar said it would have met with those tennis professionals before he presents to the FCWPC.

MOTION: Commissioner Alemán motioned to move this to the FCWPC and the Parks and Recreation Department to bring some operating models with financial implications, which can be talked about at the FCWPC to consider it as part of the budgeting process. Vote of acclamation.

25. **DISCUSSION REGARDING EXTENDING THE MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN TO THE COLLINS CANAL**

April 26, 2017 - C4U

Capital Improvement Projects

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

David Martinez, CIP Director presented the item. He said over the last couple of months the City has engaged a design builder to install a pump station near 19th street that includes reconstruction of portions of the sea wall on the Dade canal. As part of those discussions we had approached Sandy Shapiro, the Executive Director of the Botanical Garden because of the need to locate certain parts of the pump station within the Botanical Garden. He said he believes this is what prompted the discussion of the desire for the Botanical Garden to extend the work closer into the canal right of way area.

Sandy Shapiro said phase 3 of the design project of the garden incorporates access to the garden on the north side which is along the Collins Canal. It seems as though this would be a timely manner to combine that with the reconstruction of the seawall. The sea wall is going to be done and the landscape there is going to have to be redone. Implement the phase 3 of the jungle's design plan. Activating an alternative pedestrian walkway would be great with the surrounding areas.

Commissioner Steinberg said she likes the idea of everything, but she wants to make sure from a practical standpoint and hearing from different departments that it will work the way Sandy envisions it. She also said that she told Sandy it needs to go to the FCWPC.

Sandy said she received a fresh estimate of the project from Raymond Jungle.

David Martinez said the technical area they are referring to is between the seawall and the Botanical Garden entrance.

Sandy said the area is currently managed by Greenspace Management. If it was changed the

Botanical Gardens would be responsible for the maintenance of the area.

Commissioner Steinberg said we need to verify again with the surrounding areas to make sure everyone is on board to make it official. She also suggested between now and the June FCWPC sit down with staff to fine tune what will be presented to the FCWPC.

Commissioner Alemán said to discuss what the ask is from the City in terms of the capital investment and what the implications are for the ongoing maintenance.

MOTION: Vote of acclamation to refer this item to the FCWPC to discuss changing the area between the seawall and the Botanical Garden entrance in regards to any budget impacts.

26. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRIBUTING FUNDS TO A REGIONAL HYBRID SKATEPARK/PUMPTRACK INITIATIVE AT HAULOVER IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUNNY ISLES BEACH, TOWN OF SURFSIDE, AND POSSIBLY BAL HARBOUR AND BAY HARBOR ISLANDS.**

April 26, 2017 - C4 V
Parks and Recreation

ACTION

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director presented the item. The Mayor of Surfside has approached the City of Miami Beach, he is rallying up some neighboring cities to create a regional skatepark/pumptrack because there is a need. He is not sure what the ask is, he thinks we would be on the lower end around \$50,000. Two of the cities have pledged \$150,000. He said he believes that funding would not be an issue; we may be able to use the balance of the existing skatepark since it is not identified to a site.

Commissioner Alemán said that we only moved a portion of the existing money over for the design of 72nd Street, she knows we did leave some money in the account. She asked if anyone knew how much was there.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said that she does not know how much is left, but there is money left.

John Rebar said that David Martinez said there is a balance of \$100,000.

Commissioner Alemán said she is not adverse to partnering on this. She knows that installing these is something that can be done very quickly, if they already have contributing cities this will be something we will probably see within a year. She thinks it needs to be a modest contribution because it is not located in our City. She would not want it to take commitment away from what we are trying to do at 72nd Street. She does not think it will serve the South Beach residents, since she doesn't think they won't want to drive all the way there. She said the project at 72nd Street will take some time, so she definitely is interested in contributing to this joint skatepark.

Commissioner Steinberg said she thinks it is a no brainer to have this regional skatepark on the coast. It has all of the facets that everyone is talking about. She thinks we should be a good neighbor and be a part of this. It will be transformative for the greater community. She said as far as the money, it will need to be at the FCWPC.

It will be at the FCWPC this afternoon.

MOTION: Vote of acclamation to send this back to Commission with a favorable recommendation.

27. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY ENGAGING IN A TRAFFIC STUDY WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO SEE IF**

REMOVING THE I-95 EXPRESS LANES WILL IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC NORTHBOUND AND WESTBOUND

April 26, 2017 - C4 W

Transportation

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez

ACTION

Jose Gonzalez, Transportation Director presented the item. He said he is seeking their direction. There is an ongoing study that is looking at I-95 from US1 from the Broward County line. As part of that study FDOT is not looking at eliminating the express lane, it is an opportunity to look at options.

Commissioner Alemán said so many people talk to her about how offensive it is that Miami Beach residents cannot take advantage of the I-95 express lanes.

Commissioner Steinberg said when this was first being done, the City tried to change the location back then. Now we have an opportunity because of the construction that will be happening on the other interstates. She does not know with the traffic that will be caused, this might be something that is necessary.

Jose Gonzalez said the City is part of the project advisory group and we attend every meeting. Input is being provided on the study. FDOT is well aware of our desire to have access to the Julia Tuttle Causeway and the express lanes. He said his understanding of this item is to if the express lanes can be removed all together, not trying to improve access.

Commissioner Steinberg said that she understands now that the sponsor of the item wants the express lanes removed all together. She suggested to find out from Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez what her thoughts are to get better direction.

Commissioner Alemán asked for some clarification on the project going on now. She received a memo from FDOT, she understood it to be saying that for the next year or two the City would be able to get onto the express lanes on a temporary basis. She asked if that is true.

Jose Gonzalez said not a direct access.

Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager said that her understanding was that they were moving the entrance to the express lanes north around 30 something Street which is still south of the Julia Tuttle Causeway.

DIRECTION: Come back to the June 30, 2017 NCAC meeting.

28. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF WRAPPING UTILITY BOXES IN HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREAS

April 26, 2017 - C4 Y

Public Works

Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg

ACTION

Commissioner Steinberg said that the City of Hallandale did this with PSA's and instead of having just the box you can do something one of our great campaign things.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director said that he has seen that in other cities, he said they don't have a strong opinion about this one way or the other because most utility boxes are not owned by the City. The traffic control boxes are owned by Miami Dade County, there are some FPL boxes out there. We do have the pump stations electrical panels, but ultimately they are already looking at some type of screening for those.

Commissioner Steinberg suggested for her and Eric to sit down and she can tell him her thoughts and discuss this. She said he made a good point that these boxes are not owned by the City.

DIRECTION: Eric Carpenter and Commissioner Steinberg will sit down and discuss this further and they will come back with the item if necessary.

29. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BAYWALK AS WELL AS THE OPENING, BUILDING AND FUNDING OF THE BAYWALK BEHIND THE SOUTH BAY CLUB**

April 26, 2017 - R7 C

Environment & Sustainability / Planning / Budget & Performance Improvement

ACTION

Margarita Wells, Environment and Sustainability Acting Director presented the item. She explained that at the April 26th Commission meeting there was a discussion on a budget amendment where the baywalk came up. The direction was to continue the conversation at the committee level. She explained that in the memorandum there is a description of which portions of the baywalk have been constructed, she continued to name the areas of where they have been constructed. The challenge is that the South Gate Tower apartment baywalk cannot be opened until the South Bay Club portion is completed.

Commissioner Grieco said it can, they are just choosing not to do it. Margarita Wells thanked him for clarifying that.

Margarita Wells said that they submitted a capital budget request for \$200,000 to start the design for the South Bay Club. They are looking on the committee's guidance on how to proceed.

Commissioner Steinberg said this is also going to the FCWPC this afternoon.

Commissioner Grieco said that there seems to be a solid commitment from the dais to make the baywalk a reality. He asked what is going on with the beachwalk from 3-5th Streets.

Margarita Wells said they are waiting on funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), because it is fully funding by them. She said they are working with FDOT on administrative paperwork for the funding so this can be put out to Bid.

Commissioner Grieco asked if the plan is to put this out to Bid by the summer. Margarita Wells said once they receive the funding in July, yes. The FDOT fiscal year starts in July and that is when it would be programmed.

Commissioner Alemán said since we have Commission recess in August, she asked if this needs approval from the Commission in July to release the RFP, so we don't lose that month. She asked if the RFP or RFQ can be pre-prepared.

Margarita Wells said she will look into that.

Commissioner Grieco said this is the best bang for the buck.

MOTION: Vote of acclamation to move forward with the funding of the baywalk.

30. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CONCERNS RELATED TO ROGUE BIKE SHARE PROGRAMS**

May 17, 2017 - C4 A

Parking/Code Compliance/Police Sponsored by Commissioner Alemán

ACTION

Saul Frances, Parking Director presented the item.

Commissioner Alemán said this concept of rogue bike share was brought to her attention; it is becoming very problematic in China. These types of vendors are starting to come to the United States. She said she is not sure if they are in Florida yet. She said it has been quite damaging and the request is to see if there is something we want to do for the ordinances in case they set their sights on Miami Beach.

Saul said this is a different model of bike sharing. These rogue companies are coming in and instead of going through the licensing process that legitimate companies do they just come in, place in some cases hundreds of bikes in a particular location, and have a gps tracking, etc. so people can use and they do not have to have a station. We do have legislation on the books with right of way violations that can be issued. They have been discussing this with City Bike for a couple of months and with the Aleksandr Boksner from the City Attorney's Office. We do have the legislation to proceed, they just need to work out the details if we start to see this in Florida. If they start to see it they will gear up the process. Just to have a process in place for when they confiscate the bikes and where to store them, what fees can be assessed for the removal, etc. They are working out those details.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.