



Membership Meeting
May 19, 2015
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
1 Hotel and Homes Atrium
2341 Collins Avenue

In Attendance:

Ray Breslin
Harvey Burstein
John Couriel
Carolyn Klepser

Prakash Kumar
Jonah Pruitt
Jennifer Shipley
Debi Quade

Manny Meland
Marc Philippe
Jean Ortega

Excused absences:

Megan Riley co-share with Jean Ortega
Tim Wilcox

Absent

Nathan Lieberman

Social 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Beverages Served.

Welcome from Ray Breslin

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm and Ray Breslin welcomed our guests. Ray recognized attending government officials. Commissioner Mickey Steinberg was in attendance and was recognized by Ray Breslin. Ray also thanked 1 Hotel for hosting the meeting and supplying the beverages. 1 Hotel opened in March 2015.

Commissioner Michael Grieco arrived late and was also recognized.

Introduction of current CPNA Board

The current CPNA Board was introduced.

Introduction of Miami Beach staff to discuss transportation safety update.

Police officers from the City of Miami Beach were present.

They discussed traffic study that was conducted March 3 thru March 10. Over 100,000 cars tested.

98,000 cars were within speed limit. 29 mph was average speed.

85 percent went under 34 miles an hour. Speed limit posted is 30. Law says posted sign cannot be more than 3 point different than the 85 percentage.

(Jose Gonzalez the director of transportation with the city, and Commissioner Grieco entered the room. Ray acknowledged each of them.)

A discussion ensued regarding the light at 24th and Collins. It does not cycle. It is triggered by a pedestrian but does not do so quickly.

Ray is having a meeting on 24th street with Florida DOT (Elio?) to discuss the unsafe light and 24th street. It is at a curve and it is dangerous. Ray invited people to join him at 10 am on Friday the 22 of May at the corner of 24th street and Collins.

Meeting is scheduled in June with City of Miami Beach to try to improve public transportation. Collins is a state road so the Florida Department of Transportation has to be involved.

There will be a workshop about the trolley on June 2nd at 6 pm. There will be a workshop in the second week of June regarding transportation master plan.

Crosswalks are being implemented at Liberty Ave and 22 street.

Informal Discussion regarding progress of other building projects

A Loft hotel at 2360 Collins Ave is scheduled to open on May 28.

Beachcraft restaurant opening soon.

Zaha Hadid garage is postponed but will look better once garage opens.

Caroline Klepser is planning a beach cleanup this month to clean-up the beach between 21st and 22nd street. Ray took a show of hands for best time and day. Saturday May 30th 9 AM was chosen.

Discussion about officially sending a letter from CPNA to scale back the Watson Island Development plan.

Watson Island wants to scale back the development. Jungle island and the Miami Children's Museum are on Watson island. Commissioner Grieco encourages people to fight further development. A discussion ensued about the impact on traffic to Miami Beach.

If there is a board motion regarding Watson Island. Debi Quade must abstain.

New Business

Ray talked about the 14th Annual Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Gala June 13th at 6:00 pm at 1 Hotel and asked if anyone wanted to attend at the CPNA table. Cost is \$200.00 per person.

Introduction of Seth Bramson

Ray Breslin introduced Seth Bramson, the historian, who gave part 2 of his talk about the city of Miami Beach's first 100 years.

Seth Bramson talked about Lummus Park. Not pronounced Loomis! He also talked about his books, particularly the history of Miami Beach. This evening he focused on the history of Miami Beach post WW1. He discussed the first mayor, Mayor Lummus and went on to discuss milestones in Miami Beach history. Mr. Bramson also discussed some of the "myths" surrounding Miami Beach history and how he has rebuked them. He has the largest collection of Florida memorabilia in the country and invited everyone to see it.

Debi Quade made a motion to adjourn. Prakash Kumar seconded. Unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm