

Board Meeting Minutes

MONDAY June 19th, 2017 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Warsaw Coffee Company

Meeting called to order at 5:27pm

Invitees:

Tony Beall *
Joann Block, GYR
Jose Chambless, Vice President Elect
Laura Croscenco, Immediate Past President
Chris Dillon, Secretary Elect
Derek Dodge
Dick Eaton *
TJ Fiori, Treasurer
Lynne Kunins, FLIPANY *
Colleen Lockwood, President
Nelson Romero *
Alan Dodd, Deputy Public Works Director, City of Fort Lauderdale
Jesus Fuentes, P.E., American Engineering Group, Inc. on behalf of FDOT
Detective Roy Goderstad, Fort Lauderdale Police Department *
Detective Tsz Lau, Fort Lauderdale Police Department

* not present

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. OFFICERS REPORTS:

-Treasurers Report -- TJ Fiori

Ending Balance May 2017: \$ 6,445.15
- \$ 12.00 FPL

New Balance June 2017: \$ 6,433.15

-Police Report – Detective Tsz Lau, Fort Lauderdale Police Department

- Crime Month of May overall was down. Detective Lau reminded everyone to let neighbors know not to leave valuables in cars, and to lock the doors. Summertime auto theft occurring and mostly by juveniles who are out of school. There have also been scooter thefts.
- Positive response to police attention to speeders on Dixie Highway. Reminder to let trucks know to find alternate routes. Best Roofing trucks continue to use Dixie despite the restriction.
- Bank follow-outs continue. Reminder to notify residents to be alert leaving any bank, to be mindful of anyone following them from the bank, and to even seek different routes home where possible.
- Thanks offered for police presence near the dock. Suggestion to add presence at the park, where children are now playing on the new playground alongside drug users. Surveillance truck to be pursued.
- Door to door solicitation with leave behind flyers that has come to be associated with thieves “casing” homes continues in the neighborhood. Detective Lau said to absolutely call 911 if you witness anyone doing this and provide a physical description including age and direction of travel.

-GYR Report –Joann Block

Joann departs for Live Oak Florida after 43 years in Middle River Terrace. We will miss her. Transition of her GYR responsibilities include:

- Defining a sustainable project for \$236.25 – the portion of GYR funding required to be allocated for this endeavor in this calendar year. Suggestion made for a dock area landscaping project after dock is repaired. Target the October timeframe. Chris and Jose to review with contractor and Parks and Rec.
- 4X a year adopt a street cleanup – 18th street to the dock up to 16th street is where we have historically conducted street cleanups. They have discontinued. Joann suggested reinitiating. Jose agreed to lead this effort if dates well in advance were defined and communicated.

- GYR Committee Meetings occur the second Monday every other month. Email to be forwarded to Colleen with meeting details for incoming GYR lead.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

-FDOT item approvals – Jesus Fuentes, P.E., American Engineering Group, Inc. on behalf of FDOT

ISSUE NO. 1: MONUMENT SIGNS

Tile color for entrance monuments was reviewed and color selected and approved by the BOD. TJ made the motion, Joann seconded.

Detail:

Proposed: “Pioneer Mountain Ledge” stone veneer panels as well as “Camelback (SW-6122), Blonde (SW-6128), and Sand Beach (SW-7529) paint colors for the proposed Neighborhood Monument Signs part of the Old Dixie Highway Improvements Project. It is our understanding that such signs are called for to be installed at the intersections of NE 7th Ave/Old Dixie Highway and NE 18th Ct, and NE 7th Ave/Old Dixie Highway and NE 13th Ct. These architectural features presented for approval by the Contractor to this board today are substantially compatible with what the Landscape Architect of Record proposed in his design with the feedback provided by MRTNA and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

ISSUE NO. 2: EXTENSION OF HOURS OF OPERATION

Change in hours for construction hours to keep on project timeline was proposed.

Delays have been caused by extended and aging infrastructure (feeder water pipes and FPL poles). Extension of hours was reviewed and approved by the BOD. Laura made the motion, Colleen seconded.

Detail:

On June 19, 2017, the MRTNA BOD made a motion to approve changing the allowable hours of operations for the Old Dixie Highway Improvement Project to be from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. The MRTNA BOD also made a motion to approve allowing the Contractor to work on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, during the

summer months. It is our understanding that due to unexpected delays resulting from severe weather conditions as well as utility conflicts and relocation delays, the Contractor would like to use these extra hours to expedite construction so the project is completed in early 2018 as scheduled.

Additional items related to Dixie Highway Roadway Project:

FPL posts are outdated and are at risk of failure. Poles carry power and cable. Poles near the park have had to be replaced as the design for the highway moves the road slightly West at that juncture. For the remaining poles on our stretch of Dixie Highway and what can be done to replace them:

- Suggested attendance at upcoming meeting of budget advisory task force at the city commission June 29th 2017 6:30pm.
- Laura, Chris and Colleen to review approach to FPL requesting replacement of remaining (not replaced) poles on Dixie Highway.

-BOD Positions

Jose Chambless was unanimously approved as Vice President Elect. Chris Dillon was unanimously approved as Secretary Elect.

-KaBOOM

A very successful project with a wonderful outcome. Children are playing there every day now. Congratulations to all involved who made this possible.

-Public Art at MRT Park

An upcoming meeting in July is being coordinated with ArtServe.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

-Dock – Alan Dodd, Deputy Public Works Director, City of Fort Lauderdale

We were privileged to be joined by the Deputy Public Works Director from the City of Fort Lauderdale Alan Dodd. Thanks to his efforts, \$27.5K, the true cost of the dock repair, has been secured using funding from the City's Annual Marine Facilities Repair and Maintenance contract. Task order is being routed to the City Manager, which

normally takes a week for completion. Once the contractor, B&M Marine construction, Inc. is given the agreement, they have 60 days to complete the work. Upon turnover, Parks and Rec will maintain the decking.

BOD reviewed and approved the following:

- A large thank you to Alan and Public Works
- Agreement to move forward with the project
- Sustainable material for dock – will be pursued and added if at all possible
- Dredging – city has no funding for dredging at this time
- Lighting – will complicate the project. Vote to defer adding solar lights until after repairs are completed
- Residents are welcome to participate in design review. Dock committee consisting of Chris, TJ, and Jose will follow up per Alan's guidance.
- Plan dock re-opening celebration

Additional items related to the dock – Chris Dillon

Chris presented a draft design that is modern and sleek. An abbreviated dock to prevent large groups congregating late at night. Design to be shared with Public Works for consideration.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Budget Advisory Task Force Meeting at City Commission, June 29th 2017, 6:30 pm.
- Next MRTNA General Meeting (Membership Event) – July date TBD

6. Consent Agenda: May BOD Meeting Minutes approved

7. Adjournment 7:00pm