

MRTNA May 2022 Meeting
May 25, 2022 @5:30pm Via Zoom

ROLL CALL:

Troy Liggett, President

Chris Casey, Vice President

Colleen Lockwood, Immediate Past President

Ali Vazquez Hitchins, At-Large

Chris Kuonen, At-Large

Carlton Smith, At-Large

Nate Galbreath

Ted Arthur

Byron Lee

**Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Steve
Glassman**

**Ashley Cacicedo with Commissioner
Glassman's Office**

Mark Lopez

Bob Young

Donald Allen

Judy Erickson, Dept of TAM

Jessica Keller, Kittleson

Scott Sheckman

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Steve Glassman – Presentation on the following issues
 - Redistricting completed and successful
 - Potential new park or community garden on NE 5th avenue – will leave it up to us to figure out what we want to do
 - Discussed issues with proposed Broward Commuter Rail project; suggested contacting County Commissioner Fisher
 - Shared information on development projects
 - Send him interest on city board vacancies
 - Housing initiatives
 - Homelessness issues and initiatives
- 2) FLPD Officer Zach McKinney
 - Discussed new policies on arrests of juveniles and minor crimes
 - Issues with stolen catalytic converters on vehicles
- 3) Judy Erickson, Department of Transportation and Mobility, and Jessica Keller, Kittleson design consultant
 - Re-presented draft NE 16th Court traffic calming
 - Intend to present final plans at July MRTNA meeting
 - Took questions for neighborhood
 - Ali Vazquez Hitchins moved for tentative endorsement of the project as presented; seconded by Colleen Lockwood (though initially by non-board member Nate Galbreath)
 - i) Discussion:
 - (1) Colleen Lockwood asked who would water proposed mini-median
ANS: It would be neighborhood's responsibility to maintain any landscaping
 - (2) Bob Young asked about the advantage of the proposal over speedhumps
ANS: Area was warranted for speed humps, but a number of neighbors expressed concerns about them and there could be a more creative approach

- (3) Troy Liggett asked whether city would do speed humps or plastic bumps
ANS: City no longer installs speed humps (like on NE 16th Street), but do rubber speed cushions
 - (4) Ted Arthur asked Judy to describe what would happen with those walking down the street, i.e. how would you walk through the areas
ANS: City would love for the neighborhood to have sidewalks, but this design approach is intended to encourage people to drive more slowly, but feel this would be safer for people to walk, but no sidewalks were planned
 - (5) Ted Arthur asked how someone would walk through the areas with the improvements; not an ideal situation
ANS: Median would not obstruct people walking through the grass on either side, though the grass area is reduced
 - (6) Troy Liggett said he walked in the yards now because the traffic is so bad
 - (7) Mark Lopez asked for the process if the neighborhood approves it
ANS: When we have the neighborhood's confirmed support, they will work on a formal design and put the cost together. They have funds budgeted in this fiscal year to at least start the work, and may do one or two this year, and maybe one or two the next year. Therefore, by the end of 2022, they could have this implemented.
 - (8) Troy Liggett asked if the city would have final designs to present to the board, and if neighbors who live at the sites where they would be installing the traffic calming could come to the city with special concerns;
ANS: Yes, individuals can come to the city to discuss how the designs at their property
 - ROLL CALL: Troy Liggett, Yes; Chris Casey, Yes; Colleen Lockwood, Yes; Ali Vazquez Hitches, Yes; Chris Kuonen, Yes. Passes 5-0.
- 4) Motion to approve April 27, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes – Colleen Lockwood; Chris Kuonen, seconded. Motion passes unanimously on voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 1) President's Report – Troy Liggett
 - a. Thanked everyone who attended May 8th Sunset Social; Jonah Basi and his family with MangroLife gave a presentation
 - b. Recognized Joint Neighborhood Homelessness Taskforce; looking for volunteers
 - c. Plan to distribute neighborhood newsletters in June and December; volunteers needed; will be a paper newsletter
 - d. Abby Laughlin resigned from the board because no longer qualified, so looking for volunteers to be board members
 - e. Motion to approve reimbursement of \$225 for payment for Sunset Social yard signs, Ali Hitchens Vazquez; Colleen Lockwood, second. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.
- 2) No Treasurer's Report
- 3) Green Your Routine Report – Troy Liggett, Scott Sheckman, and Carlton Smith

- a. Motion to designate 2021 GYR funding on two sustainability projects as follows:
\$100 to MangroLife and \$88. to next neighborhood clean-up; unanimously supported by board
 - b. Next neighborhood clean-up to be rescheduled to July 23, 2022, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 - c. Reminder that the summer fertilizer runs from June 1 through September 30; see
 - i. in a neighborhood rotation Recognized Neighborhood Homelessness
<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/Home/Components/News/News/5834/>
 - d. Scott and Troy volunteering at Snyder Park on June 4
- 4) Recognized Lin Morgan, President of South Middle River Civic Association recognized for leading the effort on the neighborhood homelessness alliance taskforce

New Business

- 1) As discussed by Commissioner Glassman, city proposing new park in the 1200 block of NE 5th Avenue; we will solicit neighborhood comments
- 2) City proposing a new floating dock for launching kayaks and paddleboards; we will solicit neighborhood comments

Announcements

- 1) Colleen Lockwood said we should recognize the tragic shooting at the elementary school in Texas, and noted that Nancy Fry with Commissioner Glasman's Office is hosting a candlelight vigil this Saturday. See <https://facebook.com/events/s/vigil-for-buffalo-and-uvalde/407021024445811/>
- 2) Next Meeting July 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.