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MAYOR’S 41st STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

First Horizon Bank 400 Arthur Godfrey Rd, Ste 210, Miami Beach, FL 33140

Minutes

Committee Members:

- Yechiel Ciment, Chair (P)
- Bonnie Crabtree, Vice Chair (P)
- Rana Florida (P) Via Zoom
- Jerri Hertzberg Bassuk (A)
- Betty Behar (P)
- Michael Burnstine (A)
- Seth Gadinsky (P) Via Zoom
- Eric Hankin (P)
- Robin Jacobs (P) Via Zoom
- Charlotte Tomic (P)
- Jeremy Wachtel (P) Via Zoom

P = Present; A = Absent, E = Excused

Commission/City Staff:

- Steven Meiner, Mayor (Via Zoom)
- Daniel Sommer, Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor
- Diana Fontani Martinez, Redevelopment Specialist/Committee Liaison, Economic Development Department

Public Attendance:

- Michael Goldberg
- Amy Mehu, Executive Director, 41st Street Business Improvement District

Chair Yechiel Ciment opened the meeting at 5:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER -**
2. **APRIL MINUTES** – April minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.
3. **CITY UPDATES**

A. TRANSPORTATION

4. **41ST STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) UPDATE-** Amy Mehu gave an update on the latest initiatives for the BID. They are currently slowing down on their marketing initiatives as they are trying to finalize their vision for the 41st Street corridor. Their plan is to meet with each of the property

owners to understand if they have an upcoming projects along the 41st Street corridor and make sure it aligns with the 41st Street Streetscape project. Some of the ideas that the BID has for the 41st Street Corridor, consists of centralized valet parking similar to the Design District and a pop-up program for vacant stores along 41st Street Corridor. Charolotte Tomic asked about the status of cleaning the sidewalks along the 41st Street Corridor. Diana Fontani to follow up with the Sanitation Department and report back.

Michael Goldberg, member of the BID Executive Committee, shared that Ira Giller’s proposed new office building, on 41st Street, was presented to the Planning Board. The proposal was met with favorable approval and is set to go to the Design Review Board.

- 5. CHAIR UPDATE** - Yechiel Ciment asked Amy Mehu the BID’s opinion on the Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the Mixed-Use Development for City Owned Parking Lots near 41st Street. Yechiel Ciment stated that when the RFP was discussed at the last Finance and Resiliency Committee (FERC) meeting, it seemed as if the BID was not support of the RFP. Yechiel Ciment stated that the purpose of the 41st Street Committee to be present at the FREC meeting was for the Committee to recommend the issuance of the RFP. Seth Gadinsky stated that Ira Giller mentioned a master plan for 41st Street and then the FERC Committee thought it would be a good idea to wait until the master plan was compete before the issuance of the RFP. Yechiel Ciment expressed that it would be good if the BID clarified their position on the RFP to the FERC Committee. After further discussion, the Committee made the following motion:

Motion 3: The Mayor's 41st Street Committee recommends, again, the Mayor and City Commission issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), as soon as possible, in response to the 2023 Request for Letters of Interest (RFLI) for Mixed-Use Development on City-Owned Parking Lots near 41st Street, the City of Miami Beach issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Motion made by: Robin Jacobs

Motion seconded by: Michael Burnstine

Motion passed: 6-0

Yechiel Ciment also shared that Commissioner David Suarez will be placing an agenda item at one of the City Committee making Sheridan Avenue and Royal Palm one-way streets to facilitate the traffic on 41st Street. Diana Fontani to request additional information and send to the Committee. Yechiel Ciment also mentioned that Commissioner Tanya Bhatt was working with the major employers in Miami Beach, such as Mt. Sinai to stagger employee arrival/departure to mitigate congestion on the major throughfares.

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment.

- 6. MEETING ADJOURNED:** 6:35 p.m.

- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, May 9, 2024