

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Notes taken by Clarice Cooper

February 23, 2016

I. **Call to Order:** 6:07pm by Kate Callahan

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Housekeeping**

Roll Call: **Present:** Kate Callahan
Javier Gonzalez
Seth Sklarey
Thaddeus Scott
Raymond Fort
Tricia Sullivan
Ruth Ewing

Absent: Linda Williams

- Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved by motion.
- Item added to Agenda related to 501 3c status by Javier Gonzalez
- Treasury & Budget Update: Balance as of 1/31/16 is \$ 1,490.82. There was no fiscal activity to report

IV. **Discussion Items**

- Change of Venue/Meeting Date: Javier Gonzalez led the discussion. Proposed site changes were Peacock Park's Glass House, St. Stephen's Parish Hall, Miami City Hall. Date options were discussed.

Vote by motion for change in meeting date to 3rd Wednesday of each month and place change to the Glass House at Peacock Park. Starting time of meeting to remain at 6:00pm.

- Bylaw change voted on first reading that Precinct 634 be removed from election for Village Council members. This item was presented by Javier Gonzalez and will be revisited at a future meeting.

- Grove 2030 / Village Council Involvement: Discussion was led by Kate Callahan. Concerns raised by her, other council and audience members were that the Executive Board of Grove 2030 were remiss in following through with committee meetings and keeping original attendees updated. Kate asked Javier to invite the five committee chairpersons to attend the next Village Council meeting, give progress reports and present committee sign-up sheets.

V. **Project/Topic Updates**

- Commander Manuel Morales reported on: Car break-ins in the North Grove and Wainwright Park areas; F.S. Tucker Elementary shooting, and City of Miami Police Dept.'s vacating building at 3727 Grand Avenue and efforts by Javier Gonzalez to make

premises available for police department's return, and NET office and Code Enforcement office relocation to said building.

- Coconut Grove Playhouse: Full inspection of building is underway.
- City of Miami Trolley Extension: Funding provided by BID for the purchase of two new trolleys.
- Cycle Track/Bike Lane on Main Highway: Project halted by former Commissioner Marc Sarnoff because of traffic disruptions.
- 501 3c Tax Filing: Javier Gonzalez stated that status for the Village Council must be re-activated with IRS.
- Anthony Balzebre introduced himself as a new member on Commissioner Ken Russell's staff.

VI. Miscellaneous Discussions

- Ruth Ewing stated that an architect had been assigned in the Virrick Pool replacement project.
- Kate Callahan requested that Javier Gonzalez present a formal report at the next meeting regarding the status of the trolley building on Douglas Road

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Glass House on Peacock Park at 6:00pm.

VIII. Adjournment: 7:21pm