

**Regular Meeting**  
**April 20, 2016**  
Peacock Park/Glass House  
2820 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to Order by Javier Gonzalez at 6:00pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**III. Housekeeping**

A. Roll Call: **Present**: Javier Gonzalez, Kate Callahan, Thaddeus Scott, Ruth Ewing, and Linda Williams.

**Absent**: Seth Sklarey, Raymond Fort and Tricia Sullivan.

B. Minutes for February 23, 2016 and March 16, 2016 were accepted and a Motion was seconded with a unanimous vote.

C. Additions to Agenda:  
None.

D. Treasury & Budget Update by Javier Gonzalez:

Balance at March 31, 2016                      \$1,404.82

Expenses:

Annual Report (Paid by Javier Gonzalez)	\$150.00
Insurance/501(c)4	\$150.00

Motion to accept Treasury Balance and Expenses was seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Kate Callahan: Will meet with Anthony Balzebre regarding funding for Village Council.

**IV. Discussion Items**

A. Grove 2030 Forum (Self Governance & Housing)

- Javier Gonzalez: The Grove 2030 Meeting regarding Self Governance and Housing will be held on April 27, 2016 at 5:30pm, here at the Glass House.

B. NCD-2 and NCD-3

- Javier Gonzalez: The Grove 2030 Meeting regarding Housing, NCD-2 and NCD-3 will be held on May 17, 2016 at 6:30pm, at the Sailing Club. Five (5) groups will discuss Parks/Public Spaces, Commercial/Retail, Civic/Cultural, Historic Preservation and Housing issues.

- On April 27, 2017, residents can also discuss NCD-2 and NCD-3 at Plymouth Congregational Church beginning at 7:00pm. On May 17, 2016, residents can discuss NCD-2 (South Grove) and NCD-3 (Village West) at the Sailing Club beginning at 6:30pm.

C. Commander Morales Update:

- Commander Morales: Our records are even with data from last year but actually 10% above and/or 20% below 2014 and 17% down from 2015 – all positive stats.
- Hot Spots: North Grove (Kennedy Park to Dinner Key) with reports of bags/purses left in cars.
- Coral Gables, Miami-Dade County and City of Miami police departments are working together. Perpetrators are using credit cards to purchase “pay cards”.
- Thaddeus Scott: Are they from the Grove area?
- Commander Morales: They are primarily from the City and Broward County. Most receipt suspect is “bald with tattoo” who is breaking into “open” cars in the Bayshore Drive and Matilda Street areas. When compared with Village West, there have been two arrests versus seven last year. Recently, incident at 3500 Florida Avenue we made two arrests resulting in the removal of two hand guns. On April 6, 2016, our special teams made 13 arrests and issued 250 tickets – and we will be back in a few months related to traffic violations.
- Commander Morales: Two officers have been taken from the Grove
- Javier Gonzalez: When we are in front of county/city officials, express the need for housing. Request the County to keep us abreast of the project.
- “Coffee with a Cop” will be held on April 27, 2016 at McDonald’s on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. On May 7, 2016 the event will be held at Home Depot from 9am to 11am.
- Regarding the Substation – still waiting.
- Barbara Mills: Where do we send people on a Sunday?
- Clarice Cooper: Received call regarding IRS advising a debt of \$7,000. This is false and perhaps fraud – where to call?
- Reynold Martin: People soliciting re: Big Brother/Big Sister – who do we call?
- Commander Morales: White vehicle has been recovered and 2011 Volkswagen was destroyed but recovered.
- Commander Morales: Two events upcoming: Citizens on Patrol (eyes on the street) and Citizens Academy (a close-up look at the police department). Seeking six applicants for the academy on Saturday will be held on Saturday from 8am to 2pm.
- Commissioner Ken Russell: Speed limit enforcement? Especially in residential neighborhoods. Are off-duty officers empowered to address speeding limits?
- Commander Morales: In reality, most officers won’t cite until 10 miles over the law. Will verify. Radar not normally in officer’s cars. Off-duty officers are available to sit outside your home (\$40/per hour) effective June 1, 2016.
- Audience: Are there officers with personal cameras?
- Commander Morales: Guidelines are set by the Chief. When on-duty, if there is citizen contact, body cameras must be “on”. Officers have discretion with regards to “warnings”.
- Madelin Pacheco: “Keep Miami Beautiful” events:
 

“Waling One Stop”	April 25 <sup>th</sup> (Greater St.. Paul AME Church)
“Coffee with a Cop”	April 27 <sup>th</sup> (McDonald’s) and May 7 <sup>th</sup> Home Depot
“Seal & Expunge”	April 30 <sup>th</sup> (Elizabeth Virrick Park)

- Audience: Outreach to the Grove to present NET Office information – how many inspectors are there and how do we report code violations during the weekend?
- Madelin Pacheco: We have seven (7) inspectors here in the Grove working out of the NET Office from 8am to 8pm.
- Commander Morales: During the weekend, call me!
- Madelin Pacheco: Please call me, even at night...
- Commissioner Russell: Our goal is to alleviate the “311” for information and contact...
- Commissioner Russell: If Village Council wants to be back on TV, Channel 77, we will work towards that...
- Ron Nelson: Look outside folks – kids are playing; the soccer court is full; swinging and we have an open meeting going on – the parks are active again!

**V. Project/Topic Updates**

**A. Trolley Barn (CHI)**

- Javier Gonzalez: First Reading before CHI/awarded \$2 milling (expanding) and there are parking concerns.
- William Armbrister: There is inadequate parking for that facility.
- Ruth Ewing: Even though the Church of Christ may offer parking, it still presents a problem with people and young folk and elderly folk crossing the street, etc.

**B. Playhouse**

- Javier Gonzalez: “Blue dots” are evidence of paint scrapings regarding historical preservation. Go to website: asbestos testing, etc.

**C. Main Highway/Bayshore Drive**

- TBA – Bike path \$41,000/concept by BID.
- Ron Nelson: No cross-walks on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Andross, Berries Market and Shipping; striped for pedestrians.
- Kate Callahan: Email Javier more information...
- Miami Comprehensive Hearing/Neighborhood Planning will be held at City Hall on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Audience: Request cross-walk at Mary Street and Oak Avenue... very difficult to negotiate the traffic...
- Clarice Cooper: Live near CHI expansion – need more notice prior to sale, discussion, etc. We need “Notice of Construction” posted for community awareness.

**VI. Miscellaneous Discussions:**

None.

**VII. Adjournment**

Kate Callahan made a Motion to adjourn which was seconded with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Humbly submitted by:

*Linda Williams*

Councilwoman Linda Williams  
Secretary, Coconut Grove Village Council