

MEETING MINUTES

Quality of Life Committee Meeting

200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2929 Miami, FL 33131

Thursday, February 2, 2017 | 9:00 A.M

DDA Conference Room

Committee Members:

Jose Goyanes, Chair and Miami DDA Board Member

Kim Stone – Miami DDA Board Member

Gary Ressler – Miami DDA Board Member

Andres Althabe

Bill Fitch

Alvaro Puente

DDA Staff & Members of the Public (see sign-in sheet for additional attendees):

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Committee Chair welcomed all the guests and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. MPD/NET Brickell & Downtown Service Areas

a. Updates and Initiatives

Officer Wanda Mendez reported that Premios Lo Nuestro would be taking place in Downtown Miami on February 23rd and an email would be sent out to the public announcing the rerouting of traffic. Additionally Officer Mendez reported that an Anti-Trump rally would take place on Saturday, March 4 from 1 to 5 pm. Gary Ressler, Board member, commented on police and how they have handled the protests that have taken place. He mentioned that there have been no incidents and that the Miami Police Department (MPD) is doing a great job. Five vacant officer positions have been filled in the Downtown area, and the Commander is now working on filling five additional officer positions and one sergeant position. Officer Hinson from the Brickell NET area reported that there are officers working on traffic issues in that area. *Jose Goyanes requested that MPD assist the new business - Fox in the Box located on SE 1 St with additional police presence at night as to help address homeless concerns.*

Officer Mendez also reported that the homeless census was completed on January 26th and the preliminary numbers show a decrease in the Downtown area.

DDA Staff will follow up with Commander Fernandez and Chief Llanes to discuss retirement/attrition and how this will impact Downtown.

3. Follow-up- Securing and Storage of Commercial Dumpsters

Christina Palomo from the Downtown Neighbors Alliance (DNA) requested that Committee work with the City Solid Waste Department to address the dumpster concerns in the Downtown area. As a follow-up to last month's meeting Amal provided photos and a list of unsecured dumpsters creating a nuisance. DDA staff also collected information and compiled both lists. Jennifer Rodero displayed the photos, locations, and distributed the list of dumpster issues in Downtown Miami. Code Compliance commented (Solid Waste not present) on the current ordinance. One suggestion was to work on enforcement of the current code which includes enclosures for the dumpsters. The current code does not include legislation on dumpster being locked, but language

can be added to the current Franchise agreement if necessary. Another issue shown during the presentation was dumpsters placed on the right of way.

DDA staff, Jennifer Rodero, will follow-up with the Solid Waste Enforcement on current dumpster enclosures and get information from the City of Miami Beach about their proposed ordinance changes regarding the securing and storage of commercial dumpsters.

4. Ultra Music Fest – Invited: Ray Martinez, Chief of Security

New Initiatives & City Services Coordination

Ray Martinez updated the Committee on the upcoming Ultra Music Fest (UMF). UMF will take place on the weekend of March 24, 25, and 26. Load in to Bayfront Park for the festival will take place on March 6th. UMF is sold out and is expected to have 55,000 attendees each day.

The UMF schedule will be as follows:

Fri, March 24 – 4 pm – midnight

Sat, March 25 Noon – midnight

Sun, March 26, Noon – midnight

The traffic plan will remain the same as the past years. Traffic will begin to be rerouted (Biscayne Blvd closures) on the evening of Thursday, March 23. On Friday, traffic officers (and specialists) are scheduled to come in early in the morning at 6AM to facilitate traffic and on Friday night Biscayne Boulevard will be taken over for the event. UMF will continue their partnership with MPD and provide similar number of officers for the event. Officers will also be working on bike patrol to help alleviate situations that may arise. MPD is coordinating a community meeting that will take place at the Police College, date TBD. Before March 6th, the Miami Police will host a community meeting at the Police College.

Jennifer Rodero reviewed the initiatives that will continue this year:

- UMF will provide a community hotline phone number to provide a direct line of communication for production-related issues and questions that our neighbors and adjacent businesses may have during the event
- Goodwill Ambassadors will be patrolling the event inside the festival
- The entrance will verify age (18 and over), check bags, pat down and scan tickets for validated entry
- There will be a soft opening to the venue on Friday to alleviate crowding
- Enforcement of clear bag policy
- Special bike details for illegal vending issues
- UMF will provide extend transit operating hours during the festival
- A walk through with public works will be scheduled to ensure the condition of the pavers, tree grates, and street furniture in the area of the event.
- Collaborate with Public Works/FDOT to provide netting for storm drains along Biscayne Blvd
- Collaborate with Solid Waste to bring additional garbage cans to the area of NE 11 ST

DDA staff will work with UMF and Bayfront Park to keep Pit Stop restrooms open as long as possible during the UMF load in.

Andres Althabe requested that Jennifer Rodero send the pictures of the drains that she showed on the screen during the committee meeting and he also requested information from Ray Martinez on the program and international statistics for Ultra Festival.

5. Program Updates

- a. Enhanced Services – report distributed to Committee members
Jennifer Rodero reported that DWNTWN Ambassadors would be distributing heart shaped lollipops for the upcoming Valentine’s Day holiday as a new initiative. Downtown Ambassadors new email address is Dwntwnambassador@gmail.com. All Enhanced Services teams (DET, NEAT & Ambassadors) worked on the Biscayne Green Project during the month of January.
- b. Pit Stop
Jennifer Rodero reported that the usage for the Pit Stop Program (one trailer and the permanent restrooms at Bayfront Park) is currently at 15,739 uses. This number is three times what it was used as compared to last year at this time (4,254 uses). Staff continues to follow up on the process/installation of the permanent restroom.
- c. Business Concierge
Antoine Williams provided an update on shutter removals in the CBD. Twelve shutters were removed on N. Miami Avenue. Before and after pictures were displayed for the Committee. He will be working with Code Compliance on a door-to-door outreach to the Downtown Businesses. He will also be distributing information about the Property Improvement Program through the Business Development Newsletter and mail outs.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 2nd, 2017 at 9:00AM