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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Courvoisier Centre, 601 Brickell Key Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Daniel Ponce, Mrs. Mercy Perez, Mr. Randy Olen,

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Wesley Hevia, Akerman Senterfit, City of Miami Police Department
Commander Antonio Diaz, Mr. Fabian de la Espriella, DDA

Call to Order:

Mr. Ponce called meeting to order at 5:07 pm

Areas of immediate discussions:

Mr. Ponce confirmed the attendance of the board members of Mercy Perez and Randy Olen. Member attendance of Wesley Hevia was also acknowledged.

Attendance to the meeting is low on the confirmed attendance. A heavy traffic jam was reported on I-95 which may be the cause for the late attendance.

Mr. Ponce recommended another meeting to be scheduled with Commissioner Russell's office to update on Project B-50205 with Mr. Jeovanny Rodriguez with the City of Miami Capital Improvement Department to be in attendance.

City of Miami Police Department Commander Diaz reported on the pedestrian crossing signs by the bridge and on Brickell Bay Drive. The bridge signs are damaged and the ones on Brickell Bay Drive are not visible and damaged. A meeting is trying to be scheduled with a representative from the City of Miami Public Works. Commander Diaz is working with the City on completing the lighting alongside Brickell Bay Drive.

Commander Diaz reported on the year-end crime statistics on Brickell. There was a 3% crime increase. Burglar and motor vehicles was the highest area. This was due primarily because expensive items left inside vehicles. 34 Street robberies were reported primarily alongside 1st Avenue. Assaults were reported in the Bar and restaurant areas on Brickell. A meeting is scheduled with Commissioner Russell regarding a possible ordinance to assist in these matter. Air AB&B is an issue by renting out the apartments to vacation renters.

Mr. Fabian de la Espriella with DDA distributed the Biscayne Green project brochure. It opened on January 6, 2017. The project was funded by the Knight Foundation and DDA. Different events have been utilizing the space. DDA has partnered with O Cinema. SE 8th Street Housekeeping from HNTV DDA is requesting a meeting with them.

Mr. Ponce inquired about the Ambassadors alongside Brickell Avenue. Mr. Espriella confirmed that they were still in attendance.

Mercy Perez announced the appointment of Mr. Randy Olen to the New Marketing Board of the DDA.

Mr. Ponce adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.