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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 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:

City of Miami Police Department Commander Antonio Diaz, Mr. Fabian de la Espriella DDA, Ms. Abigael Mahoney, Commissioner Russell's office

Call to Order:

Mr. Olen called meeting to order at 5:06 pm

Areas of immediate discussions:

Mr. Ponce confirmed the attendance of the board members of Mercy Perez and Randy Olen.

Mr. Ponce announced the election of **Mr. Randy Olen** as the incoming President of the Brickell Area Association.

Mr. de la Espriella shared information filtered from meetings with Capital Improvement Department requested from the Commissioner's office the construction documents for the revised crosswalks. The new design for the crosswalks consists of concrete base with brick pavers to avoid cracking or breaking. **Mr. Ponce** expressed his concern regarding the new design which has not been distributed for feedback to the Brickell Associations that were involved in the initial crosswalk design.

Ms. Abigale Mahoney met with **Mr. Jeohvanny Rodriguez** with the Capital Improvements Department approximately two weeks ago parallel and perpendicular crosswalks and the side street crosswalks. There are three different designs that the City would like to present to the community. Mr. Olen reiterated the importance of the DDA having input on the design.

It was reported that the 12th Street stripping project has been funded. **Mr. Olen** stated his involvement in the marketing committee with DDA and how informative and productive he has found them to be. One of the duties of the DDA Marketing Committee assists in the efforts of understanding new incoming companies into the City of Miami.

Commander Diaz inquired about the Quality of Life meeting attendance to DDA. The BEAT officers were instructed to draw up a list of any deferred maintenance items to bring to Ms. Jennifer Rodero with the DDA to address. He was also promised equipment for the officers to be funded by DDA.

Ms. Rodero will be following up with the Commander on these issues.

Commander Diaz requested assistance from DDA & BAA regarding the Brickell Bridge hours of opening. **Mr. de la Espriella** stated that The Miami River Commission is in favor to have the opening of the bridge more frequently as it is a working bridge.

Mr. de la Espriella explained that the Miami River project is scheduled for 2018 for the Brickell Bridge and have expressed to FDOT some short term solutions. **Commander Diaz** expressed the complaints regarding the Brickell Bridge and the traffic lockdown. DDA will invite the Commander to the next Transit and Mobility Committee to express his concerns.

City of Miami Police Department Commander Diaz reported an increase in thefts in the CVS and Walgreens. The merchants have been recommended to hire a private security to assist.

A decrease has been reported in the motor vehicle thefts on Brickell Avenue. However, an increase has been reported in stolen tags.

The movie theatre private grand opening is this week on Thursday and opening next week for business. **Commander Diaz** has met with the Apple Store management concerning security for any new product releases and they seem to be very cooperative with the security concerns.

Abigael Mahoney reported that the Rolling Loud Music Festival to be occurring on May 4th 5th & 6th and is expecting 40,000 attendees at Bayfront Park. It is hip hop music festival. The same restrictions will be applied as to the Ultra Music Festival in March. **Ms. Mahoney** will be forwarding the sound check and festival hours.

Commander Diaz reported that there were no deaths and overdoses at the Ultra Music Festival held last month.

Street closure for South Miami Avenue for the 5 de mayo festivities have been requested and granted by the City of Miami Police Department.

Mr. Olen adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.