

# MIAMI BEACH ASSOCIATION

Board of Governors Meeting

Virtual

Monday February 19, 2024

7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Call to Order: 7:06pm**

## **Rollcall of Officers and Directors:**

Position	Name	Present
President	Mark Mongillo	Yes
Vice President	Dan Montano	Yes
Treasurer	Terri DeVito	Yes
Secretary	Barbara Fox	Yes
Director	Scott Boulanger	Yes
Director	Gino DiMauro	Yes
Director	Gary Fox	Yes
Director	Linda Guzzo	Yes
Director	Nancy Michalski	Yes
Director	Gary Schmidt	Yes

**Secretary Report:** Tabled until next Board Meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Tabled until next Board Meeting.

**Member Comments:** Focus is on Flooding Issues.

- Mark gave a brief update: Debris has been removed from brook; several drains have been cleaned out. Clifton & Liberty has been dredged.
- Nancy Michalski - stated she sent a letter to First Selectwomen (Martha Shoemaker) regarding not being able to leave her home in an emergency due to flooding.
- Jason Manafort – First Selectwoman is knowledgeable and engaged in this issue.
- James Tarbel – What is the appropriate way homeowners/brook owners can maintain the brook? Homeowners can clear the brook & bank. Homeowners that abut the brook are responsible for keeping the brook free of debris. Water has to have some place to go.
- Gary F. stated according to the elevation map it shows Corsino east of parking lot is 2 ft above mean high tide. Per Martha any change to the outflow crib will need a DEEP permit which is a multi-year process.
- Tom Larsen- Both vehicles were flooded out 2 feet of water in garage during the last flood. The house is sinking into the ground every time it floods. Can we dredge Swan Pond. & brook from the pond? Corsino is flooded at high tide even without storms.
- John Swarts – Does all of Soundview runoff come to Miami Beach Swan brook? Yes, via a pipe on Pond Rd. North of 156 also flows into Swan brook.
- Mark stated that Jimmy Manafort will take a look at culverts at Clifton & Liberty to explore bridges instead of culverts at those intersections.
- Rob Nicoletti – Cleaned brook and overhanging limbs on his property. The muck is very deep and was up to his knees in muck. 12 to 18 inches of leaves on bottom of brook. Do we know that homeowners that abut the brook own the brook? Yes, according to maps in town hall property lines go to center of brook. His A2 survey shows he only owns 1 to 2 feet into the brook.
- Mark stated MBA will send permission letters to homeowners as we may need to gain access to the brook via the homeowner's property.
- Carolyn Miranda- properties at 156 and Biscayne are now flooding since the town has cleared roots and fixed pipes at Cross Lane. She sent a letter to the town. There is also a project involving DEEP, Town of Old Lyme and Amtrak to improve the flooding at Cross Lane. It was noted that during the last severe flood in MBA Cross Lane did not flood.
- Anthony Zano – background in civil engineering/storm water management. The town needs to retain the water coming into MBA prior to entering MBA. What are the downstream impacts from the Cross Lane project?
- Chrisanne Finnegan has had all her grass & dirt wash away from water coming from 156.
- Mark asked members to email Martha Shoemaker (First Selectwoman).
- Joe LaPenta- Spoke with Jim Lampose mentioned there is a large area by West End Road could Cross Lane pipe by Teddies Pizza be routed there? We need to have a maintenance schedule for dredging of Swan Brook & Swan Pond.

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from John Swartz – Drain at corner of Corsino/Biscayne -There was a collapsed pipe in this drain. A new pipe was put in place.

**Committee Reports:**

- **WPCA - Scott Boulanger-**
  - State approved \$15M forgivable Loan.
  - Old Lyme is in design stage.
  - Re-Negotiations are underway with city of New London.
- **Bylaws and Ordinances – Dan Montano**
  - Committee compared & incorporated April & August Bylaw copies.
  - 2 sections need completion WPCA & Ordinances.
  - Then it can be reviewed by the Board.
  - Mark stated the WPCA may need their own set of bylaws.

**Old Business**

- Brook/Drain Cleaning/Dredging See above member comments.

**New Business**

- **Entertainment request from Deb Noddin –**
  - Avenue Groove Band for July 22,2024 \$1500. A deposit of \$500 is required.

Motion to approve \$500 deposit towards the \$1500 total for Avenue Groove Band. Motion by Gary S. second by Gino

Scott Boulanger	Yes
Gino DiMauro	Yes
Gary Fox	Yes
Linda Guzzo	Yes
Nancy Michalski	Yes
Gary Schmidt	Yes

Motion carried.

- **75<sup>th</sup> Year of Association Celebration this year. More to come. Possibly incorporate with the band.**
  - Nancy will compose a note to members to be included in the next member update.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss budget. Motion by Gary F. second by Gino.

Scott Boulanger	Yes
Gino DiMauro	Yes
Gary Fox	Yes
Linda Guzzo	Yes
Nancy Michalski	Yes
Gary Schmidt	Yes

Motion carried.

- **Budget Discussion for 2024-2025 (and possible approval) Changes may be required**

**Next Board Meeting:** March 18,2024, Hybrid/Zoom.

**Next Budget Meeting:** March 4. Zoom.

**Adjourned:** Motion by Gary F. 9:38pm