**Minutes of Miami-Roads Neighborhood Civic Association Meeting**

**June 27, 2018, 7pm**

**Welcome**

**Update from Police – Commander Antonio Diaz (****1441@miami-police.org****)**

* A few home break-ins this past month. Some arrests were made.
* Traffic is an issue, but police are taking a 3-prong approach:
1. Officers: need lots of well-trained officers
2. Infrastructure: offers positioned in intersection to control timing of lights
3. Enforcement: officers need to be writing tickets.
* Neighbor concern: how many tickets are being written on 12th Ave? She describes speeding traffic and asked that officers increase enforcement along 12th Ave.

**Presentation by KLA Academy**

* KLA documents are on our website: theroadsmiami.com
* KLA has an existing preschool at SW 7th St and Miami River, but are relocating to a larger location.
* Melissa Tapanes – attorney representing school.
* They want to address neighbor concerns.
* School was originally planned as an elementary/middle school. Now, will be Pre-K to 5th grade.
* Maximum of 600 students
* 4-story building
* 45 teachers
* Goal: provide a school within the residential community
* Will incorporate indoor and outdoor recreational spaces
* Has worked with city and county to come up with a traffic plan
* 13 vehicles can fit within the drop-off queue that runs through the building
* 51 parking spaces on-site
* After care will be offered: hours of operation of building are 6am to 6pm
* 15th Rd and 3rd Ave: phase 1 improvements have been proposed to add left turn lane. FDOT has initiated a planning study to develop a long-term improvement. Phase 1 imporvement must be done before opening of the school.
* School administration is committed to beautifying the area. The City took a first step last night in cleaning the streets around Triangle Park. However, neighbors are still concerned and think that further measures are required.
* Q: How do you force people to make a right turn out of the property?
	+ A: construct a channelized median.
* Q: Why is traffic being routed “right only” out of exit? This will force vehicles back to the problematic intersection at 15th Rd and 4th Ave, and cars will attempt dangerous U-turns.
	+ A: right turns out move cars through queue faster. County decides whether a police officer is required to direct traffic. KLA committed to dealing with traffic issues that may arise.
* Q: What is square footage of lot?
	+ 27,800 sq ft
* Q: what is youngest age student?
	+ Infants ~ 3 months
* Q: Parking does not seem adequate for staff and parents.
	+ A: KLA is exploring providing parking areas under 1-95 at 15th Rd and 3rd Ave to open up spaces on site for parents pick-up, drop-off, and visits
* Q: Can KLA make attending this school more reasonable for students in The Roads? Any financial incentives?
	+ A: KLA does set aside 10% of profits toward offering financial aid to students.
* Q: Will parents park on median to drop off kids?
	+ A: KLA will landscape the median to discourage parking on or crossing across median on 15th Rd.
* Q: Can crosswalks be installed for pedestrians to cross across 15th Rd and 4th Aves?
	+ A: will explore
* Q: Concerned about process of dropping off kids. If a car breaks down in the queue, how do other cars get around? This limits options.
	+ A: line is only one lane. Problems will be dealt with.

**Mariana Castro from the office of Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez** (castro.mariana@flsenate.gov)

* Mariana is taking place of Luisana Perez, who has left to work on re-election campaign of Bill Nelson.
* Flyer from Senator’s office are available on website

**Richard Blom, chief of staff for Commissioner Joe Carollo** (rblom@miamigov.com)

* Commissioner’s office is helping us push the traffic study forward.
* The money is there and capital improvements can begin.
* Richard will schedule FDOT to attend our September meeting to discuss plans going forward.
* Also discussion of traffic circles at 3rd Ave and 15th Rd and 4th Ave and 15th Rd

**Katie Gant – other issues Board is working on**

* Billboard on 17th Rd and Coral Way
* Banner on building at 18th Rd and Coral Way
* Mater Academy
* Trees on 12th Ave being removed
* Mater Academy – just received traffic study from Iris at meeting today. The money is there and capital improvements can begin.
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