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

**April 25, 2018, 7pm**

**Welcome**

**Update from Police – Commander Antonio Diaz (**[**1441@miami-police.org**](mailto:1441@miami-police.org)**), Neighborhood Resource Officer Daniel Rodriguez, and Officer Hinson**

* New Major – Armando Aguilar
* New beat officer - Officer Caceres, email address will be added.
* NRO Rodriguez - construction, street sweep. Join city, county, and state to deal with traffic. Towing 18-wheelers in Brickell that are blocking lights. Trying to coordinate signals.
* Officer Hinson - helping hands (est 2016)
* Neighbor concern - brotherhood of the streets (key Biscayne) looking to rent house in the roads.
* Neighbor concerned with a home being rented for homeless.
* Neighbor concern - 2nd Ave and 13th light. Police say this has been studied and there is not enough room for a turning lane.
* Neighbor concern: 1st Ave is a speedway. Officer Caceres is writing a lot of tickets there.
* Neighbor concern: graffiti everywhere. Report to police.

**Introduction of Eileen Higgins - candidate for county commissioner**

* Engineer, small business owner, community activist
* Affordable housing
* Public transportation - smart plan on horizon, lots of things that can be done now
* Need more high wage jobs.
* May 22 election.
* 305-333-5399
* Early voting: starts on 12 through 20
* Shenandoah library, etc.
* Election Day go to your precinct

**Mater Academy, Brickell Prep presentation**

* Antonio Roca
* Roberto Blanche
* 2 acre parcel at 17th Rd and 2nd Ave
* PreK – 12
* Traffic plan approved by county
* 1500 student stations, grade 6-12
* Deficit of thousands of seats in downtown core
* Worked on traffic plan for 8 months with county
* In warrant process with city
* 1st iteration rejected by city. Acquired property next door to deal with concerns.
* 7 stories high. Full gym on 7th floor
* Community can use facilities when not in session
* Mr Blanche - mater academy has track record of success. Urgent need for education in the urban core
* 27+ schools
* [Www.brickellprep.com](http://www.brickellprep.com/)
* Tuition free school
* Public school available to anybody in the area
* Neighbor concern - what is first come, first serve?  Committed to serving neighborhood. Zone with radius from the school.
* Neighbor concern - traffic.
* Only honor roll students can drive to school. Limited number.
* Trollies or school buses
* Neighbor: how close to public transit?
* Theater on property
* Curriculum? Charter school. Fully public. Financial business, international, entrepreneurship,
* potential language component.
* 20% of students graduate with AA degree.
* Neighbor questions:  
  What is area of preference. When will that be established?  
  Is there really a need?  
  How far out was traffic studied?  
  Timeline? Warrant process. 60-90 days before notice period.  
    
  **Commissioner Carollo**  
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  Traffic  
  Parks   
  Underline - $50M.   
  305-305-2534 cell Joe  
  Office 305-250-5380  
  Forward traffic study to commissioners office  
  Dark on 1st Ave  
  Flashing crosswalk lights at 25th and 26th Rd  
  187 parking spaces.   
  1000 ft long queuing  
    
  **Introduction of Zoraida Barreiro - candidate for county commissioner**
* Long time Roads neighbor
* Businesswoman in Little Havana, serving seniors
* Affordable housing
* Traffic