The Roads January Monthly Meeting Minutes

1/25/2017

* **Introductions – Katie**
	+ Financial Overview – Paula
		- 70 Paying members up to date.
		- Net $500 in the past year.
	+ Parking Enforcement
	+ School – Matter Academy
		- Briefly talked about.
		- More discussion expected in upcoming meetings.
	+ Happy Hour – NEME February 8th 6-9.
	+ Speeding issue.
		- The City of Miami will be presenting in February’s meeting to present their results from the traffic study conducted these past few months.
* **Commander Diaz Update**
	+ Commander Diaz made a quick presentation introducing the officers working the Roads and Brickell.
	+ Introduced new statistics the police are now using to keep in touch with repeat criminals.
		- The police are trying their best to stay involved with the community.
		- Numerous Police Operations active at the moment:
			* Operation Street Sweep
			* Operation Overhaul
			* Operation Felony Stop
			* Construction Task Force
			* Homeless Assistance
	+ Introduction to Officer Rodriguez who is assigned to the ROADS.
	+ A quick update on Airbnb (from the perspective of the Police)
		- The police are aware of the problems Airbnb and other short term rental units are having on the area and are working closely with code enforcement and the commissioner’s office to tackle the issue.
* **Commissioner Carollo**
	+ Park update: construction has begun. Expect more updates to come.
	+ Airbnb: The office is working closely with Code Enforcement to tackle the issue with Airbnb.
* **Airbnb Update**
	+ Airbnb: A sudden rise in Airbnb usage around the neighborhood has sparked a worry with not only residents but code enforcement and the commissioner’s office. Airbnb allows individuals living in residential homes to rent out a room in their home to strangers on a day to day basis. One particular home was using Airbnb to rent bunk beds in a hostel-like system.
		- The police and the commission (as stated above) are working closely with the Code Enforcement Department to tackle the issue.
	+ Airbnb Representative
		- Airbnb does not condone the behavior of the house in question (bunk beds) and has immediately removed the listings from their site.
	+ Orlando Diaz, The Director & Danny Sierra, Supervisor Code Enforcement
		- When asked about the legality involved in short term rentals and Airbnb.
			* You cannot rent your home for less than 30 days. Doing so is a code violation.
			* There will be a public hearing for the house mentioned above. Further information to be provided.
* **District 3 Candidates for Commissioner (In order of presentation)** *Each candidate spoke a bit about themselves. We expect to hear more from each candidate in the upcoming meetings.*
	+ Miguel Solomon
	+ Alfie Leon
	+ Zoraida Barreiro
* **Commissioners attending:**
	+ Commissioner Barreiro
	+ Commissioner Suarez
	+ Commissioner Carollo