

# Minutes of BHA Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 2009—The Palace

## **Directors/Alternates Present**

Tory Jacobs/Brickell 25  
Ernesto Cuesta/The Metropolitan  
Lawrence Imber/The Palace  
Eddy del Rio/Brickell Townhouse  
Blanche P. Back/Brickell Biscayne  
Gail Feldman/Bristol Tower  
Michael Basanta/Emerald at Brickell  
Jorge Iglesias/Brickell Mar  
Tony Lopez-Souto/Brickell Biscayne  
Charles Tavares/Emerald at Brickell  
Steve Greenberg/Brickell Harbour  
Wanda Bee/Brickell East

Natalie Brown, Communications Director  
Josie Gulliksen, Asst Communications Director

## **ING Miami Marathon**

Frank Ruiz

## **City of Miami**

Mayor Tomas Regalado  
Ariel Saud, Raymond Carvil /Miami Police  
David Karsh/Commissioner Marc Sarnoff

## **Florida Department of Transportation**

Alan El-Urfali, Carl Morse, Carlos Perez  
Kristof Devastey, Alicia Gonzalez

## **Also Present**

Bill Fitch, Maritza Gonzalez/Brickell on the River  
Carlos Teran/The Plaza - Brickell  
Pat and Taylor Larimore, Amparo Haratyk,  
Janice Jones/The Palace  
Dr. Claudius A. Carnegie/Vue at Brickell  
Dr. and Mrs. R. Narwani/The Metropolitan

## **President's Report**

**Thank you** to our hosts at The Palace, Larry Imber and Property Manager Dede Ashe.

**Annual Meeting** will be next month, Weds., February 24 – Anyone interested in serving as an officer of BHA should contact an executive committee meeting.

Blanch Back moved and Larry Imber seconded that the reading of the January minutes be waived and the minutes accepted as published. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Police Report - Ariel Saud, NET Resource Officer**

There is a new **Commander** for the area, Ethel Jones, who could not be here tonight.

**Honking horns** problem for residents – working with Liza on signage to notify drivers that non-emergency honking is against the law...horns are to be used only for emergency warnings only

## **City of Miami Mayor Regalado**

The Mayor announced changes in personnel leadership within the City, discussed his priorities for the coming year and answered questions about the City's finances, SEC investigation, involvement with Haitian relief efforts and other matters of importance to residents. An article in the Winter BHA News will report on the Mayor's address.

## **David Karsh from Commissioner Sarnoff's Office**

Mr. Karsch announced that the City has closed on the purchase of 1814 Brickell Avenue which will become a permanent park. The commissioner wants to raise \$350,000 from the residents and others in support of it. "The deal is done, the commissioner wants to get neighbors involved."

Q: Will it both dog and child-friendly?

A: we will see, can be as beautiful as you want it to be?

Q: **Brickell Park** next to the Icon needs a sign that invites the public so it doesn't look like the front lawn of Icon.

A: City will look into it. "You're right on target. What good is it if the people don't know it's there?"

Q **Trolley service for Brickell...what's the status?**

Jose Gonzalez said he is working with Miami-Dade Transit on purchasing the fleet. Residents will be served by the Brickell-Biscayne route running from SE 26 Road to Margaret Pace Park with connection at Brickell Metromover. The Brickell-Biscayne Trolley got 50% FDOT operations funding starting July 1, 2010, right after which, Mr. Gonzalez said, "we anticipate having a contract in place." The Brickell-Biscayne route will connect with the Health District, Allapattah/Overtown and Coral Way routes.

**Frank Ruiz - ING Marathon**

Frank reported that the big race is coming up January 31. He distributed information on routes saying Brickell area residents would be primarily affected from 8:30 to 11 Sunday. The majority of runners are 33131 zip codes he said.

**FDOT – Pedestrian Crosswalk at 1770 Brickell**

FDOT said the pedestrian crossing signal and system has improved features, starting that day. In response to concerns that it isn't safe, that drivers do not yield to pedestrians, FDOT reps said that they need residents' help with pedestrian education. They are "getting ready to launch an active outreach campaign and asking police for enforcement. The process of getting the system has been going on a while, they said, FDOT having completed the initial phase of installation mid-year last year. "We have improved it. We need as many people as possible to use it so motorists get used to it. We want officers to be there to help. From an engineering standpoint, we've done just about everything we can do and we need to initiate with the police regular cycle of enforcement."

**Q: Ongoing Concern about danger at 26<sup>th</sup> Road when making a left turn onto Brickell Avenue.**

A: An arrow was painted on the pavement, yet cars still make turns from the next lane over. How about stanchions? Or some way to block that second lane? Who do we have to approach and ask in FDOT to make something happen before an accident? Alicia will loop back with Judy on that.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.