



Wynwood BID Board of Directors Meeting:

Lombardi Properties- 160 NW 26 St. 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33127

April 11, 2022, from 11:07 a.m. to 11:42 a.m.

Meeting Minutes are not verbatim

Board Members in Attendance:

David Weitz, Wynwood BID
David Lerner, Wynwood BID
Amro Zakarni, Wynwood BID
Bruce Fischman, Wynwood BID
Daniel Whyte, Wynwood BID
Diego Ojeda, Wynwood BID
Amir Setayesh, Wynwood BID
Sven Vogtland, Wynwood BID
Jennifer Frehling, Wynwood BID

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Domini Gibbs, City of Miami City Attorney's Office
Major Daniel Garrido, City of Miami Police Department
Commander Freddie Cruz, City of Miami Police Department
Katherine Toyos, City of Miami Intern
Lauren Lamb, Miami Today
Marlo Courtney, Goldman Properties
Scott Srebnick, Goldman Properties
Irving Lerner, Lerner Family Properties
Elias Mitrani, Mitrani Properties
David Polinsky, Fortis Design + Build
Wilfred Yenko, Quadrum Global | Arlo
Mathew Thomson, AMLI Residential
Jonathan Trestyn, More Development
Kate Kavanaugh, More Development
Vanja Plavska, Mana Wynwood
Christina Gonzalez, SWARM | Wynwood Marketplace
Helena Chackman, SWARM | Wynwood Marketplace
Javier Gonzalez, Bartaco
Brandon O'Donnell, Bartaco
Jonathan Lewis, Walt Grace
Lexi Archambeau, Museum of Graffiti
Manny Gonzalez, Wynwood BID
Aleksander Sanchez, Wynwood BID

- Wynwood Business Improvement District (BID) Vice Chair, Marlo Courtney, called the meeting to order at 11:07am.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Considering Albert Garcia's absence, vice-chairman Marlo Courtney opened the public comments portion for the Wynwood Business Improvement District's Board of Director's meeting.
- It was noted that there were no public comments from the audience in attendance.
- Marlo Courtney closed the public comments portion of the Wynwood Business Improvement District's Board of Director's meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Wynwood BID Executive Director, Manny Gonzalez, advised the Wynwood BID Board of Director's that in accordance with the Wynwood BID Board By-Law requirements a ballot for an "up or down" vote was released by the Wynwood Business Improvement District offices on March 4th for final ratification by the property owners within the Wynwood BID boundaries.
- As per the tabulation of ballot votes received by the Wynwood BID prior to the deadline date of 5:00 pm on Monday, April 4, 2022; there were (82) eighty-two voted received with unanimously approval of the proposed Wynwood Board of Director's slate.
- As per Manny Gonzalez, discussion with the City of Miami's attorney's office, it has been confirmed that the term of the new Board of Director's will sunset on September 30, 2023 and will coincide with end of the Wynwood BID's inaugural 10 year term.
- To get ahead of the process of finalizing the proposed Business Plan for Wynwood Business Improvement District's extension, which would run from 2023 to 2033, is almost finished and just needs final edits and finalization of the assessment rates to be levied on property owners by the Wynwood Business Improvement District board of directors.
- It was noted that the Wynwood BID office requested the following additional material to the open Legal Services Request to help refine LSR 21-1851.
 - Invoking a voluntary levy for assessments on properties outside of the boundaries of the BID to receive services.
 - The creation of a sample ballot form to attach to the business plan for rapid return by property owners and avoid the issues we experienced in the past pre-2017 when trying to expand the BID boundaries.

- The proposed steps needed for the Wynwood BID offices to submit to the City of Miami Commission, similar to 2013, when the initial Business Improvement District was ratified June 13, 2013.
- It was noted that the new Wynwood Board of Director's members have been sworn in by the City of Miami Clerk's office prior to the commencement of the April 11, 2022, meeting.
- Manny Gonzalez advised the Wynwood Board of Director's that as per By-Law requirements a Chairperson & Co-Chair need to be appointed by the members, via a simple vote to be written on paper sheets and tabulated.
- It was noted that the previous Chairperson & Vice-Chair was Albert Garcia & Marlo Courtney, respectively.
- Manny Gonzalez opened solicitations for Chair position of the Wynwood BID.
- It was noted that David Weitz volunteered for the Chair position.
- Sven Vogtland assured the members in attendance that Mr. Weitz would make an excellent Chairperson, as he is highly intelligent and passionate about Wynwood and the vitality of the district.
- As per the collection of the written ballot counts, Marlo Courtney announced Wynwood Business Improvement District unanimously agreed to appoint *David Weitz* as Chairperson and *Amro Zakarni* as the Wynwood BID's Vice Chair.

SECURITY UPDATE:

- Wynwood City of Miami Police Commander Freddie Cruz introduced the newly appointed City of Miami Police Major for Central District, Daniel Garrido.
- It was noted that Major Garrido has worked in law enforcement for approximately 25 years and have served the Wynwood community in specific for many years.
- City of Miami Police Commander Freddie Cruz stated that "*Everything is great*" in Wynwood.
- As per City of Miami Police Commander Freddie Cruz, there has been a decrease in crime across the board, except for vehicular theft.
- City of Miami Police Commander, Freddie Cruz reemphasized that his #1 priority is public life safety.

- As per Commander Cruz, it was noted that there were no incidents in Wynwood during Ultra weekend, Mar 25 – Mar 27, 2022, despite the increase of traffic from the 165,000 attendees.
- It was noted that Commander Cruz is currently working with the city to prepare for the increase of traffic in the summer and for Halloween.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jonathan Lewis, on behalf of Walt Grace Vintage, promoted *Uncle Scotchy's Storytelling Extravaganza* is a live, short-form story telling event set to take place on April 16th.
- It was noted that they have already secured a partnership with J. Wakefield Brewery and Bruichladdich scotch and are affiliated with two great charities, PACT for Animals and Bullies-n-Beyond Rescue.
- It was noted that Walt Grace Vintage is seeking additional local sponsors to assist in the expansion of their event.
- Marlo Courtney close in-person public comments.
- Manny Gonzalez requested that the following Wynwood BID Board of Directors meeting be rescheduled from May 10th to May 16th out of deference to the previous Chairman, Albert Garcia, and to ensure that he will be able to attend.
- The Board unanimously agreed that the meeting date be rescheduled for Monday, May 16th, 2022.
- **Meeting adjourned 11:42am**

MEETING MOTION SUMMARY:

MOTION #1: February 23, 2022, Wynwood BID Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes:

- Upon a properly made and seconded motion, it was unanimously resolved to approve the February 23, 2022, Wynwood Business Improvement District Board of Directors meeting minutes.

First motion provided; seconded
Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2: Appointment of Wynwood Business Improvement District Chairman:

- Upon a properly made and seconded motion, it was unanimously resolved to appoint David Weitz as Chair of Wynwood BID Board of Directors

First motion provided; seconded
Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3: Appointment of Wynwood Business Improvement District Vice-Chairman:

- Upon a properly made and seconded motion, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Amro Zakarni as Vice-Chair of Wynwood BID Board of Directors

First motion provided; seconded
Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4: Appointment of Wynwood Business Improvement District Public Benefit Trust Fund Committee:

- Upon a properly made and seconded motion, it was unanimously resolved to appoint David Lombardi and David Polinsky as the designees to represent the Wynwood BID on the 5-person committee.

First motion provided; seconded
Motion Passed Unanimously