

MINUTES
Workshop on
Neighborhood Services Districts
January 16, 2025
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 6:53 p.m.

The following Elected Officials were present: Mayor Josh Dieguez, Vice Mayor Bryan Morera, Councilmembers Juan C. Fernandez, Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Ray Garcia and Steven Herzberg.

The following Town Staff members were present: Special Projects Manager John Yanes, Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun, Town Clerk Gina Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis Martinez.

2. Public Comments:

(Phonetically spelling of each speaker's name will be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known)

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds came before the Town Council stating a bill can be sent to every property owner that lives around the lake. Councilmember Steven Herzberg had some follow-up questions regarding Town liability and lake maintenance. The Special Projects Manager, Mr. John Yanes answered questions posed. Mayor Josh Dieguez provided further remarks. The Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun offered research regarding minimum standards for Florida.

Mr. (Inaudible), resident of Lake Mary came before the Town Council stating the lakes should be maintained and that the lakes are also polluted by storm water runoff. Mayor Josh Dieguez made comments dealing with runoff issues. Councilmember Ray Garcia asked Town Staff if there are any grants available at this time helping communities maintain their lakes and wildlife, Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun provided feedback. Towards the latter part of the workshop the same Lake Mary resident asked what the yearly maintenance fee for Lake Hilda and Lake Patricia is and discussed multiple topics related to various lakes in the Town with Mayor Josh Dieguez.

Mr. Homero Cruz came before the Town Council to explain the previous NSD committees, maintenance fees, access to lakes, and bylaws. Mayor Dieguez provided further remarks in favor of NSD's and challenges needing to be addressed. Mr. Cruz also added additional comments against the request for driver's license at the gate guards.

Ms. Genexis, a Satori resident, came before the Town Council to suggest a community development district like the one in Satori. Further discussion regarding CDD's and Lake Dunwoody maintenance was held. Mrs. Genexis also asked an additional question pertaining to operational control to which Vice Mayor Bryan Morera provided feedback to.

Mr. Manny Ribadeo, HOA president of Lake Loch Ness came before the Town Council to ask if they can share what part, or involvement does South Florida Water Management District have with our lakes. Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun provided feedback.

Mr. Alex Sanchez came before the Town Council to ask are the lakes swimmable, pertaining to the analysis of the lakes. Todd Barhydt, a vendor from Solitude, provided feedback.

Ms. Eileen Guitterez came before the Town Council to congratulate the newly elected officials and Special Projects Manager Mr. John Yanes. Mrs. Guiterrez spoke about driver's licenses at night referencing the gate guards, to not blocking the guard house box on NW 79th Ave, to promote police enforcement and to add a device that will allow the gate arm to work while the security guards are in the bathroom or on lunch break. Mayor Josh Dieguez provided feedback.

Ms. Lydia Hernandez came before the Town Council to congratulate them, to comment on the excellent job done by Special Projects Manager Mr. John Yanes, adding speed bumps to the guard gates and asking for driver's licenses in the evening hours.

3. Item Discussed:

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Special Projects Manager Mr. John Yanes presented the power point on NSD's. Vice Mayor Morera and Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez gave post power point remarks and Vice Mayor Morera opened the floor for public comments.

Vice Mayor Morera asked the Special Projects Manager, Mr. John Yanes, if the budget, expenses and actuals are on track within our existing NSD's, Mr. Yanes replied that we are on track on our budget.

Special Projects Manager John Yanes continued his power point presentation focused on lake maintenance, security guard district updates and enhancements. Todd Barhydt, the vendor from Solitude provided bacteria testing results for Lake Hilda and Lake Patricia.

Councilmember Ray Garcia requested a timeframe for the postcards to be sent out before the next quarterly meeting. Councilmember Steven Herzberg stated he did receive the postcards in the mail and recommended it to be more eye-catching, requested getting the details right to maintain the budget as low as possible, and asked the Parks & Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, if he

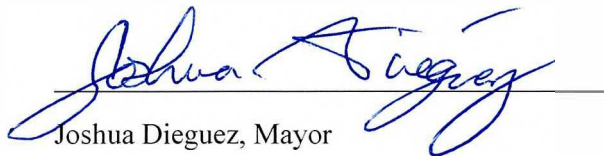
has been able to take in complaints about any issues from homeowners and resolve them. Mr. Bajdaun provided feedback.

Vice Mayor Bryan Morera asked how much Royal Oaks East and West pay compared to how much they would pay if they were to piggyback off section 1. Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez commented on NSD payments. Councilmember Steven Herzberg spoke on the deterrent of past post orders where the gate guard would take down license plate numbers between the hours of 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. and open the gate to allow exit. Special Projects Manager Mr. John Yanes provided remarks on current post orders.

4. Adjournment:

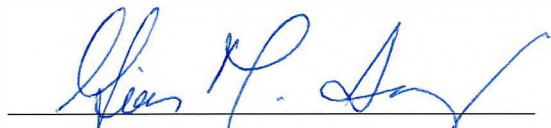
This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved this 18th day March 2025.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk