



**Coconut Grove Business Improvement District Nominating Committee Meeting
Friday February 24th, 2023 at 9:00am
Location: B Bistro of Coconut Grove - 2895 McFarlane Road**

Attendees: Alejandra Argudin, Atchana Capellini, Elizabeth Solar, Jaime Stuyck, Cynthia Seymour, Olav Smit, Venusmia Fernandez Lovely, Xavier Alban, Esq.

Absent: None

**Meeting Start Time: 9:00am
Meeting Adjournment: 9:53am**

1. Review of Applicants for the 2 Open Board of Directors positions

Proposed discussion points:

Discussion: What experience, business perspectives, talents and interests might benefit the Coconut Grove business community?

Alex Argudin opened the meeting and asked for any feedback regarding the candidates that have submitted their interest in the open positions. She also mentioned that perhaps we should look at areas of potential weakness of the current BID , Cynthia indicated that “While the BID is stronger at representing and responding to the needs of the Restaurant and Retail sectors, the Business relationships could be an opportunity for strengthening the mission of the BID”. What areas do we think we are meeting in our board? Since there are some applicants that are on twice; take a moment to read over their submitted documents and then we can discuss.

Elizabeth Solar stated that all the applicants seem to be strong and asked about Jeff Pankey’s previous work with the BID and if there is still anything that would be a conflict with him, Cynthia Seymour stated: He did work on the Grovestove videos,

which were completed over a year ago. Currently, there is no outstanding work with Figment.

Xavier reminded the nominating committee that no BID board member can have a contract with the BID while on the Board of Directors.

Each applicant's pro and cons were discussed with the focus on the four (4) strengths:

- Strong knowledge of the Grove
- Community presence and engagement
- Network for partnership opportunities for the BID
- Time commitment to the BID Board

1. Business Representative: They need to be able to help and work with the BID and the small businesses

- a. Jeffrey Pankey- Figment - Caribbean Tourism Board affiliation - Destination marketing strategy
- b. Chris Cobb- Currently with Grass River, (Previously with Cocowalk)
- c. Senen Garcia - Lawyer with a business in Grove Bay
- d. Ivan Rapin-Smith- his letter of interest was vague and due to the folio under Watsco may be a better fit under property owner.
- e. Diego Guimaraes- felt that as a new business owner (franchise) that he may not be able to give the time needed on the BID Board.

2. Property Owner: focus on the areas of networking and helping the BID with building more community partnerships

- a. Jeffrey Pankey-felt that he would be better to serve in the open position in the Business Representative
- b. Grant Savage - several folios, engaged with Fuller Street
- c. Ivan Rapin-Smith - 37 folios in the Grove Bay Building - Watsco
- d. Hunter Holtz- base on resume has not been in the Grove area very long and has moved jobs quite a few times
- e. Raymond Fort - Impressive resume and letter of interest. Has served on the Board before and knows the Grove.Does he have the time to committed to the BID board?

Based on your review of the candidates, which applicant might best serve as the Business Representative on the Coconut Grove BID Board? *Motion to recommend to BID Board that Jeffery Pankey (Figment Design Creative Agency) be*

*placed on Slate Card under Business Representative made by Atchanna Capellini
Seconded by Elizabeth Solar - passed unanimously.*

Based on your review of the candidates, which applicant might best serve as the Property Owner Representative on the Coconut Grove BID Board? *Motion to recommend to the BOD Board that Ivan Rapin-Smith (Watsco) be placed on the slate card under Property Owner made by Atchanna Capellini Seconded by Elizabeth Solar- passed unanimously*

Our next Board meeting will be subsequent to this meeting today and the Nominating Committee will be presenting the recommendations to the Board of Directors. Thank you for your service to the Coconut Grove Business Improvement District.