



**Coconut Grove Business Improvement District Board of Directors  
Emergency Special Meeting**

130 Mary Street, Suite #128, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM

**\*\*meeting minutes are not verbatim\*\***

Board members in attendance:

Commissioner Ken Russell, Chairman

Alejandra Argudin

Lalo Durazo

Claire Lardner

Donna DeMichael

Olaf Kohrsmeyer

Monty Trainer, non-voting board member

Board members not in attendance:

Lauren Carra

Steven Keup

Michael Comras

Non-board member participants:

Xavier Alban, Esq., City of Miami Attorney's Office

Abigail Mahony, Executive Director

Cynthia Seymour, District 2

Art Noriega, City of Miami Manager

Chairman Commissioner Russell called the emergency meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

## Agenda

### **1. Appointment of Acting Executive Director**

Commission Russell announced that he had accepted the resignation of Abigail Mahony from her position as Executive Director. Commissioner Russell listed several notable achievements from Ms. Mahony, including her success in guiding the BID through a period of re-establishment and organizational restructuring assuring uninterrupted programming. Commissioner Russell highlighted notable achievements of Ms. Mahony, including the commencement of the Main Highway repavement project, the installation of O, Miami poetry banners, the development and execution of the Grove Stove program, the closure of Fuller Street and parking spaces for outdoor seating to assist BID restaurants, and the development of a new website. The board collectively thanked Ms. Mahony for her service and her work. Ms. Mahony thanked the board for their support and assistance. She announced she will join Commissioner Russell as his Chief of Staff.

Commissioner Russell announced his nomination of Ms. Cynthia Seymour as the Acting Executive Director of the Coconut Grove BID. Commissioner Russell highlighted Ms. Seymour's successes as his District Director, where she was responsible for building relationships and serving as a community liaison with key organizations and stakeholders including homeowner associations, civic organizations, and local constituents.

Over her tenure, she facilitated daily problem-solving and responsiveness to a wide variety of constituent requests and concerns and built positive working relationships within the City of Miami departments, as well as worked cross-jurisdictionally with departments in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida. As the Project Manager for the District 2 Office, Ms. Seymour conducted meetings with the various City of Miami Departments and forwarded over key Capital Improvements, Parks and Public Works projects district-wide. In this role she produced recommendations for the City of Miami annual budget hearings and acted as an advisor on securing budget and financial commitments to advance these projects. Projects she managed include Virrick Park Pool, South Grove Traffic Study and Roadway Improvements, McDonald and Day Traffic Circle, Bird Road Improvements and Bike Lanes, and a wide range of Roadway Improvements & Sidewalk restorations from Morningside down to the South Grove.

Upon a properly made and seconded motion, the board unanimously voted to approve Ms. Cynthia Seymour as the Acting Executive Director of the BID, effective December 2, 2020. The board approved Ms. Seymour's compensation package to be the same as Ms. Mahony's.

Motion: Olaf Kohrsmeyer  
Second: Claire Lardner

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.