



BLASTING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2024

6:30 P.M.

A meeting of the Blasting Citizens Advisory Committee took place on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:48 p.m. at the City of Miramar Parks & Recreation conference room, 2200 Civic Center Place, 2nd floor, Miramar, Florida 33025.

I/II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Chairperson Ryan Millay, Sunset Falls
Vice Chairperson Patricia Lara, Nautica
Rose Thompson, Miramar Resident
Audrey Tomlinson, Miramar Resident

The following members were absent:

Jorge Solis, Riviera Isles
Melissa Thomas, Huntington

A quorum was achieved.

City staff present:

Salvador Zuniga, Staff Liaison
Candice Cobb, City Attorney
Leah deRiel, Recording Secretary

TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: The minutes are transcribed from an audio recording; no one in the meeting transcribes the minutes. Speakers need to state who they are **EVERY TIME** they speak to be accurately identified in the minutes; this is especially important when making motions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **January 18, 2024**

Vice Chairperson Lara mentioned changing the date to reflect there were two more years left for White Rock Quarries; the year should say 2026.

Vice Chairperson Lara made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2024, as corrected; Chairperson Millay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **February 15, 2024**

Chairperson Millay made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024, as presented; Ms. **23:26**; seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Ms. **23:36** asked for an update on the trip to Tallahassee.

Vice Chairperson Lara remarked there were some good outcomes from that trip. Almost all members of the Miami Lakes Blasting Advisory Board flew to Tallahassee, along with the state representative; White Rock Quarries, too, had representatives in Tallahassee. Miami Lakes representatives, along with the state representatives advocated the passing of a bill that would draw more attention to the blasting issue based on the number of years the issue existed; the bill requested funding for further studies, if needed. She said state representatives would continue to push forward.

Ms. Tomlinson questioned if the bill Ms. Lara spoke of was the house bill (HB) mentioned at a previous board meeting.

Chairperson Millay recalled it was HB 245.

Vice Chairperson Lara believed it was; she would confirm it with Miami Lakes. She stated Miguel Martinez officially resigned from the Miami Lakes Blasting Advisory Board, as he accepted the offer of a full-time job from Miami-Dade County; the job did not involve any blasting-related matters.

Ms. Tomlinson wondered if Mr. Martinez would continue to be active on blasting issues in Miami Lakes, as he had a wealth of information.

Vice Chairperson Lara responded the other members of the Miami Lakes Blasting Advisory Board were just as knowledgeable, as the same representatives who served with Mr. Martinez were continuing the work of that board. His resignation from the board was due to the new job posing a conflict of interest; she felt sure if they needed his help on anything information related, he would help. She said Mr. Martinez took the job to enable him to better care for his family.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

V. OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairperson Millay mentioned at the board's January 2024 meeting, Mr. Martinez provided the board with a QR code on LinkedIn to the group, Citizens United. He sought to familiarize himself with the link, and he found it pretty favorable, so he offered to provide the QR code to other board members wishing to do the same.

Vice Chairperson Lara asked Ms. deRiel to email the QR code to the board members. She mentioned White Rock Quarries usually blasted twice a day, once in the morning, and once in the afternoon, and, though rarely, twice in the afternoon; she understood they moved their blasting to another part of the quarry. This was noticed by Miramar residents who posted on the Nextdoor app that the blasting vibrations felt less intense, and less frequent, only to later say they felt stronger vibrations from three blasts in one day. She explained this was due to White Rock moving their blasting activities around the quarry on different days.

Ms. Tomlinson sought confirmation that once the mining company moved from a quarry, it was permanent.

Vice Chairperson Lara answered yes, if they mined all the material they could.

Ms. Tomlinson asked if this was when they filled the mined quarry with water.

Chairperson Millay answered yes, noting **(unintelligible 32:27)**.

Vice Chairperson Lara interjected, stating the water the mining company filled the old mining quarry with was about 25 to 35 feet deep.

Ms. Tomlinson assumed the mining company was not able to repurpose the mined area.

Vice Chairperson Lara affirmed this to be the case.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

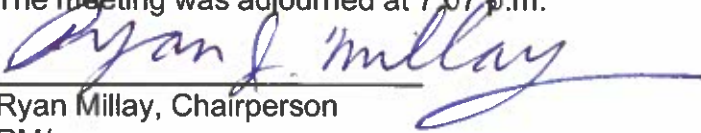
- Volunteer Appreciation Awards Dinner - Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. @ Miramar Cultural Center Banquet Hall; RSVP by April 4, 2024; attire is business casual.

Vice Chairperson Lara mentioned Vice Mayor Davis sent out an email with a QR code for volunteers to register to attend; each volunteer could bring one guest.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting: April 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Ryan Millay, Chairperson
RM/cc