



## BLASTING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**May 16, 2024**

**6:30 P.M.**

A meeting of the Blasting Citizens Advisory Committee took place on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:41 p.m. at the City of Miramar Parks & Recreation conference room, 2200 Civic Center Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Miramar, Florida 33025.

### **I/II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The following members were present:

Chairperson Ryan Millay, Sunset Falls  
Rose Thompson, Miramar Resident At-Large

The following members were absent:

Vice Chairperson Patricia Lara, Nautica  
Melissa Thomas, Huntington  
Jorge Solis, Riviera Isles  
Audrey Tomlinson, Miramar Resident At Large

A quorum was not achieved.

City staff present:

Salvador Zuniga, Staff Liaison  
Candice Cobb, City Attorney  
Leah deRiel, Recording Secretary  
**Celo Lovari**, Miramar Resident  
Francisco Rodriguez, Miramar Resident  
**Luis Varios**, Miramar Resident

Francisco Rodriguez asked about the community representation on the board.

Ms. deRiel explained the board's makeup, that meetings were open to the public; Miramar residents interested in serving could fill out the online application, and submit it to the City Clerk's Office; the City Commission selected board members from persons who submitted applications to serve. The board was made up of representatives from eight communities affected by blasting, and a ninth member representing Miramar businesses. She said board seats currently vacant represented the communities of Country Club Ranches, and Sunset Lakes.

Chairperson Millay indicated residents from anywhere in Miramar were free to apply to serve, but the board's makeup was primarily from Miramar communities west of I-75 where White Rock Quarries did its blasting.

Ms. deRiel added that all members of the public were free to attend the Blasting Committee's monthly meetings.

Chairperson Millay added the Blasting Committee was always looking for people wishing to do more, and the Commission could be petitioned to include other communities on the board if they were affected by blasting. He said board members' served a two-year term, and the board met on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **April 18, 2024**

Deferred to the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

### **V. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Male speaker 7:41** mentioned placing an advertisement on Nextdoor reminding residents of the present meeting; he would do so again for subsequent meetings.

Chairperson Milay asked the three members of the public present to identify themselves, and stating the community in which they lived.

**Luis Varios 10:01** said he lived in Sunset Lakes.

**Celo Lovari 10:05** stated he, too, lived in Sunset Lakes.

Francisco Rodriguez said he lived in Riviera Isles.

Ms. deRiel commented for the benefit of the three residents on Miramar's Blasting Committee; the issue of blasting affecting Miramar communities; how blasting was governed, and monitored by the State, Miami Lakes, and Broward County; and efforts to change existing laws governing blasting limits, which had to be done at the state level.

General discussion on the effects of blasting, the frequency of blasts, measuring and reporting seismic activities, governing agencies involved, the process for filing complaints, etc.

Chairperson Milay noted the board and city staff were more than happy to share information with the residents present if they gave staff their contact information.

Ms. Thompson asked if board members would consider reducing the frequency of meetings in a year to allow more items to be placed on the agenda.

Chairperson Milay recalled asking something similar in January 2024 for a personal reason, but if the board achieved a quorum, action could be taken.

Ms. deRiel affirmed a vote of the board, which required a quorum of members, was needed for a decision to modify the board's meeting schedule.

**Male speaker** thought it would be useful to have two persons appointed for each area identified as affected by blasting; in this way, if one could not attend, the alternate member could attend. He was unsure if this was possible.

Chairperson Milay said the challenge was getting board members to attend meetings.

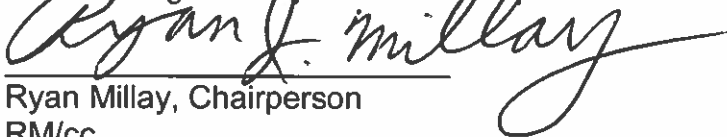
Ms. Thompson added the more people appointed to the board, the more people required to achieve a quorum, something the board always struggled to achieve.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION: NONE**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting: June 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Ryan Millay, Chairperson  
RM/cc