



Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

June 21, 2022 at 5:30-6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Present:

- Karol Rodriguez
 - Trevor Johnson
 - Reginald Andre
 - Howard Dupree
 - Chris Malcolm
 - Franz-Marie Bullard
 - Margarita Beckford
 - Tracey Jackson
 - Tara Kitt-Laudat, UHP
Community Liaison
 - Teara Jackson, UHP
 - Carlita Fiestas, UHP
 - Wren Ruiz, UHP
 - Jen Cheek, UHP
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Meeting Report:

1. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and shared their name, if they are a resident of Miami Gardens, their favorite thing about biking or walking in Miami Gardens, and why they are interested in this committee.

2. Items for Discussion

a. Welcome to the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

UHP welcomed the attendees to the first Live Healthy Miami Gardens Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and provided an overview of the committee's mission, goals, and structure (see attached presentation slides).



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- b. *UHP presentation of UHP' & Live Healthy Miami Gardens efforts to date to improve bikeability and walkability in Miami Gardens*

UHP presented UHP' & Live Healthy Miami Gardens efforts to date to improve bikeability and walkability in Miami Gardens, including sharing the Miami Gardens Mobility Mapping Tool and plans for printable mobility maps for community use, and the results of the Community Biking Survey and resulting prioritization of planned/proposed biking and trail improvement projects within the City.

Members responded to the presented map of community-prioritized biking improvement projects planned and proposed for the City by sharing their own priorities for biking and pedestrian improvement projects and for improving bikeability and walkability within the City of Miami Gardens. Please see attachments for the committee's recommendations and the 2019 Wayfinding Plan by UHP for the City.

3. Open comment and discussion

Additional member comments were heard during the open comment/discussion portion. Please see attachments for the committee's recommendations.

4. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.

Attachments to these minutes:

- Committee's Comments & Recommendations
- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [Video Recording](#)
- [2019 Wayfinding Signage Plan Documents](#)

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 20th, 2022



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ATTACHMENT

Committee's Comments & Recommendations

- **Educational campaigns, classes, or programs**

At least three members of the Committee expressed a desire to see educational campaigns, classes, or programs, including on the following topics:

- Biking and pedestrian safety
 - Lights and reflectors
 - Proper bike fit
 - Biking Safety 101
 - Pedestrian safety 101
- Biker & Pedestrian Safety for Motorized Vehicle Drivers
 - Stopping at crosswalks
 - Speeding
- How to Enjoy Outdoor Activities

- **Wayfinding signage to increase awareness of City's trails**

Several members of the Committee emphasized the need for more awareness of the City's trail assets using high-visibility signage around the City to indicate location and distance of trails. Particular emphasis was made for the trail behind the library and the Westside Blueway Trails.

NOTE: Urban Health Partnerships completed a Wayfinding Signage Plan for Live Healthy Miami Gardens in 2019 that included an analysis based on locational criteria and on-site feasibility analysis to determine proposed locations, renderings of the signage designs, vendor information, and GIS mapping of the proposed locations. Please see attached [Wayfinding Signage Plan documents](#) and contact wren@urbanhp.org for further coordination.

- **Prioritization of corridors/areas for Biking and Pedestrian improvement projects:**

- 27th Ave.
- 32nd Ave.
- 37th Ave.
- 183rd St.
- 191st. St.
- Countyline Rd.
- Majorca Isles neighborhood (member: streets are suitable for adding bike lanes)



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- Projects near schools

- **Bike racks/parking**

Members expressed difficulty finding places to park their bike when on biking trips within the City. A member mentioned Wal-mart and Starbucks as specific locations where bike parking is needed

- **Community biking events**

Several Committee members expressed a desire for more community bike events and rides. A monthly bike ride was suggested. A Miami Lakes night ride was provided as an example wherein the City had the police present and used neon lighting to guide the biking group.

Members felt it was important to hold these events as a safer means to getting the City's drivers used to having bikers in the streets, and to encouraging more bikers and pedestrians and increasing eyes on the streets.

- **Visibility on paths and trails**

A few Committee members voiced concern about insufficient lighting and lane/trail visibility along some paths and trails. Specifically mentioned were the Westside Blueway Trails, Brentwood Park due to large presence of youth and seniors, and 27th Avenue. Reflectors were mentioned as a low cost way of improving visibility along rails or barriers next to paths and trails.

Solar lights were also mentioned as a low-cost solution for improving visibility along the paths and trails.

- **Litter along Westside Blueway Trails**

Member mentioned that the Westside Blueway Trails are often littered and could benefit from more increased maintenance.

- **Scared to ride bike within the City**

Two members of the Committee expressed feeling "scared" to ride their bike in the City's streets, and mentioned that they either go to other cities ("Weston, Pembroke Pines") to ride bike or only bike at parks.