

# MINUTES of FIRST MEETING OF BELLE ISLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

January 19, 2005  
Meeting Room at 20 Island Avenue

Over 110 individuals responded to the meeting notice and attended this meeting. Herb Frank called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcomed the attendees and read the Mission Statement of the Association. He then nominated the following individuals to serve on the Board of Directors:

Herb Frank  
Barbara Frank  
Josh Fisher  
Keith Hark  
Michael Glogower  
Nancy Liebman  
Luis Marcelin  
Henry Mistre  
Sandy Paul.

A motion to approve these individuals was made and seconded from the floor and passed unanimously. All Directors, other than Luis Marcelin, were in attendance.

Herb explained that the By-Laws of the Association (which are available on the Association web-site – <http://www.belle-isle-residents.org> ) had been developed and reviewed by all of those elected to the Board. Nancy Liebman moved that they be approved; Sandy Paul seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Saul Frances, Parking Director for the City of Miami Beach, took the microphone. Saul described the vote taken on the Residential Parking Program for Belle Isle during the summer, the reasoning behind the concept and noted that it will be re-balloted soon. A number of attendees asked questions and gave their opinions on the concept. SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED PLAN.

Michael Bauman, Chief, Causeways Division Miami-Dade County Public Works, then took the microphone. He noted that, after several delays, the Venetian Causeway Toll Booths are now scheduled to re-open in early April, 2005. He advised that the new rate for Causeway Residents, such as those on Belle Isle, will be \$24/year. Instead of asking everyone with or without an old transponder for the toll booths to go there, he will organize renewals and new purchases in each building on Belle Isle, approximately one month in advance of the opening. He also noted that his office is “budgeting millions” for repairs of the bridges on the Venetian Causeway. It was agreed that we will ask for more detail on this concept at our next meeting.

Herb reported that the individual to address the Park Renovation was unable to attend the meeting. It is a 33 month project from the time bids were solicited. The construction will take 12 to 14 months and start in the summer of 2005. **THERE IS A LINK TO THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN AVAILABLE ON THE BELLE ISLE WEBSITE.**

Josh Fisher, developer of the Belle Isle website, described its contents and noted that Belle Isle condo building information can be added or linked to it. Herb thanked Josh for his work and Sandy Paul for taking Minutes of this meeting, which will be posted on the website.

David Lemmond, General Manager, of the Standard Hotel (Lido Spa) then described the Spa. He noted that open houses are held on Wednesdays from 5 - 7:30 p.m. to introduce Belle Isle residents to the Spa. He responded to questions from the audience and agreed to send the recently-finalized pricing for Belle Isle Residents for their spa services to the Association website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Prepared by:

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