

MINUTES
Meeting with FDOT to Discuss
Proposed Bridge Park on 154th Street
March 28, 2016
2:00 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room
6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 2:07 pm

Present at the meeting were: Mayor Michael Pizzi; Councilman Nelson Rodriguez; Chief of Operations Tony Lopez; Town Manager Alex Rey; Harold A. Desdunes, P.E., Director of Transportation Development; Javier M. Bustamante, C.P.M. District Assistant Right of Way Manager; Gus Pego, P.E., District Secretary; Joseph Ascuntar, Mayor's Assistant; and Helen Roldan, Assistant to the Council/Deputy Town Clerk.

2. Business Items Discussed:

A. Introduction to Bridge Park

The proposed project would be a trail for bicyclists and pedestrians. Land collective is in charge of the concept plans. Mayor stated that as per the inter-local agreement, the bridge cannot be opened for commerce/cars.

B. Process to Create Bridge Park

Mr. Pego stated that assuming conditions have not changed since the Inter-local Agreement was established, so Miami Dade County can take the lead on this initiative. The bridge would become a section line road, most of which belongs to Miami Dade County. Currently, the County is responsible for maintenance of the bridge. Mayor Pizzi asked if the Town of Miami Lakes can be in charge of the maintenance of the proposed bridge park. Councilman Rodriguez suggested that the County may be able to include it in their strategic plan. Mr. Pego stated that another option would be to lease the bridge.

C. Transportation Initiatives

Mayor Pizzi ran down a list of the strategic plan initiatives that the Town of Miami Lakes has formalized related to FDOT to discuss.

3. Actions to be Taken:

- A. Mayor Pizzi said that his office would send out a letter to FDOT formalizing a request for the bridge park, including resolutions from Hialeah-Miami Lakes, inter-local agreement, and any other supporting documents.
- B. FDOT will reach out to the City of Hialeah, Miami Dade County, and the MPOs from the

traffic network to make sure that every agency is on board with the bridge park.

- C. The Town will have conversations with the City of Hialeah regarding their side of the bridge and any private land surrounding the bridge.
- D. The Federal Highway Administration must be notified because they contributed to the bridge.
- E. Concept plans for the bridge park must be made.

Approved this 3rd day of March 2016

Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk