



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Town Mediation Program

Date: December 10, 2019

Recommendation:

During the September 2016 Town Council Meeting, the Town Council provided direction to Town Staff to study the possibility of establishing a Town of Miami Lakes Mediation process by which residents would be able to resolve inter-neighbor conflicts through an informal mediation process, rather than resorting to the Town Code Enforcement Court Magistrate process.

An interesting discovery is that the statewide, Circuit and County Court mediation resolution process had its genesis in municipal courts through a non-profit concerned citizens group. As municipal courts were dissolved, municipalities abandoned this process. However, there are processes that remain, for example Saint John County.

Attached is a proposed process that the Town can adopt for matters in which the Town is a party and for matters in which the Town is not a party.

Attachments: Town Mediation Program

This oral report is intended to be informational. However, actions may result of this item.