

Town of Miami lakes

Economic Development Committee

September 21, 2020

1. Call to order: Chairman Eddie Blanco called to order the meeting at 7:02PM.
2. Roll call: Eddie Blanco, Vicente Rodriguez, Romy Portuando Remior, Jorge Alvarez, Alex Castro, Neill Robinson, Rudy Blanco, John Tingle, Jessica Medina, Andrea Rechichi, William Sanchez, Elizabeth Golshteyne,
3. Order of business(Deferrals/Additions/Deletions): None
4. Public Comments: None
5. Approval of minutes from 9-9-2020: Deferred until next meeting.
6. Old Business: Scavenger Hunt. Andrea gave a summary of the details ironed out at a special subcommittee meeting, attended by Vicente, Jessica and Magaly. Key points will include: Team play with 6 individuals to accommodate family participation, each team has an adult 18 years or older, sign up through internet, Bronze, Silver and Gold rewards with perhaps gift cards and discounts applicable. i.e. special prices for such items as ice cream etc. . Form letter to businesses to describe activities and tell them how to proceed. Firms will be developed from the Town's BTR lists. Dates are November 12-28th to coincide with small business Saturday. Further discussion resulted in a motion by Eddie to approach the Council for approval of the Scavenger Hunt, including details and proposal to be paid out of the pop up budget. Motioned 2nd by John. No additional discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.
7. New Business: Proposal that the EDC host a debate for the Municipal Elections for Town Council candidates and State Representatives for Seat 103 and 110: Eddie mentioned this concept which again may stem from our previous success in this area. The idea being that a debate will take place after a forthcoming regular Council meeting (October 13, 2020). Format and venue as per last event, i.e. Ana Mendez University and using the same requirements as directed by Miami Dade rules, i.e. no more than 10 people in a room, social distancing etc. Ambrosio Hernandez is slated to be the moderator as well. Production team to be advised as well. Romy suggested that someone from the EDC group could be a moderator, but Alex mentioned that since we are all sponsored by a Council member, it may be best to not show any prejudicial preference to any of the incumbents. The chairmen motioned to have the EDC hold a debate for the State representatives as well as the Town Council candidates at Ana Mendez University on October 13th. Alex 2nd. Discussion briefly followed, Jorge asked to confirm the date and time and Eddie cited October 13th , 9:30-11-30AM. Vote taken,. All were in favor. Motion passed.
8. Announcements: None
9. Adjournment: Romy motioned to adjourn. Rudy 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.