



BMHOA Monthly Meeting – February 8, 2022

Directors present:

Chandri Navarro, Alex Carru, Nik Massey, Nick Welch, Marcia Martinez Laas, Michael Laas, Hillary Jaroschy

2022/2023 Election Results

- **Elections/new board**

- We are please to welcome our new Board of Directors Members for 2022-2023:

- Chandri Navarro - President & Parliamentarian
 - Chandri is an attorney and partner in a global law firm out of Washington, DC. She moved to Belle Meade in 2019, has three adult daughters and her father lives in her guest cottage. She wants to help preserve the safety and family friendly quality of life of Belle Meade and will work with government officials to do so..
- Alex Carru - Vice President & Technology Lead
 - Alex is French American, 15 years in the US
 - Semi retired from the software industry, Alex was amazed by the community of Belle Meade and how connected the residents are. He is excited to be a part of the community - that can be safer, more connected and safer than ever
- Hillary Jaroschy - Secretary & PR / Events
 - Hillary is a Mortgage Broker by profession and wife / mother of 2 - Alice and Bill. She is a returning board member and has been a home-owner in Belle Meade since 2018. She loves the neighborhood and hopes to help keep it friendly, safe and fun.
- Nick Welch - Treasurer & Security
 - Nick is from the UK and moved to Belle Meade 1.5 years ago, sort of by accident. He was looking to rent and then found out about the neighborhood and immediately fell in love. He is joining the board to help maintain the community culture.
 - By profession, Nick has a strong CPA / Accounting background which makes him perfectly suited to act as the new Head of Treasury where he can oversee budgeting, cash management and the membership drives. Nick will also be stepping in to lead Security as well.
- Marcia Laas - Beautification & Events
 - Marcia is a Miami native and Belle Meade homeowner since 2013. She is very eager to take ideas both big and small and put them to work on maintaining the aesthetics of our beautiful neighborhood.
 - Marcia has already met with former Director of Beautification Larry and a number of landscaping companies as well as the City of Parks and Rec to both maintain and improve our public areas.
- Michael Laas - Infrastructure
 - An engineer by trade and city employee, Michael's goal is that the infrastructure of our neighborhood operate smoothly and properly and that our home values continue to increase in value and not be impacted by exterior infrastructure issues.

- Nik Massey - Code Compliance
 - Nik has been a Belle Meade homeowner since 2013 and is the father of 3 boys Ages 2 (Uzi), 4 (Koby) and 6 (Kai).
 - Nik's background is in economics, architecture and real estate development which makes him well suited for assisting the HOA with Code Compliance.
 - Nik's goal is that we keep most of the homes in line as intended - single family homes. As a hobby, he rides his bike at 7am every day and can help lend an eye and an ear.

Police Updates:

- Christine King - City of Miami Commissioner - District 5
 - Welcome and updates
 - Christine lives in the upper east side and is motivated to keep our neighborhood safe and running smoothly.
 - Someone from the office will be present to listen to our concerns and relay messages to the office
 - The city is in the process of redistricting - required every 10 years after the census report. The city will meet to review any changes.
 - While District 5 should not expect any big updates, some changes will be made due to population size (small).
 - Short term rentals - wanted to pass legislation on that:
 - The city will take an aggressive stance on short term rentals in residential areas
 - If you learn of a short-term rental, you can report to the City Commissioner's office where it will pass to the City Attorney's office.
 - If it continues to be a problem, the city can sue the owners
 - The city now has the legislation in place to go after residential areas that have short term rentals, party houses in operation, etc.
 - Open office hours are the first tuesday of every month - called constituent Tuesdays
 - Residents can meet with Christine from 9:30 - 4:30
 - At overtown CRA offices
 - Contact Information:
 - Christin King
 - 305-250-5390
 - Cgonzalez@miamigov.com
- Commander Dan Kerr -
 - Newly appointed to Upper east side as Net Commander and has lived on biscayne for 20 years.
 - Updates from Kerr:
 - Changes will be made to officer assignments
 - Patrolling Officers are now assigned solely to Belle Meade
 - Please welcome Officer Diaz:
 - 40 hours a week
 - 9am - 7pm - Monday - Thursday, with flex as needed
 - Neighborhood assignment should be impactful:
 - Which means we can get to Diaz and Diaz to us, and they have ownership and responsibility
 - Officer will spend MORE time outside of the patrol car
 - Will interact more with the community
 - All reports will come to Diaz
 - Officer ask - ENGAGE with them!
 - Please say hi to Diaz and Kerr when you see them!
 - Dan Kerr: dan.kerr@miami-police.org

- Sgt Michael Maladevas - updates:
 - Please communicate issues / concerns or suggestions. We want the officers to have buy-in to your community.
 - Final Notes - If you think there's a better / different methodology, please feel free to reach out to the board / Kerr.
 - We are open to suggestions and feedback from the community
- Intro of Officer Ray Alvarez and Officer Katie Linez
- FPL Updates:
 - Belle Meade Neighbors – Florida Power & Light (FPL) will be in Belle Meade starting tomorrow morning, Wednesday, February 9th, to start replacing power poles, wires and equipment to improve electricity service to our neighborhood. They will start on 72nd Terrace and 73rd Street and will be working there for about 30 days. They will then move on to 76th and 77th Streets for another 20 days or so. Please provide access to your properties and backyards to FPL and their contractor, ARCAmerican in order to get this important work done to help us have better electric service and continuity of service. Please reach out to the board at hoa@bellemeademiami.com with any issues so that we can address them with FPL.

General Updates from the Board

- **Director of Finance, Nick Welch**
 - Hand over from previous Treasurer, Mike Gaither
 - Financials handover from previous board to new board
 - New board to review the current membership fees and annual expenses
 - The following people are no longer members of the board and will be removed from the bank account:
 - Rosemary Ference - Key Executive
 - Patrick j Slattery - Key Executive
 - Adam Wilson - Signer
- **Membership Drive - Moved to March**
 - Considering a member survey to understand member needs
 - Membership Drive slated for week after March HOA Meeting
 - Easier access to pay - check, website, Venmo!
- **Director of Security & Safety, Nick Welch**
 - Hand over from Matt Akatz, former Belle Meade HOA Head of Security regarding previous work with the guard house and security team.
 - Met w/ Police Commander to introduce the new board.
 - If you see something regarding short term rentals - say something

Looking Forward:

- **March Meeting:**
 - Tuesday March 8th, 7pm
 - Possibly to be held in person at Legion Park
- **Children's Easter Egg Event**
 - Planning in progress - Looking for volunteers / donations!
 - Please reach out to support to:
 - Hillary Jaroschy: (954) 871-3631
 - Marcia Laas: (305) 968-2552