

## HEALTH AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

10:00am to 11:00 am  
 Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present (16)	Cheryl Jacobs, Miami Center for Architecture & Design (MCAD) Chastity Spann, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Kevin Walford, Miami-Dade County Transportation Planning Organization Scott Brown, University of Miami, Public Health Sciences Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Joanna Lombard, University of Miami Ivans Augustin, Urban Impact Lab Kourtney Butler, University of Florida Family Nutrition Program Rafael Alberti, University of Miami WalkSafe Teri Arvesu, Office of the Mayor Ernesto Rodriguez, Housing Services Robert Ward, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Zinzi Bailey, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Melody Velez, United Healthcare Isabel Rovira, Urban Health Solutions	
Welcome and Introductions	-The monthly meeting of the Health and Built Environment Committee was brought to order at 10:07am by Cheryl Jacobs. -All members of the committee introduced themselves.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	-The meeting minutes from May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 Health and the Built Environment Committee meeting were reviewed. -There was a motion to approve minutes by, 1 <sup>st</sup> Scott Brown and was seconded by Joanna Lombard	
Executive Board Update	Update was provided by Valerie Turner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Walker Tracker App was set to launch September 1st, with 60 days of implementation. The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention committee oversees this initiative.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee participation was discussed, and it was mentioned that creating projects to engage the committee may boost participation and engage the public.</li> <li>- The Executive Board reviewed the strategic priority areas that were identified at the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan Community Meeting. The strategic priorities will be used to guide the goals and objectives of the committees.</li> </ul>	
<p>New Business: PlayStreets for Jose Marti Park Presentation</p>	<p>Irvans Augustin of Urban Impact Lab presented on an upcoming project in collaboration with Jose Marti Park. Urban Impact Lab identified areas that are not being used in the Little Havana community, SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street in particular. The space is viewed as a blank slate that could be used for opportunities and activities that can engage the community around that area. Urban Impact Lab conducted assessments that assessed the community based on the population size, the number of children and businesses that surround the Jose Marti Park. The residents had an opportunity to share their feedback as to what they are concerned about and what could be done to further engage the community. They are concerned about safety. The space on SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street is often occupied by those who are homeless. The residents avoid walking or driving in that area to avoid issues. They would like to have culturally relevant events. The population around the park are Hispanic and would like to have events that catered to their culture/language. Events such as a Spanish language reading book fair, food and market events and sports activities are a few ideas that the resident shared. Residents would like to see STEAM/STEM educational programs to be introduced in their neighborhood. In the upcoming months, events such as the cardboard challenge and the Dia de los Muertos Festival will be taking place.</p>	
<p>Side Note</p>	<p>Committee liaison shared the questions from the Health and the Built Environment Feedback Survey. The purpose of the survey is to provide feedback about the committee to identify where improvements can be made and in what the committee is doing well. The members recommended changing the verbiage of the questions. Survey expected to be sent out by September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.</p>	

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<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Rafael Alberti: University of Miami WalkSafe Program partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to host a Walk to School Day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Students will be walking along the perimeter of Dr. Henry W. Mack/West Little River K-8 Center in celebration of kid-friendly neighborhoods and safe streets that allow students to walk to school safely.</p> <p>Ernesto Rodriguez: Working on applying for more grants to aid low income families.</p> <p>Teri Arvesu: Community Health Fair Hosted by the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade and the Mayor’s Initiative on Aging on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00am-2:00pm.</p> <p>Scott Brown: Received a grant from the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center to do research about cancer patients and Medicare beneficiaries.</p> <p>Kourtney Butler: Working with Gwen Cherry and Oak Grove Park to create partnership.</p> <p>Irvans Augustin: Working alongside the Transit Alliance to rethink bus route design to improve transportation in Miami-Dade.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:52am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00am – 11:00am. at CRB1080, Don Soffer Clinical Research building 1120 NW 14th St, Miami, FL 33136.</p>	