



*The Village of Biscayne Park*

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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

**The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Groth at**

**The following members were in attendance:**

**Mayor Groth**

**Vice Mayor Samaria**

**Commissioner Amsler**

**Commissioner Huntington**

**Commissioner Gonzalez was absent**

**Also present at the meeting were Village Manager Childress, Village Attorney Weissman, and Village Clerk Latimore**

**The Mayor and Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Commissioner Amsler requested that Discussion Item 12a and Item 13a Resolution 2025-48 be combined.**

**There was a Motion by Commissioner Huntington seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria to accept the amended agenda. Vote 4-0**

Village Manager Childress announced that the presentations scheduled for tonight's meeting will be rescheduled for the October 7, 2025, Commission Meeting.

Presentation James Duncan - Urban Forest and Tree Division DERM

. Waste Connections- Willie Amanda

**Mayor Groth opened the meeting for Public Comment.**

**Barbara Kuhl addressed the conflict between the Vice Mayor and the Village Attorney. She believes that any employee working directly with the Commissioners should be able to resolve any conflict and move forward. She also addressed the Australian Pines and feels the trees on 121<sup>st</sup> street should be addressed. She believes the nesting birds in those trees make it an extenuating circumstance that needs immediate attention.**

**She doesn't think the Village should eliminate emails. The residents want more contact, not less. She is not in favor of a contract with Miami Country Day without Community input.**

**Gary Kuhl- Addressed the Commission concerning the community's communication issues and believes that emails should be eliminated.**

**Melanie Olivia- Email read into the record.**

- 1. Commission Reply to Comments**
- 2. Commission Reports**

**The following reports were presented to the Commission.**

- 8a. Code Compliance Report
  - 8b. Building Department
  - 8c. Police Department
  - 8d. Public Works
  - 8e. Parks and Recreation Department
  - 8f. Village Attorney Report (Moved to New Business)
- Memo to Commission re Impervious Surface Ordinance & SB 180.pdf Memo to Commission - STVR Inspections & SB 180

Vicky Susani Mullen- Email comments read on the record.

Commissioner Amsler gave a reply to the comment by Ms. Kuhl concerning a contract with Miami Country Day School for the use of the Village athletic field.

There was a discussion between Commissioner Amsler and Commissioner Huntington concerning the item being discussed, and the four commissioners who were present at the workshop were in consensus to explore the possibility of the school using the athletic fields.

Commissioner Amsler stated her concerns about how the commissioners and staff should be working together, as stated by Ms. Kuhl.

Along with the Manager's monthly report, the department reports were presented to the Commission.

Manager's Monthly Report - Sept. 2025.docx  
 LTC - Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) .docx  
 LTC - Significant Arrest - Animal Cruelty .docx  
 LTC -Police Chief - Swearing-In-Ceremony .docx  
 LTC - Update - Active Shooter Training .docx  
 LTC - Appointment of Police Chief - Aug. 2025 .docx  
 LTC - Log Cabin - Audio - IT Equipment .docx  
 LTC - Griffing Road - Australian Pines-2025 .docx

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There was a Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0

Resolution 2025-47 Adjusting Lien Search Fee

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES TO INCREASE THE VILLAGE'S LIEN SEARCH FEE TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO PROVIDE SAID SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Minutes FY 24-25 Second Budget Workshop August 14, 2024

Minutes Regular Commission Meeting October 1, 2024

## Resolutions

Resolution 2025-48 Amend Meeting Rules & Procedures - Notice  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING OF THE COMMISSION MEETING AND AGENDA PROCEDURES LAST ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION VIA RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18 BY AMENDING SECTION 1. B. "NOTICE" TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF SENDING NOTICE VIA THE "VILLAGE'S CURRENT EMAIL LIST" TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE VILLAGE'S USE OF VILLAGE'S CURRENT APP (GOGOV); AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Discussion-Old Business (Item 13a discussed with Resolution 2025-48)

Discussion Defective Notice

The discussion focused on several key issues, including the need to update and clarify the village's email notification system through Gogov, which has been experiencing technical issues. Commissioner Amsler raised concerns about the lack of compliance with proper meeting notice procedures, highlighting that the village had not adhered to legal recommendations to address these issues since June.

The manager explained that the village had been working with Gogov to resolve the email delivery problems, with improvements expected by the end of the week. The commission discussed amending a resolution to ensure clarity on meeting notices.

The meeting focused on addressing issues with the distribution of meeting agendas and notices to residents. Village staff explained that they are using Gogov, a web-based software, to send notices through multiple channels including email, social media, and the village app.

Commissioner Huntington discussed the need to update the resolution to be more broadly stated to account for future changes in technology. They also agreed to provide more clarity on which social media platforms are appropriate for posting notices.

Staff will work on ensuring all email lists are properly merged and that notices are being sent to all residents who have registered to receive them.

The commission discussed the current challenges with the Gogov system, including problems with email notifications and integration with social media platforms. The Commission agreed to amend the resolution to allow for the use of current technology while maintaining the requirement for 7-day advance notice of meetings. The next steps include requesting a report from Gogov confirming the correction of email list issues, replacing Constant Contact with a Gogov link, and implementing a system to verify the sending of notifications. The commission also emphasized the importance of following through with these changes and holding the vendor accountable if necessary.

There was a Motion by Commissioner Hunting to pass Resolution 2025-48 seconded by Vice Mayor Samaria. The Motion passed 3-1 Amsler No.

Discussion: Issues Working with the Village Attorney

The Vice Mayor expressed concerns about being treated differently by the village attorney, who requested a third-party presence during communications. The attorney agreed to work professionally with the Vice Mayor going forward, and the Commission decided to move past the issue without replacing the attorney.

**Discussion-New Business**

Discussion SFWMD- Amsler

The commission discussed three main items: a South Florida Water Management District project, Senate Bill 180's impact on local regulations, and short-term vacation rental inspections. For the water management project, they agreed to have Commissioner Amsler reach out to El Portal about their experience connecting homes to sewer systems.

Attorney Weissman gave a brief summary of Senate Bill 180.

Regarding Senate Bill 180, the commission decided to amend their code to require fire inspections for short-term vacation rentals, despite the one-year restriction on more restrictive regulations. They also agreed to prohibit construction on national holidays, aligning with neighboring municipalities. The Administration will bring forth legislation on these items at the next meeting.

The commission will consider joining a lawsuit challenging the bill, pending cost details.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Commission approved December 2, 2025



Pamela L. Latimore, MMC  
Village Clerk