

**MINUTES**  
**PALMETTO BAY HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING, FEB 3, 2022**

Committee Members attending: Laurel Auerbacher  
George Cadman III  
Edward Feller  
Lauren Sondon  
Mash Zahid

Additional attendees: Karyn Cunningham, Nick Marano,  
Marsha Matson, Fannie Carmona

1. The first meeting of Heritage Committee Palmetto Bay started at 7:10 PM It was “online” because of COVID precautions.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: One individual called in public comment, but it was not concerning the topic this committee was meeting about.
3. Mash Zahid was elected Chairperson of the committee, Ed Feller was elected Secretary.
4. The **scope** of the committee was discussed. A prior resolution of the council defined this: “To Explore heritage history of the Village with plans to incorporate this history into village events to celebrate Palmetto Bay’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”
5. OLD BUSINESS: As this was the first meeting there was no old business.
6. NEW BUSINESS: Extensive discussion ensued of the various methods we can explore the history of the Village, and how we can present this to our residents.
  - A. Discussion broke down the areas of interest into three sections. One, the history of the Village from when it was planned including the benefits of incorporating and the history of the incorporation itself, secondly, the history of the area we are in including the prior towns of Cutler, Peters, and Perrine , and thirdly the archeological history of this area with those living here many thousands of years ago
  - B. It was presented to us from the Village Manager that the Palmetto Bay picnic is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>, and the other major event is our July 4<sup>th</sup>

celebration. For budgetary reasons it was suggested by him that our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning take place at those events. The possibility of it also being at later events, as our anniversary is in September, such as the State of the Village, or perhaps at a separate Anniversary event could be held if money could be found for it and the Village Council would concur.

- C. Two printed publications are already available. One, for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary a small publication entitled “Through the years” was discussed (it has an excellent short summary of the history of the area we reside in as well as describing 32 historical and significant sites. The second (referred to but not available to the committee at this meeting) is a special edition of Miami Community Newspapers, entitled “Anniversary: September 2022 Palmetto Bay”
  
  - D. It was reflected by all that with the Village picnic only a few weeks away there would be little time to prepare significant projects prior to this. The conclusion upon discussion was that the Village will have a booth at the Picnic, consider bringing historical exhibits that are at both Village Hall and at Thalatta Estates, and have them presented on display. The possibility of having some form of “fun” handout was discussed but again, time might be too short. It was suggested that we print multiple copies of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary history summary as well as obtain copies of Grant Miller’s (Community Newspapers) anniversary issue to distribute at our booth. We also suggested that our committee members could be in present at the booth during the picnic to answer questions.
  
  - E. It was suggested that with COVID possibly still around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration should be moved to Palmetto Bay Park so people could be more separated and further apart. The problem with this, as Ms. Carmona explained, was that fireworks required a large area around it and it may not be possible. This will be investigated.
  
  - F. The community house building, between the N and S bound lanes of S Dixie Hwy on Perrine Ave was discussed re: its history. An application/grant request for it to be named a historical marker has been done. It was mentioned that there might be something behind one wall of the building of historical interest and that will be pursued.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next Heritage committee meeting will be held on 2/16 at 7 PM.

Prepared by: Member Ed Feller