

# March 9, 2021

## Regular Village Commission Meeting

### 1. Presentations

- a. **Dr. Martin S. Karp Proclamation** – *Sponsored by Mayor Brent Latham*
  1. **Dr. Martin S. Karp Day!** Mayor Latham and the North Bay Village Commission recognized Dr. Martin S. Karp for his distinguished service as Miami-Dade School Board Member for District 3. Dr. Karp had a remarkable impact on Treasure Island Elementary School, developing K-12 IB Program, expanding coding and robotics programming, and partnering with North Bay Village to enhance recreational facilities for students and Village residents. [View the proclamation.](#)
  2. [Watch the Video](#)
- b. **National Nutrition Month Proclamation** – *Sponsored by Commissioner Dr. Richard Chervony*
  1. **National Nutrition Month in NBV**– To promote good nutrition and healthy habits in North Bay Village, Commissioner Dr. Richard Chervony presented this proclamation to recognize National Nutrition Month, in support of a similar proclamation at the Miami-Dade County School Board by our School Board Member Lucia Baez-Geller. [View the proclamation.](#)
  2. [Watch the Video](#)
- c. **Women’s History Month Proclamation** – *Sponsored by Commissioner Julianna Strout*
  1. **Women’s History Month in NBV** – Commissioner Julianna Strout presented this proclamation in support of Women’s History Month. North Bay Village celebrates the countless women whose courage and resolve have contributed to the character and success of our Nation and the entire world. The equal opportunity of women in every facet of daily life is an essential feature of a free and prosperous society. [View the proclamation.](#)
  2. **NBV Women of the Year:** Layla Abujaber Lajos (local resident), and Irela Bagué, Chief Bay Officer for Miami-Dade County), were honored as the North Bay Village Women of the Year by the Village Commission for all of the incredible work they do for NBV. **Congrats!**
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- d. **Employee of the Month March 2021** – *Village Manager Dr. Ralph Rosado (Human Resources Director Carla Maglio Gomez)*
  1. **Officer Jessica Polanco** is currently in her second year with Police Department, and during her brief tenure, she has established herself as an outstanding ambassador for the Village. Officer Polanco's "can-do attitude" is reflected in her daily performance, tremendous spirit of cooperation, and proactive nature as a highly motivated self-starter. **She is NBV’s Employee of the Month!** In addition, due to her exceptional work, Officer Polanco is our new **Neighborhood Resource Officer** (NRO). This NRO assignment will serve to significantly advance the NBV Police Department’s community policing commitment and partnerships to unprecedented levels. As NRO, she will receive Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) training to assist her with developing a superior level of proficiency with all crime prevention-related initiatives, she will be the Police Department’s Neighborhood Crime Watch liaison, and she will assume responsibility for Bike Patrol details and other community-facing initiatives. **Congrats, Officer Jessica Polanco!**

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  - e. **Optimist Club of North Bay Village 2021 Essay Winners**
    1. **Congratulations to our local students!** Optimist Club President Paul Crespo presented awards to three local students for their essay contest submissions. Julia Colan's [essay](#) won first place, Christopher Rogue's [essay](#) was the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, and Raffaello Bruni [essay](#) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up.
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2. **Village Manager Report**
    - a. **Code Enforcement Division Updates**
      1. Director Orlando Rodriguez presented highlights from the monthly Code Enforcement Report to the Village Commission. Mr. Rodriguez shared the Department's enforcement efforts on resilience measures related to plastic straws (all restaurants and gas stations in the Village are operating without the use of plastic straws) and construction site maintenance (customers must now show on a site plan how to protect drains and avoid sediment run-off for new construction on waterfront properties). In addition, he shared current fiscal year statistics on Code Enforcement cases (226 total cases), citations (\$19,200.00 issued in citations), and Special Magistrate orders (47 total cases heard). [View the full report here.](#)
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  3. **Consent Agenda**
    - a. **Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program for North Bay Village Marine Patrol Vessel Acquisition - Village Manager Dr. Ralph Rosado (11A1)**
      1. **New Police Marine Vessel!** The Commission passed this item unanimously to authorize the Village Manager/his designee to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program for North Bay Village Marine Patrol Vessel Acquisition Project. In addition to the generous [\\$150,000 donation](#) that the Village recently received from Mr. Jas Mathur, this grant will assist the NBV Police Department in its efforts to secure a new police marine patrol vessel. [Click here](#) to view technical details of the Village Manager recommendation.
      2. [Watch the Video](#)
  4. **Public Hearings**
    - a. **Seawall Design Criteria Package - Village Manager Dr. Ralph Rosado (13A.)**
      1. The Commission passed this item to enact proposed minimum standards for new and redeveloped seawalls in the Village. The minimum standards would require that new seawalls be designed to last for at least 25 years and that they be built to 5.94 feet NAVD elevation standard, meaning the tops of seawalls would be approximately 5.74 feet above the water level at high tide in Biscayne Bay. The NOAA Intermediate High projection for sea-level rise anticipates 40 inches (3.33 feet) of sea-level rise by 2070. These seawall standards are intended to protect the Village against significant weather events and flooding. The construction specifications required by these minimum standards are estimated to bring the construction cost of new seawalls in the Village to a range of \$1,800 and \$3,800 per linear foot.
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    - b. **Sustainability Code Amendments - Village Planner Silvia Vargas (13B)**

1. The Commission passed this item 3-2; it introduced a number of amendments focusing on sustainability and resilience to the Village Code, including a Green Building Program that incentivizes such things as Green walls, electric vehicle charging stations, and solar panels in new construction. This item was recommended for approval, with changes, at the Planning & Zoning Board's January 20, 2021 meeting. The item was approved on 1st reading at the February 9, 2021, Commission's meeting. Commissioner Rachel Streitfeld added 7 additional amendments to this item, adding definitions and minimum standards.
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  - c. **Shoma North Bay Village, LLC.** - *Village Manager Dr. Ralph Rosado (Village Planner Silvia Vargas) (13C)*
    1. This item was deferred to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Village Commission Meeting.
  - d. **Prohibiting Fishing From Public Property, Viaducts, Bridges, and Restricted Areas** - *Sponsored by Commissioner Dr. Richard Chervony (13D)*
    1. **No fishing on Village property** - The Commission passed this item unanimously to prohibit fishing from Village property, including bridges within the Village, the Island Walk, Dr. Paul Vogel Community Park at 7920 West Drive, and the NBV Dog Park on 7903 East Drive. This ordinance is intended to protect the safety of swimmers and pedestrians as well as minimize the litter due to individuals fishing.
    2. [Watch the Video](#)
1. **Discussion/Action Items**
- a. **Complete Streets Concept Miami-Dade County, Smart Moves Grant & Stantec Contract** - *Village Manager Dr. Ralph Rosado (14B1)*
    1. **A complete street** is one that serves not only drivers but also pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. The Commission passed this item unanimously to accept a grant from Miami-Dade County's Smart Moves Grant for \$60,000.00 to conduct an analysis of the viability of converting Kennedy Causeway into a Complete Street as well as a contract with Stantec Engineering.
    2. [Watch the Video](#)
  - b. **Approval of Contract for Grant Writing Services** - *Village Manager Dr. Ralph Rosado (14B2)*
    1. Bell Tower Consulting Group, LLC (Bell Tower) has secured nearly \$18 million in grant funding for NBV since 2013. The Commission voted unanimously to approve a new contract for grant writing services with Bell Tower. The previous contract expired in 2017 though Bell Tower continued to provide services to North Bay Village based on the prior contract. Bell Tower requested an increase in the amount awarded in this new contract, in line with the increase of time spent on North Bay Village projects over the last year and the increase in grant funding awarded to North Bay Village.
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  - c. **Treasure and Harbor Island Resurfacing Contract Contingency Increases for Requested Change Orders** - *Dr. Ralph Rosado, Village Manager (Marlon Lobban, Public Works Director) (14B3)*
    1. The Commission voted 3-2 to approve an increase to the contingencies in the amounts of \$40,000 under the Star Paving Resurfacing Contract and \$305,000 under the General Asphalt resurfacing Contract. North Bay Village residents have expressed concerns with ponding and flooding areas occurring after the resurfacing of Treasure Island Harbor Island, similar to

what was experienced on NBI after the completion of the resurfacing on the island. The flooding and ponding issues experienced are not due to paving, but lack of a drainage design, which was not included as part of the design scope for the resurfacing projects. An increase in the contingency will be used to improve the flow of storm runoff and may eliminate water ponding on the roadway.

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d. **Discussion Regarding Legislative Aide Position (14B4)**

1. Deputy Village Manager / Human Resources Director Carla Maglio Gomez presented this item to the Commission, recommending an increase of \$15,000 for the vacant Legislative Aide position. This increase in the position's salary is meant to attract higher qualified candidates and for the retention of the candidate. The Commission agreed to the increase if unspent money can be found in the current budget for previously allocated line items.

2. [Watch the Video](#)