

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GBMAC)
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

Present: Roger Gordon, Vernell Everett, Michelle McCook, Robert Kirschbaum
Absent: Dorcely Estomme, Patrinia Dozier-Washington

Meeting called to order by chair Vernell Everett. Guest speakers Acting Mayor Ray, City Manager Kevin Clark, City of North Miami Beach, and Kevin Burns City of North Miami made presentation on the issue of possible annexation of parts of Biscayne Gardens.

Ray Marin and Kevin Clark, NMB

A petition requesting annexation representing 10% of registered voters in Biscayne Gardens must be presented to Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC would analyze the impact annexation of Biscayne Gardens (BG) would have on the county. If petition is approved by BCC the issue would then be decided by the registered voters of BG. If 51% vote yes then the annexation process would begin. The annexation resolution would have to be passed by mayor and city counsel of NMB to proceed.

If only portions of Biscayne Gardens are annexed, city manager would analyze the effects of having a smaller enclave and the efficiency to service. County could say no to annexation of smaller portions of an area.

Taxes would increase. NMB tax rate presently is 7 1/2%. Services include 2 weekly garbage pickups plus two monthly bulk waste pickup.

Mr. Ray Marin stated that annexation/incorporation brings government closer to the people and provides easier access to services including increased police services. With cities providing municipal services, county government would concentrate more on regional services such as airports, port of Miami, etc.

NMB was incorporated in 1927 and has a population of 42,500. Average annual household income is \$17,000. Specialized police service is paid in countywide tax.

Kevin Burns, Mayor City of North Miami

Milage rate would increase to cover cost of service. Presently the milage rate is 8.3. NM is aggressive on code enforcement. The city of North Miami was incorporated in 1926 and has a population of approximately 61,000 to 75,000 with an annual household income of approximately \$22,000.

Construction of Biscayne Landings provides 95% of taxes being pumped into city to rehab buildings and improve the infrastructure and enhancement of NM. There is an emphasis on upgrading parks to provide more green space.

Meeting adjourned.