Wynwood BID names two new members to board of directors

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The Wynwood Business Improvement District (BID) appointed two new board members at its annual BID Board of Directors meeting on Apr. 28 at the Wynwood Arcade.

The municipal board's new members are Jennifer Frehling, owner of Frangipani, and Bruce Fischman, general counsel of Mana Miami and Mana Group at-large. Both will provide important counsel regarding the ongoing evolution of the neighborhood and will work with fellow board members to represent more than 400 property owners that comprise the 50-city-block Wynwood Arts District.

"Our new BID Board members will offer unique and valuable perspectives on Wynwood's future," said Manny Gonzalez, Wynwood BID executive director. "Both have demonstrated their long-term investment in and commitment to the neighborhood. We welcome their leadership and are eager to work together to continue to make Wynwood a globally recognized destination."

The new members collectively bring more than 50 years of experience to the BID, from real estate development to business ownership and operations.

Jennifer Frehling is a long-time business owner of Frangipani, a popular boutique and concept store in the heart of Wynwood. A long-time tenant of Goldman Properties, Frangipani's first location was right next door to Wynwood Walls and the store recently expanded to a larger space down the street. Frehling represents Wynwood's bustling retail and commercial scene, and will be an important voice for small business owners in the area.

Bruce Fischman, owner of The Fischman Law Firm, currently acts as general counsel of Mana Miami and Mana Group at-large, one of the largest commercial landowners and developers in Miami. Fischman will provide a unique perspective due to his experience in all legal aspects of real estate land use and development. He continues to supervise all license agreements and leases for Mana, managing compliance and maintaining relationships with partners.

At the same meeting, BID Board members promoted current projects coordinator Aleksander Sanchez to operations manager, where he will continue to support the BID director with handling day-to-day operations, safety initiatives, public improvements, and sanitation issues.

Frehling and Fischman will join current BID Board members chair Albert Garcia, managing principal of Wynwood Ventures; Gabriele Braha Izsak, co-founder and managing partner of RED Group; Glenn Orgin, partner at The Faith Group; Jon Paul Perez, president of Related Group; Marlo Courtney, senior managing director at Goldman Properties; Sven Vogtland, co-owner of Coyo Taco and 1-800-Lucky, and Dr. Irving Lerner, owner of Lerner Family Properties.

The Wynwood BID is an autonomous government agency of the City of Miami representing more than 400 commercial property and business owners that comprise the 50-city-block Wynwood Arts District. Run by a board of directors who themselves are property and business owners from the community, the Wynwood BID works to enhance security and sanitation services in the neighborhood, advocate for the betterment of the area, raise awareness of advancements being made, and plan for the future of Wynwood.

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