

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
427 BILTMORE WAY
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
	17	17	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Steven Naclerio	+-	+-	A	P	E	P	E	P	+-	+-	+-	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	+-	+-	P	P	E	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano	+-			P	P	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	+-	+-	P	P	P	E	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	Michael Mena
Albert Corrada	+-	+-	P	A	P	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	Frank C. Quesada
Nicholas Barshel	-	-	-	*-	*-	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz	+-	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	City Manager

P - Present
E - Excused Absence
A - Absent
*** - New Member**
+ - No Meeting
(#) Resigned

STAFF:

Mark Brown, Senior Multimodal Transportation Engineer
Tiffany Hood, Support Staff
Sgt. M. Sikes, Coral Gables Police
Chief Ed Hudak, Coral Gables Police

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and roll call was done.

CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUCEMENTS

Mr. Thompson recognized the new board member Steven Naclerio appointed by Mayor Valdes-Fauli.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has been selected as a participant of the Multimodal Transportation Committee which will meet in November for a selection of vendors to review a Request for Proposal (RFP) and has invited board members to contact Yusbel Gonzalez, City of Coral Gables, Procurement Division if there is any interest in being involved.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Ms. Markowitz motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2018 and seconded by Dr. Sokoloff. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Multimodal Transportation Update

Mark stated staff has held five workshops between September and October to discuss traffic calming projects within the City with an overall attendance of approximately one-hundred forty (140) residents. We received ninety-five (95) comments mainly pertaining to traffic calming, crosswalks and pedestrian safety. He mentioned he emailed a copy of the maps that were provided at the workshops that reflect the new criteria granted by Miami Dade County. Dr. Sokoloff stated he attended one of the workshops and feels that staff did a great job presenting and distributing information to the community. The board reviewed the traffic calming maps provided. The vehicular element of the multimodal plan should be completed within this week at that point the draft will be complete.

Traffic Signs

Mr. Thompson stated he has spoken several times with Kevin Kinney, Parking Director about concerns of downed traffic signs and "No Parking" signs after Hurricane Irma throughout the City of Coral Gables. There have been incidents of people parking in the swale where there were previously "No Parking" signs before. He asked staff to speak with Kevin again regarding the reinstallation of these signs.

Intersection Improvement Update (Coral Way Plazas)

Mark provided the Board with a handout for review and stated staff held a public meeting two months ago regarding the intersection improvements along Coral Way, Granada Boulevard, North Greenway Drive and Columbus Avenue. There is money allocated within the Capital Improvement Projects fund to implement a redesign of the intersection. The residents expressed the desire for traffic calming, landscape beautification, pedestrian safety possible crosswalks and roundabouts installed along Coral Way. He then stated Historic Preservation Division has reservations regarding the roundabouts request. Dr. Sokoloff asked the question how will the determination be made as to the layout of the design. Mark replied there will be two or three alternatives that will be presented to the community at a future community meeting in a month or two for a vote.

Sidewalk Concurrency

Mark deferred to Mr. Robert Ruano pertaining to sidewalk concurrency on collector roads. Mr. Ruano stated he brought a resolution to the Board that passed at the June 26th meeting for zero concurrency for sidewalks on collector streets. He then took the resolution to the Sustainability Advisory Board where it passed unanimously and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review where it passed with modifications of fifty percent concurrency. It was then taken to the City Commission where it passed at second reading unanimously at zero concurrency. He stated now on collector streets, such as Alhambra Circle, Granada Boulevard, Riviera Drive, Ponce de Leon, University Drive and Salzedo Street, neighbors can request sidewalk installation which will be city funded. He also mentioned there is a sidewalk ordinance for new homeowner's to install sidewalks for new construction that has not been enforced for several years.

Blue & Bird Road Traffic Calming Meeting

Mark reported that the meeting went well and there is a complete design for the traffic calming project for this area. Mr. Thompson has asked that the traffic light timing be looked at on the intersection of Granada Boulevard and Blue Road.

UM Neighborhood Improvement Workshop

Mark informed the Board of the community meeting held December 8th concerning the University of Miami (UM) funding two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for roadway improvements in the area north of UM, south of Blue Road mainly traffic calming and road safety. They also discussed priorities with the community and how the money will be allocated. Mark reported that the pilot of the Bird Scooters has begun with eighty-five (85) scooters deployed. There was a brief discussion with Board where Chief Hudak shared information regarding the deployment of the scooters.

Nan Markowitz stated the speed limit sign in the residential area on Anastasia just East of LeJeune Road by the Youth Center still reflects thirty miles per hour (30mph) and should be changed to twenty-five miles per hour (25mph).

FUTURE MEETING DATE

December 4, 2018

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Hudak discussed how the University of Miami's (UM) police and City of Coral Gables' police department work together. UM police officers are sworn-in by the City of Coral Gables and serve as backup to the City. Mr. Thompson invited the University of Miami's Police Chief David Rivero to attend one of our meetings to share with the Board the workings of the department. Mr. Ruano shared concerns of cut-thru traffic on Country Club Prado, Venetia

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Avenue and Milan Avenue where cars are running stop signs. Sgt. Sykes responded there are patrol cars posted at various times to monitor the traffic and have issued nearly twenty thousand citations for running stop signs.

Mr. Thompson shared concerns of traffic that backs up at the intersections of Riviera and US1, Granada Boulevard and US1 and Alhambra Circle and US1. Chief Hudak stated that there are traffic cameras installed and they may be unaware of citations being issued.

Mr. Thompson suggested another field trip to the Miami-Dade County Traffic Control Center on 36th Street in place of a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ruano invited board members to a meeting next Tuesday from 6-8pm regarding Transportation and Mobility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Thompson re-introduced the possibility of the flextime work schedule being implemented within the City of Coral Gables to help alleviate some traffic issues. The Board held a brief discussion on the subject. Mr. Thompson also suggested that the City Commission look closer at proposing staggering work times for businesses within the City.

ADJOURNED:

6:31 pm