

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
427 BILTMORE WAY
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY:
	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	19	19	19	19	18	
Steven Naclerio	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	+-	P	P	P	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	+-	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	+-	P	P	P	A	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	+-	E	E	E	E	Michael Mena
Albert Corrada	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	+-	A	P	A	P	Frank C. Quesada
Nicholas Barshel	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	+-	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
Sergeant Maurice Sikes, Coral Gables Police
Ramon Trias, Development Services Assistant Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Sokoloff, the vice-chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm and roll call was done.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Ms. Markowitz motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 16, 2019 and seconded by Mr. Naclerio. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Discuss Development Review Process

Ramon Trias, Development Services Assistant Director presented to the Board the development review process regarding all proposed projects that will be implemented within the City of Coral Gables. There was discussion among the Board regarding the topic.

New Driving While Texting Law

A bill that will increase the penalty for texting and driving has passed the legislature and is heading to Governor Ron DeSantis for his signature. Under Florida law it's currently a secondary offense to text and drive. But the new bill would make it a primary offense starting July 1. While the law goes into effect in July, starting on Oct. 1, law enforcement will only issue warnings. On Jan. 1, police would resume stopping drivers and issue tickets. The penalty for a first offense would be \$30, plus court costs that could more than double the initial penalty. A second offense within five years of the first one would result in a \$60 fine, plus court costs, and three points on the driver’s license.

Ped/Bike Implementation Plan

Mark provided the Board with a draft of the Pedestrian and Bike Implementation Plan for their review.

TRANSIT UPDATE

There were no updates at this time.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

June 18, 2019.

POLICE UPDATE:

Sgt. Sikes reported that there have been issues with the yield and stop signs along Country Club Prado and Madrid. Mark provided a draft of the Pedestrian and Bike Implementation Plan for review by the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

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OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm.