

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of March 25, 2010
Parking Department 2801 Salzedo Street

MEMBERS	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY
J.C. Cabrera	-	-	E	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Brad Rosenblatt	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Ada Holian	-	-	E	P	P	P	P	-	-	P		P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Carlos Halley	-	E	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	-	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Hendrikus Vanderveldt	-	P	P	P	E	E	E	-	-	E	-	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers

STAFF
Kevin Kinney

A=Absent
E=Excused
P=Present

Item 1 Director's Report
We will begin interviews for the Assistant Director position this week. There are a number of very qualified applicants for the position. The LUKE pay-station at University of Miami has been operating for a few weeks. The system is functioning well. The only complaints we have received relate to credit card transactions occasionally being slow.

The March special events parking for March has been very successful. The Saturday of Carnival on the Mile was in excess of \$12,000 while St. Patrick's Day was nearly \$9,000. To date short-term parking in the garages is running nearly 20% over last year. March will be the first time short-term revenue in the garages has ever exceeded \$100,000.

Item 2 Update on Construction Projects
Phase II of the Ponce median project will start in the next few weeks. This will include a conversion of the parking spaces to parallel parking. The board discussed the impact of the lost of On-street spaces on Ponce and how management of current parking lot and unregulated spaces may change if parking demand in the area of Phase II requires.

A new restaurant will begin construction on the 300 block of Miracle Mile soon. They will be leasing three parking spaces in Lot 18 during the construction. Construction works will be parking in the Museum Garage during construction.

Staff met with the Contractor for the Palace development on Lot 9. Staff has begun planning for the loss of the parking lot and Garage 5. The board discussed options for managing parking demand during the construction period. Initially some short-term parking may be accommodated in Garage 5. The permit parkers can be accommodated in Lot 30 and Garage 6.

Item 3 Accessible Parking-Free Valet
The pilot project providing for free valet parking parking downtown has averaged parking a few vehicles every week. The board discussed this service and expressed a desire to explore marketing the program and making it permanent. Staff was asked to follow up with the valet companies.

Item 4 Accessible Parking Reform

Staff provided the board with a report on recommended modifications to the Florida handicap permit program. The board discussed issues related to handicap parking use, fraud, enforcement and ways to limit inappropriate issuance of permits. The board will continue discussion of this issue at their next meeting after further review of the report.

Item 5

Adjournment

Board moved to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Approved:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary