

CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Property Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday | May 8, 2019 | 8:00 a.m.

PAB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Alberto Manrara	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	P	Mayor Raúl J. Valdés-Fauli
Jonathan Leyva	P	E	P	P	P					P	P	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Jack Lowell	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	A	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Valerie Quemada	P	E	P	P	P					P	P	P	Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Tony Gonzalez	P	P	P	E	P					P	E	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada
Edmund Mazzei	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	P	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Andrea Molina Vice Chair	E	P	P	P	E					P	P	P	City Commission as a Whole

A = Absent E = Excused Absence P = Present X = No Meeting Ph = Present by Phone - = Former Board Member

STAFF AND GUESTS:

- Peter Iglesias, City Manager, City of Coral Gables
- Ed Santamaria, Assistant City Manager, City of Coral Gables
- Pamela Fuertes, Director, Economic Development Department
- Belkys Perez, Marketing Coordinator, Economic Development Department
- Francesca Valdes, Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department
- Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant, Economic Development Department
- Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Meeting Motion Summary:

A motion to approve the April 10th meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Mr. Manrara brought the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

- 1. Meet & Greet with Peter Iglesias, City Manager & Ed Santamaria, Asst. City Manager**
Mr. Manrara welcomed the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to the Board meeting. City Manager Iglesias provided an update on top projects the City is currently working on, including the new Public Safety Building (PSB), Fire Station II on Almeria and US-1, the Trolley building, Garage 7 (adjacent to the new PSB), 427 Biltmore Way, and Garage 1 in the Central Business District (CBD). He added that there are other projects the City is also working on, such as the Kerdyk capital improvements project in the tennis courts next to the Biltmore. He added that Garage 7 will be incorporated into part of the Public Safety Building and is unique because it will be a full height garage that will be able to house emergency vehicles. The City Manager also said that site selection is underway for Fire Station IV.

Assistant City Manager Ed Santamaria briefed members on his professional background and

experience with municipalities. With the City of Coral Gables, he started as Director of Public Works and now as Assistant City Manager, both times working closely with Mr. Iglesias. Formerly he was the Public Works Director of the City of Miami. Mr. Santamaria said that the City Manager is spearheading transformative initiatives involving technology and infrastructure and that it is a very exciting time to be working for the City of Coral Gables. The departments under his responsibility include Economic Development, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts, Public Works, Parking, Parks & Recreation, Information Technology, and Development Services. CM Iglesias said that the City is seeking to maximize technology and streamline processes and Smart City technologies.

Conversation among Committee members ensued regarding City parks and recreational activities in the City of Coral Gables. ACM Santamaria said there will be a public workshop about sidewalks and encouraged board members to attend. Regarding Building and Zoning, he said that this is the only City that has a Board of Architects, which helps to ensure the quality and compliance of new development.

2. Approval of April 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Quemada made a motion to approve the April 10th meeting minutes, which Mr. Gonzalez seconded, and which passed unanimously.

3. Economic Development Director's Report

Ms. Fuertes updated the board that Belkys Perez has been promoted to Assistant Director of Economic Development and that Jordan Hernandez has also joined the Department. Ms. Fuertes announced that the City has hired an Economic Development Asset Manager, Zeida Sardiñas, who will be starting next week given her background and experience in real estate, she will carry out this function for the City of Coral Gables. She also informed the board that Coral Gables was recently ranked No. 3 Best Small City for Small Business in America. Regarding Bloom, Ms. Fuertes reported that the City Attorney's office was reviewing the outstanding items with our tenant. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

4. Rent Report

Ms. Valdes reviewed a Rent Report of the City's tenants' current rent payment statuses with board members. Board members reiterated their desire that the City does not sell the City-owned property located at 3501 Granada Blvd. Ms. Fuertes confirmed that per the Board's recommendation, the City Attorney's Office was reviewing the outstanding rent report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant - Economic Development Department