

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Parking Advisory Board

Chairperson Javier Betancourt

Board Member Blanca Famadas

Board Member Ada Holian

Board Member Vicky Rua

Board Member Carlos Xiques

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

5:30 PM

Police and Fire Headquarters,
Community Meeting Room

GUESTS

MV Transportation Supervisor Frasmo Cardona

Trolley Driver Mr. Jose Garcia

Transportation Advisory Board Chair Sue Kawalerski (unscheduled)

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 06:20 P.M. Meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties (no Audio on ZOOM).

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Board Member Rua, Chairperson Betancourt and Board Member Famadas

Excused: 2 - Board Member Holian and Board Member Xiques

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Ms. Blanca Famadas

1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

•Debra Register Re.: Parking at Jaycee Park

Ms. Register tried to speak via ZOOM but was not audible. She will be invited to the next PAB Meeting on February 23, 2022, to present her concern.

Item retaken at 7:26 p.m. due to audio issues earlier:

•Mr. Jackson Holmes Re.: Parking in Garage 4

Mr. Holmes asked the PAB and Parking Director to consider leaving the site of the current Garage 4 at 345 Andalusia as additional parking for Miracle Mile business and customers. Parking Director Kinney indicated there is currently no specific plan to replace or do anything else with Garage 4.

2 APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2021 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

- On a Motion by Member Rua, Seconded by Member Famadas, the PAB approved the Meeting Minutes.

3 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF TRANSIT SERVICES

- Mr. John Kowalchik reported on Trolley and Freebee contract extensions, Monday - Saturday service, operation, and ridership numbers.
- Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Chair Sue Kawalerski asked why the Parking Department is reporting Trolley and Freebee updates to the PAB and not to the TAB.
- Parking Director Kinney said he sent this presentation to the TAB Secretary Ms. Melissa DeZayas; as he usually with these reports. Additionally, he said the funds to pay for Freebee services are generated from Parking and is the reason the PAB receives an update on the service. Ms. Kawalerski suggested to take the item to Commission so they can allocate oversight of Trolley and Freebee services.
- PAB Member Rua asked if the PAB could defer the Freebee purview to the TAB. She requested for a Resolution to be proposed and presented to Commission to clarify the purview of the PAB. Parking Director Kinney and Chair Betancourt said this item would need to be on a future agenda for the PAB to make a recommendation.

4 STAFF AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH FROM MV TRANSPORTATION

- Supervisor Frasco Cardona introduced Trolley Driver Mr. Jose Garcia. Mr. Garcia said it is an honor for him to work for MV Transportation and City of Coral Gables whom he has worked for seven years.

5 MOBILITY HUB UPDATE

- Parking Director Kinney updated the PAB on the progress of the Hub. The Gensler design team is in the process of taking comments from city Commission and plans to provide an updated design to the Commission the second meeting of March.
- PAB Member Famadas asked if there was a bidding process for the selection of the design firm. Parking Director Kinney said there were a few other firms in the bidding process, but the Gensler team was selected and approved by the Commission.
- PAB Member Famadas asked if it has not been considered that the retail on the Hub will compete directly with the stores on Miracle Mile. Parking Director Kinney indicated that the Economic Development Department is part of the planning process and is using retail consultants to assist the city in making the best use of designated retail space.
- PAB Member Rua and Chair Betancourt agreed the PAB should motion to convert more of the retail space to micro-mobility related amenities.

- Ms. Kawalerski mentioned that the TAB is opposed to the current layout retail space and agrees that specific transportation related retail should go on the ground floor of the Hub.

- Chair Betancourt passed the gavel at 6:44 P.M. to make a motion. He moved for the PAB to recommend to City of Coral Gables Administration and Commission that a significant percentage of the ground floor of the Hub be dedicated to micro-mobility amenities including but not limited to bicycle parking, storage, showers, and other complimentary amenities. Chair Betancourt moved, Member Famadas seconded. The Motion carried.

6 REVIEW OF TAB RESOLUTION RE. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REVIEW PROCESS

- Chair Betancourt said he agrees that the PAB should be involved in the review of development projects that will have an impact on parking and traffic.

- Ms. Kawalerski said that the projects that are on the DRC Agenda should be reviewed by both PAB and TAB.

- PAB Member Rua asked to pass a motion to draft a resolution asking to participate in the DRC.

- Chair Betancourt passed the gavel at 7:08 P.M. to make a motion. He moved for the PAB to request the Parking Director Kinney prepare a draft resolution using the TAB's revised draft resolution enhancing the PAB's role in the development review process. Chair Betancourt moved, Member Rua seconded. The PAB unanimously approved.

7 UPDATE ON MINORCA GARAGE PROGRESS

- Parking Director Kinney said the construction company is laying the foundation. Once that completes, the rest of the construction will happen quickly. The future Parking office will be on the ground floor of that garage and will share the space with other city departments. On the second floor there will be an emergency crossover to the PSB Garage for the EOC access port.

8 AV FLEET MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Parking Director Kinney presented to the PAB that we are in preliminary discussions with Argo (Ford) and Motional (Hyundai) about opportunities for autonomous vehicles being staged in the Mobility Hub. A brief power point on Motional services was shared with the PAB.

9 OPEN DISCUSSION

- Biltmore Hotel parking fee was discussed. Staff indicated that the issue is being addressed by City Attorney's office.

- Chair Betancourt asked about the platforms outside the PSB CMR doors - he would like to request Public Works to remove them.

•Chair Betancourt asked if Mrs. Debra Register was still connected on ZOOM, but she had disconnected. He asked to invite her back for the February meeting. Parking Director Kinney explained the issue about the lack of parking at Jaycee Park because the spaces are regularly used by guests from the Thesis Hotel. Parking Enforcement monitors the area and issue citations to violators as the spaces are designated for Park Patrons Only.

•PAB Member Rua and Chair Betancourt asked for IT support to be requested for future meetings to avoid any delays and technology problems at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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