

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPT.
 (4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE RM)
 2801 SALZEDO STREET
 CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director
 Yamilet Senespleda, City Engineer
 Officer Broosh, C. G. Police Sergeant
 Tiffany Hood, Support Staff

GUEST:

Leonard Roberts, City of Coral Gables Economic Development
 Deborah Swain (previous TAB Board Member)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and roll call was done.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Thompson stated there has been a problem with making quorum recently. Jessica stated that she will speak with the Mayor regarding his appointment to the Board.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes were not approved for October 16, 2018.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jessica stated that the City Attorney is currently working on an ordinance to codify the Traffic Impact Study process, which at this time has not gone before the City Commission for first reading.

Ms. Markowitz motioned that the ordinance of the Traffic Impact Study process be finalized and placed on the agenda for first reading. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sokoloff. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica summarized the Gables Greenways Project status. This past fall two community meetings were held for residents to visualize different types of bike infrastructure. The meetings were very well attended with the public outreach via social media, Coral Gables E-News, Miami Herald and direct mailing to nearly six hundred (600) property owners along the Gables Greenways.

There was a discussion regarding Rivera Drive portion of the Greenways and opposition surrounding bike infrastructure on that street.

The demonstration project on Salzedo Street was met with opposition from the property owners at the 300 BLK Palermo Avenue. Their concern is related to parking availability. The City has been taking inventory of available parking spaces three times a day and the findings identified an average of nine (9) vacant spaces during the morning and ten (10) vacant spaces in the afternoon.

Jessica will forward a memo submitted to Commission today relating to the inventory of the parking spaces and also case studies from around North America that support bicycling infrastructure and how it helps businesses. There have been significantly more cases shown where bike infrastructure has helped businesses. Jessica requested board members forward any studies known that show detrimental impacts to businesses – she wants objective studies.

Deborah Swain asked about the timeframe for this demonstration. Jessica stated that the timeframe was set for sixty (60) days and we are four weeks into the period. Deborah Swain mentioned she heard this demonstration period was being extended for another month at the request of the Landscape Advisory Board. She stated next that she attended the meeting to ask that the Board consider requesting that the City Commission extend the demonstration period for

Transportation Advisory Board

January 16, 2018

Continued

at least another thirty days. She feels there really wasn't a good opportunity to see what kind of activity there is. No action was taken.

Jessica stated that there was a workshop today to update where we are with the Multimodal Plan and the Sustainable Complete Streets Policy.

Mr. Sokoloff stated that he lives on Salzedo, works in the area and he doesn't like people biking there. He feels those planters are dangerous and has seen accidents where people have run into them. He doesn't think that parking is available even though they are being counted. He further stated that he would hate to be the person that invested in the building to find that a year later he would lose the parking in front of it. He stated that he doesn't think that parking should be taken from a commercial area and feels that biking should not be a priority. He feels that texting while driving is a priority and should be the primary concern. Mr. Thompson suggested that if the size of the planters were reduced (possibly slightly narrower) that this could alleviate the problems.

Mr. Leonard Roberts, Economic Development joined the meeting to discuss the main objective of Economic Development through retention to bring businesses to the City of Coral Gables, visitors and developers. There was a brief discussion held with the Board.

POLICE UPDATE:

There are no updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Markowitz asked about the downed street signs inventory. Jessica responded that there's not a list of downed street signs. She further stated that Miami-Dade County has jurisdiction over the street signs and the majority of them have been picked up.

Ms. Markowitz motioned that Gordon Sokoloff become the Vice-Chair. This motion was seconded by Mr. Corrada. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNED:

6:34 pm

