

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Economic Development & Property Advisory
EXCERPT Special Joint Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 8:30 a.m.
Coral Gables Museum, Community Meeting Room

EDB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	COMMISSIONERS
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Scott Sime	P	P								P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Olga Ramudo	P	P								P	P	E	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Stuart McGregor	P	P								P	E	E	Commissioner Pat Keon
June Morris Chair	P	P								P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Alexander Binelo Vice Chair	P	A								P	A	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada

PAB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Luis Espino Chair	P	P								P	X	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Ariel Fernandez	Ph	P								P	X	E	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Luba DeWitt	E	P								P	X	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Valerie Quemada Vice Chair	P	P								P	X	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Tony Gonzalez	E	P								P	X	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada
Andrew Nadal	P	P								A	X	P	City Manager
Andrea Molina	P	P								P	X	P	City Commission

A = Absent E = Excused Absence P = Present X = No Meeting Ph = Present by Phone

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager, City of Coral Gables
 Javier Betancourt, Director, Economic Development Department
 Leonard Roberts, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department
 Francesca Valdes, Business Development Specialist, Economic Development Department
 Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Meeting Motion Summary:

A motion requesting that the City explore the prohibition of smoking in outdoor dining areas located in the public right of way was passed unanimously by the Economic Development Board.

A motion requesting that the City explore the prohibition of smoking in outdoor dining areas located in the public right of way was passed unanimously by the Property Advisory Board.

Mrs. Morris brought the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

4. Smoking Regulations (Discussion)

Javier Betancourt provided a quick update regarding his conversation with the City Attorney's office about looking into outlawing smoking in the public right of way. There is state preemption language that prohibits municipalities from passing regulations dealing with outdoor smoking, however the City Attorney believes he may have a solution that would allow the City to do it on the City's own public rights of way, which would include City sidewalks and Giralda Plaza. The City Attorney will look into that but said it's perfectly acceptable if the board wishes to make a recommendation to the City Commission to explore and pursue that initiative. Mrs. Morris expressed her strong feelings against smoking and said that the outdoor dining experience is completely diminished when someone lights up, adding that we live in an enlightened age where we know that secondhand smoking causes cancer, and that if the City is going to ban Styrofoam, she believes it to be within the City's capacity to ban smoking on the sidewalks too.

Ms. Ramudo made a motion requesting for the City Commission to have the City explore the prohibition of smoking in outdoor dining areas located in the public right of way, which was seconded by Mr. Sime, and which passed unanimously.

Upon hearing this item, Mr. Fernandez of the Property Advisory Board asked if his board could join in on the motion, which was well received and deemed important by other PAB members.

Mr. Fernandez made the same motion, requesting for the City Commission to have the City explore the prohibition of smoking in outdoor dining areas located in the public rights of way, which was seconded by Ms. Molina, and which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant - Economic Development Department