

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**Economic Development Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2007**  
**Development Department Office Conference Room**  
**95 Merrick Way, Suite 450, Coral Gables, Florida**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Richard DeWitt	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Ray Zomerfeld	P	P	P	P	E	P	P*	P	P	P	X	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Gladys Diaz Jourdain										P	P	X	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. Al Smith	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	X	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
James Casey	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers

\*Present via telephone.

(2)(3) - Emergency meetings per Procurement Code

**STAFF:**

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, Development Director  
Cindy Dorrel, Administrative Assistant  
Jessica Wotherspoon, Business Development Specialist

**A** = Absent

**E** = Excused Absence

**P** = Present

**X** = No Meeting

( ) = Special Meetings

**GUESTS:** Mayor Don Slesnick; Dona Lubin, Assistant City Manager; Carol Ellis-Cutler, Sr. VP of Colliers Abood Wood-Fay; Mark Hebert and Raimundo Rodulfo from Coral Gables IT Department; Sebastian del Marmol, Coral Gables Gazette

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Chair Richard DeWitt called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum was reached.

**I. Approval of October 3, 2007 Board Minutes:**

**Mr. Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting as presented.**  
**Dr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed.**

**II. Update from Dona Lubin, Assistant City Manager, about improving cell phone coverage in the City:**

Ms. Lubin introduced Mark Hebert and Raimundo Rodulfo from the Coral Gables IT Department, who discussed the proposed wi-fi hot spots on City-owned properties as well as City-owned light poles in the downtown area. Ms Lubin said she is working with the IT Department on an RFP for a provider for these services. She also said that she would be meeting with all the individual cell phone carriers to see what they had to offer in reference to helping with more complete coverage in the City. Ms. Lubin will return next month to give ongoing updates on these processes.

**III. Miracle Mile Plan:**

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Mr. Delgado's item was postponed as he has not met with the County. As soon as that meeting happens, he will bring the update to the Board.

**IV. Mayor Slesnick visit:**

Mayor Slesnick visited and discussed his thoughts on goals for the Board. He spoke about the downtown commercial area, residential units in the downtown area, education, senior housing, affordable housing, cleaning up the downtown area and promoting Coral Gables as a tourist destination.

**V. Gladys Diaz Jourdain to brief the Board on affordable housing:**

Ms. Jourdain told the Board she was waiting on more information before she gave a full report on affordable housing in the City. She gave the Board some preliminary information but will bring it back on the agenda for next month.

**VI. Updates:**

**Senior Housing:** Ms. Rivenbark advised the Board that the Senior Housing issue was scheduled to come before the Commission for second reading on November 13.

**Art Cinema:** This item was postponed.

The next Board meeting date to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Dorrel  
Administrative Assistant  
Development Department