

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPT.
 (4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE RM)
 2801 SALZEDO STREET
 CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	18	17	
Cristina Mendoza					*-	+ -	+ -	A	+ -	+ -	A	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	+ -	P	E	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano					*-	+ -	+ -	P	+ -			P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	+ -	P	P	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	+ -	P	P	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	A	Frank C. Quesada
Vacant						+ -	+ -						Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz				*-	P	+ -	+ -	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, Senior Traffic Engineer
 Mark Brown, Senior Multimodal Transportation Engineer
 Tiffany Hood, Support Staff

GUEST:

Ramon Trias, City of Coral Gables Planning & Zoning Director

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 his concern regarding the Traffic Impact Study ordinance and its option on delay being too short requiring a sixty-day initial period of which the applicant may their request to the Public Works Department and feels that it should be a set period of ninety business days.

Ms. Markowitz made a motion that the language be changed on the option on delay to have a set period of sixty-days to ninety business days in the Traffic Impact Study ordinance. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sokoloff. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board held a discussion on the Traffic Impact Study process.

Mr. Sokoloff made a motion for the Traffic Impact Study ordinance's requirement of no contractual relationship within twelve months be maintained. This motion was seconded by Ms. Markowitz. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ruano made a motion for the language to be changed to read the "Public Works Director or designee" makes the determination of the area of the traffic study in Section 24209A. This motion was seconded by Ms. Markowitz. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Markowitz made a motion for the Traffic Impact Study ordinance to include six months for implementation from the effective date. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sokoloff. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Thompson recognized Mr. Mark Brown, Senior Multimodal Transportation Engineer as a new staff member of the City of Coral Gables and Mrs. Cristina Mendoza as the newest Transportation Advisory Board member.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes were not approved for October 16, 2017 or January 16, 2018.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jessica summarized the Gables Greenways Project is the implementation of the adopted Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and is currently on hold. Robert Ruano inquired about the notification of the business owners that would be affected by this project and how they could have been better served with information distribution.

Jessica distributed to Board members an update of the schedule for the Multimodal Transportation Plan project which was submitted to the City Commission with a proposed

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timeframe of November 2018. Mr. Ruano requested a draft of the Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Jessica stated that there have been several complaints over the years since 2013 regarding curbing on Miami-Dade County's Right-of-Way (Kendall Drive and Old Cutler Road). A resident has observed boat trailers driving over the curb when turning off of Kendall Drive onto Old Cutler Road. The resident has suggested that this be addressed. Jessica stated the project cost is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and in the County right of way. The Board shared concerns of the cost for this project. Staff stated the project would include the setback of the curb, adding the turn lane, striping and drainage.

Mr. Ruano made a motion that staff not move forward with this project. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sokoloff. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ramon Trias, the Director of Planning and Zoning joined the meeting to discuss the objective of traffic and development within the City of Coral Gables. He stated that traffic and land planning go hand in hand and needs to be understood.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has spoken with the City of Coral Gables Police Chief Hudak about the need for traffic enforcement within the City. He then commented about alternative methods of transportation within the City of Coral Gables and the lack of benches and shelter at bus stops from the weather elements. He stated that we need a good mass transit system here in Miami and remarked on how we can get this moving as a small city.

POLICE UPDATE:

There are no updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ruano stated that on Monegro Street which is north of Bird Road, the City of Coral Gables is going to install gates that will block the pedestrian access through the neighborhood. Staff distributed the Street Ends concept to the Board for them to view. Jessica summarized the Street Ends project which is where the City of Coral Gables jurisdiction ends and the City of Miami begins (East side in the Craft Section neighborhood). She then stated that the residents have concerns related to crime and requested that an impenetrable wall be built. Jessica stated that the Street Ends concept is the response to the request of the residents and is designed to maintain bicycle and pedestrian access. Mr. Ruano stated his displeasure with the concept. He asked for the cost of the slated project. Jessica replied that the budgeted cost of the project is three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) and is a Commission adopted capital project.

Mr. Ruano stated that Transportation is one of the biggest issues in the City of Coral Gables and recommends that the Transportation Advisory Board meeting venue change. He stated that this would create greater accessibility to allow the residents the ability to attend the meetings. There

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was a brief discussion on looking at other locations to hold the meeting. Mr. Trias suggested that the Board meet in the Planning Conference Room located at 427 Biltmore Way, 2nd floor.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNED:

6:44 pm