

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
427 BILTMORE WAY
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	APPOINTED BY:
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Cristina Mendoza			*-	+ -	+ -	A	+ -	+ -	A	P	E	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	E	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	E	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano			*-	+ -	+ -	P	+ -			P	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	P	E	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	A	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Nicholas Barshel		-	-	+ -	+ -	-	-	-	-	*-	*-	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz		*-	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	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
Sgt. Maurice Sikes, Coral Gables Police

GUEST:

Susan Hays, Resident

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Sokoloff called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and roll call was done.

Mr. Corrada made a motion to excuse Mr. Courtney Thompson from the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Markowitz.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Sokoloff introduced the newly appointed board member Nicholas Barshel, appointed by the Commission-as-a-Whole.

Dr. Sokoloff invited Susan Hays to speak on concerns regarding the cut-through traffic on Fluvia Avenue. She believes that there is heavy traffic driving at excessive speeds on the street due to the lack of a traffic circle at Salzedo and Fluvia. She witnessed a Ferrari speeding down her street and she expressed her concerns of the safety of the children during peak traffic hours. She stated that there was a patrol car stationed on the corner of Salzedo and Fluvia to enforce the speed limits which calmed the traffic but once the officer left the high speeds resumed. The Board held a discussion regarding her concerns.

Jessica stated that the update of the Multimodal Transportation Plan may answer some of the questions. We have collaborated with the Police Department to triage the data collection on the streets and/or areas of reported concerns. She then stated that typically the data comes back the results reflect that there is not a speeding problem by Miami-Dade County standards. If an issue is identified then we will move forward with traffic engineering studies and explore possible traffic calming measures. She stated that staff has held seven community meetings throughout the City to invite residents to provide input regarding issues around the City of Coral Gables. Our consultant will be providing recommendations based on the feedback received from the residents. She stated next that staff is negotiating an agreement with Miami-Dade County that will allow us to install certain traffic calming measures on a lower threshold than what Miami-Dade County defines as a speeding problem.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Ms. Markowitz made a motion for approval of the minutes for March 20, 2018. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ruano. The motion was unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mark updated Board regarding the utility work being done along LeJeune Road down to the end of Cocoplum at the roundabout. He stated the Cocoplum Bike Lanes Project will be done concurrently with a new design.

Mark informed the Board members of the Community Meeting that took place on March 21st at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center, 405 University Drive. This was the first neighborhood to request sidewalks along University Drive through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Staff completed an official ballot for the property owners that reside on University Drive that was mailed out via United States Postal Service (USPS). Initially, the residents were in agreement for the implementation of the project but since then there seems to

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be a differing opinion of some of the property owners. We are reviewing the feedback from this meeting and plan to have a follow-up meeting in May 2018. Mr. Ruano suggested that the two-thirds policy be modified regarding sidewalks on certain streets like Riviera, University and Alhambra. Jessica stated that staff is working on a policy that will allow us to complete the Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Plan which will be presented in June to the City Commission.

Mark stated that the Multimodal Transportation Plan is a long range planning document that takes into account every mode of travel such as walking, biking and transit will connect the City of Coral Gables. Staff has been working with Miami-Dade County on an interlocal agreement and we are aiming for a completion date of November 2018.

Dr. Sokoloff mentioned the possibility of a texting and driving ordinance within the City of Coral Gables. Jessica stated that on staff level we prepare a package yearly for legislation which has not passed to date. Jessica stated that in advance of preparing the package for this next legislative session that we collect feedback from the Board to incorporate in the proposal. Ms. Markowitz suggested we discuss this topic at the September meeting.

Jessica remarked to the Board that staff selected a vendor for dockless bike sharing of and staff is preparing proposed regulations to maintain order. She stated that this will be twelve month contract for this a pilot program.

Jessica updated the Board concerning the twenty-five miles per hour (25mph) speed limit signs, the first sign is scheduled to be installed tomorrow on Eight Street and Country Club Prado. She stated we will have an official ribbon cutting ceremony at a later date.

Jessica stated that now that the Traffic Impact Studies Ordinance have been approved that the implementation of it is our responsibility. Yamilet has been working on the scope of work, the guidelines and getting the consultants on board with the process.

POLICE UPDATE:

Sgt. Sikes stated that he is working with staff to create an application that will allow residents to enter complaints to alert them of problems. He further stated that although there is a heavy volume of traffic, the data collection results have consistently shown that there is not a speeding problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jessica shared with the Board the pace car campaign which is a pledge to not exceed the twenty-five miles per hour (25mph) speed limit and receipt of the pace car magnet for their vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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ADJOURNED:

6:33 pm