

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Parking Advisory Board

Chairperson Ada Holian
Board Member Blanca Famadas
Board Member Roberto Lasa
Board Member Vicky Rua
Board Member Carlos Xiques

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall - Commission Chambers

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 5:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chairperson Holian, Board Member Rua, Board Member Xiques, Board Member Famadas and Board Member Lasa

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Public Comments.

1 APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

- Item deferred to January Meeting

2 AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH

- Ms. Castillo was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Chair Holian signed a certificate that will be forwarded to her along with a gift card.

3 BLOCK BY BLOCK OPERATIONS UPDATE

- October Report explains issues encountered and daily tasks performed by Block-by-Block ambassadors such as removal of graffiti, vandalism cleanup, removal of dead animals etc.
- Chair Holian mentioned doggie waste and recommended installing more signage and receptacles to dispose of the waste.
- Member Rua mentioned the heavy traffic and dirt in Garage 6, in specific near Senora Martinez and Giralda Plaza; and asked who is responsible to clean this. Parking Director said the restaurants are responsible to clean in any seating areas for their restaurants. The city is responsible for areas not being used by the restaurants and will address this with cleaning personnel. The issue with the pigeons is being

addressed with a contractor that specializes in bird control and removal.

- Member Famadas asked about the citation received in Garage 6. Parking Director explained these are high traffic areas and difficult to maintain.

4 PROJECT REVIEW 1: 33 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE

- Site plan and concept handout were distributed to the PAB.
- Parking Director comment to the DRC was that the city cannot afford to lose all the parking in the area. The Project Manager for 33 Alhambra assured the city it would redesign the ROW to maintain the existing parking supply.
- Member Famadas asked if it is possible for a PAB member to attend the DRC. Parking Director said public comments can be submitted to the DRC via email once the agenda is published. Public notices are sent to the community when projects are reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board, not by the DRC. The DRC review meeting is published with an agenda and the public can attend but no public comments are taken at the meeting. There are no actions taken at DRC meetings as the purpose for these meetings is to provide the owner with technical information.
- Member Rua expressed her concern for loss of parking in that area.
- On a Motion by Member Rua, Seconded by Member Lasa, the PAB proposed for all parking spaces surrounding the building remain.

5 PROJECT REVIEW 2: 2551 SOUTH LE JEUNE RD.

- The project will be three floors with Publix grocery store on ground floor and parking garage on top providing 294 public parking spaces.
- The project proposes to remove a few parking spaces on Valencia Ave.
- City will gain a few parking spaces on Andalusia Ave pursuant to the current design.
- Parking Director does not foresee any issues with parking for this project but will keep the PAB informed in case any issues arise in the future.

6 PROJECT REVIEW 3: 351 SAN LORENZO

- The project has no parking included in the plan and removes all parking spaces on San Lorenzo and Laguna Ave. The first floor will be retail and upper floors will be short term rental condominiums. The project proposes to have valet service for residents to park their vehicles remotely at Village of Merrick Park.
- Member Famadas proposed the PAB does not act until more information is provided on the number of parking spaces that will be lost from this project.
- On a Motion by Member Lasa, Seconded by Member Rua, the PAB recommends the city retain all six parking spaces that currently exist and

not lose any parking spaces surrounding the project.

7 REPORT ON CENTRALIZED VALET

- Valet will open a new ramp on the 300 Block of Miracle Mile South Side as two new restaurants will be opening on the block in the upcoming weeks.

8 OPEN DISCUSSION

- Member Rua asked about the signs on the Biltmore Hotel parking lot (signs prompting visitors to pay for parking with an app). Parking Director said the signs have been removed.
- Member Xiques asked about the option to provide courtesy parking to residents around the holidays. Member Lasa asked if the option to place a banner on Pay-By-Phone notifying customer of the courtesy extended parking was explored. Parking Director said he will provide viable options to the PAB as we review options for next Christmas.
- Member Famadas asked about Biltmore Way renovation. Parking Director said public meetings should begin early in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

NOTE

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