

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 CITY OF CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPT CMR
 2801 SALZEDO STREET
 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	APPOINTED BY:
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	Frank C. Quesada
Chris Morrison	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	A	P	P	City Manager

P - Present
E - Excused Absence
A - Absent
*** - New Member**
+ - No Meeting
(#) Resigned

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Public Works Interim Director
 Yamilet Senespleda, City Engineer
 Ed Hudak, C. G. Police Chief
 Antonio Aleman, C. G. Police Sergeant

GUEST:

Jack Schnettler, Atkins Consultant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

July 19, 2016 meeting minutes – Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morrison made a motion to excuse Mr. Corrada, Dr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Borbolla to have the TAB meetings at the CGPD CMR, the motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison. The motion was unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jessica announced that Jeannette Reyes was promoted on May 30, 2016 and is currently working several jobs as well as volunteering to help with TAB minutes until her previous position can be filled.

Ingraham Terrace Park - construction will begin this week from LeJeune Road to the park. Also crosswalks will be installed, on Brighton Place to the park.

Speed Limit Reduction in residential areas – was deferred to the August Commission meeting.

New Public Works Director – Ed Santamaria starts on September 12, 2016 as the new City of Coral Gables P.W. Director. Mr. Santamaria comes from the City of Miami where he is currently the Public Works Director.

TRAFFIC PROJECTS UPDATE:

Comprehensive Transportation Plan - Jack passed out handouts in reference to transportation demand management and the background subject on how it evolved over the decades. Recently Jessica met with Miami Dade County Schools to discuss with transportation issues at elementary schools. The County said they will not provide bus service unless the child is more than 2 miles from the school. Therefore, the City is investigating to see what can be done to provide bus transportation service in Coral Gables to the schools, to alleviate the traffic situation.

Section 1:

Outline on the transportation plan report – this is a draft, comments are welcome.

Introduction that discusses the frame work of the plan.

- *Section Two:*

Transportation Network and things that relate to it.

- *Section Three:*

Transportation Strategies, the improvement program to the transportation.

- *Section four:*

Implementation Strategies.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Clearing house for Federal & State Transportation Funds. It is not a State Department or a County Department, it is a free standing identity. The threshold is to have over 50,000 population in order to have a seat on the MPO Board. Two important factors of the MPO:

1. They oversee the preparation of a long range transportation plan every five (5) years.
2. Any transportation projects implemented in its service area have to be in the plan and it has to be cost feasible.

The next three sheets relate to the upcoming, second round of public open house meetings.

The next group is of maps and tables.

Lastly is the traffic flow continuity.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swain communicated with the City Manager on the recommendations made by the Board in putting the traffic impact studies in the control of the City and not at the hands of the developer. The CM said she has the Board's draft recommendation and she will hand it over to the new Public Works Director when he arrives on September 12, 2016.

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Another recommendation made by the Board was providing safe passage for pedestrians when there is construction in the City. Mrs. Swain's understanding is that the City has adopted the same guidelines as FDOT. Which means as long as the developer directs signs on the crosswalk towards the sidewalk across from the actual construction, that this satisfies requirements. Mrs. Swain passed out maps of the Codina Construction, Courtyard Marriott on LeJeune Road. Codina has encroached the sidewalk on the entire block as well as half a travel lane on the two parallel streets, Majorca to the south and one to the north. It so happened that on 344 Majorca there was also construction going on where the sidewalk was also closed off, leaving no safe passage way for pedestrians. *Mrs. Swain's request is for the board to consider supporting, that the City look at changing what they require for maintenance of traffic to provide safe pedestrian movement while a building is under construction.*

ADJOURNED:

6:55 pm