

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of June 25, 2008
Parking Department 2801 Salzedo Street

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Mary Young	P	E	E	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Brad Rosenblatt	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Lissette Juncosa	E	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Carlos Halley	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Hendrikus Vanderveldt	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers

STAFF
Kevin Kinney

A=Absent
E=Excused
P=Present

Item 1: Minutes
Minutes for the May, 22, 2008 board meeting were reviewed and discussed by the board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded and passed unanimously.

Item 2: Commission Update
The proposed budget for 2009 will be presented to the Commission on July 16, 2008.

The Coral Gables Country Club RFP has been approved by the Commission and released to the public. It is anticipated that the selection process will be complete in early fall with a new operator in place before the Holiday season.

The County presented a proposal to the Commission to complete the sidewalk along Bird Road from Red Road to Le Jeune. This proposal was well received and the County will continue with the planning and public meetings required.

Item 3: Director's Report
The implosion the office building at 2801 Ponce is scheduled for this weekend.

The Parking Department worked with the Internal Auditor to complete an audit of our cashier bank funds. The process was cooperative and lead to many discussions related to available processes and procedures related to cash handling and management. In addition, we discussed the evolution of the existing systems and where our parking operations are now. Once the audit report is finalized, it will be presented to the Parking Advisory Board for their review.

Item 4: Beverly Hills Café Proposal
The Beverly Hills Café owns a small parking lot on San Remo near Red Road. This parking lot is currently managed with gates and a cashier booth for visitors to Sunset Place. The owners have proposed to install meters on the parking lot and remove the gates allowing the lot to be used for general public parking. The only difficulty is that they have no enforcement powers. They have requested that the parking department patrol the parking lot on its regular rounds to enforce the meters. The Board discussed

the advantages of opening this lot to general public use in an area where there is a perception of a parking shortage. In addition, patrolling an additional 25 parking spaces will have minimal impact on the enforcement route. It was moved that we agree to the proposal provided that the Parking Department assumes no management or maintenance obligations for this parking lot, the parking lot is open for general public parking and the City retain any enforcement revenue generated. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Item 5

Garage 1 Redevelopment Proposal

The Board reviewed the redevelopment proposal presented to the Commission for the Garage 1 site. This proposal provides for building a 600 space parking garage with 17,400 square feet of retail space as well as an adjoining office building with 56,500 square feet. After reviewing the current parking supply at this location, the additional demand created by the proposed commercial space, the demand for parking at this location, the recommendations of the 2006 parking study and other development occurring within the CBD; the Board did not believe that a net gain of 80 spaces for general public parking at this site was adequate for the long range needs of the CBD.

The Board is supportive of looking at joint public/private development for this site. However, they believe private commercial development at this location should be limited to insure that at completion the net increase in general public parking is between 250 and 300 spaces. In addition, the parking component of any public/private development on this site should be publicly owned and operated because of the historic and future importance of parking at the Garage 1 site.

Item 6:

Biltmore Way Parking Redesign

The board reviewed a proposal generated by Plummer and Associates to change the layout of the on-street parking spaces in front of City Hall (Le Jeune Road to Hernando). The new layout would make all spaces uniformly 9 feet wide. Currently, there is significant dead space on this street front and spaces range from 10 feet to 11 feet wide. The new layout would increase the on-street parking available from 32 spaces to 42 spaces. The Board unanimously supported the new layout and requested that staff forward this proposal to Public Works for their review and approval.

Item 7:

Museum Request

The Coral Gables Museum is requesting that they be allowed to display a Museum poster in the kiosk in front of Garage 2 at no charge. The kiosk will eventually be turned over to the Art Cinema to be used as part of their operation. However, it is currently under the control of the Parking Department until the Cinema begins operations. The Board discussed the Coral Gables Museum and other not for profit community groups. It was moved that we allow the Museum and all other not for profit community groups to use the kiosk without charge until such time as the Cinema begins operations. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Item 8:

Adjournment

Board moved to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Approved:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary