

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 5:30 P.M.

- MINUTES MEETING -

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTED BY:
	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Rene Alvarez	+	E	+	P	P	P	E	+	E	E	+	P	Jim Cason
Larry D. Kries	+	P	+	P	P	P	P	+	E	P	+	P	Maria Anderson
Deborah Swain	+	P	+	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	+	P	Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
VACANT	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Alex Menendez	+	E	+	-	-	-	P	+	P	P	+	P	Frank C. Quesada
Donna Kupper	+	P	+	P	P	P	P	+	E	P	+	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
VACANT	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager

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

STAFF:

Ernesto Pino, Interim Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

• **July 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Kupper made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Kries seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Phase 1 Paving Project – 65% complete US1 to Bird, Bird to Coral Way and Coral Way to 8th Street

Phase 2 Paving Project South of US 1 and downtown - Bids were received and currently doing due diligence.

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Bike Master Plan – Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade MPO was executed. Waiting for MPO to issue the notice to proceed to the City.

Intersection Improvements at Various Locations – Project is currently out to bid. Project includes (2) traffic circles, (3) realignments and (2) intersections improvements. (Presentation was made to the Board by Mr. Pino).

Traffic Improvement Program List – **Valencia & Cardena, San Amaro Ct. & San Amaro Dr., University & Campo Sano, Hardee & Manatee, Galiano & Segovia and Galiano & Salamanca.** Mr. Pino reported that the projects are in the bidding process.

NEW BUSINESS:

3416 Alhambra Circle: A resident requested consideration of closing Salvatierra Drive which is still open to Red Road. Board members discussed request and impact on the neighborhood. Mr. Pino will ask Ludwik to follow up.

Downtown Bicycle Plan: Mrs. Swain presented a plan recommending Public Works to evaluate downtown area streets, which may be suitable for bicycle lanes: **(1) Ponce de Leon Boulevard from Bird Road to Ponce Circle Park:** roadway has two lanes in each direction with parking and appears to be under-utilized. May possibly be reduced to one lane to add bicycle path; **(2) Valencia Avenue:** has been previously discussed on several occasions because the three traffic lanes are too narrow to accommodate vehicular traffic. If made into two lanes, perhaps one bicycle lane could be added; **(3) Almeria Avenue:** may be wide enough to add a bicycle lane east-bound; **(4) University Drive from LeJeune Road to Ponce de Leon Boulevard:** wide with four lanes and parking and should be considered for reduction to two lanes, especially since it is only two lanes west of LeJeune, and bicycle lanes added; **(5) Salzedo Street from University Dive to Valencia Avenue:** could accommodate bicycle lanes if the under-utilized parking was eliminated.

Discussion from the Board followed regarding the traffic on Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Mrs. Swain mentioned that the City's consultant C3TS, looked into the above mentioned streets and determined they are not suitable for bicycle lanes. She feels the explanations given by C3TS were not necessarily valid. She said that regarding Ponce de Leon, they said parking would have to be eliminated, but feels a traffic lane can be eliminated instead. Mrs. Swain issued a map of streets to be given to C3TS to review for possible bike lanes.

OLD BUSINESS:

3107 Alhambra Circle: Mr. Kries asked about the Alhambra speed data. Mr. Pino asked staff to find out the results of the speed/traffic data.

Lugo/Red Rd. Traffic Circle: Mr. Pino will ask Ludwik to contact Mrs. Kupper.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.