

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.  
427 BILTMORE WAY  
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Cristina Mendoza		*-	+-	+-	A	+-	+-	A	P	E	P	A	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	P	E	P	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano		*-	+-	+-	P	+-			P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	P	P	E	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	A	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Nicholas Barshel	-	-	+-	+-	-	-	-	-	*-	*-	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz	*-	P	+-	+-	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  
Mark Brown, Senior Multimodal Transportation Engineer  
Tiffany Hood, Support Staff  
Sgt. R. Wheeler, Coral Gables Police

**GUEST:**

Solomon Avi Wechsler (Wechsler Development)  
Jorge Navarro (Greenberg Traurig)  
Devon Vickers (Greenberg Traurig)  
Alberto Cordoves (Corwil Architects, Inc.)  
Maikel Cabrera (Corwil Architects, Inc.)  
Sarah Fiol (David Plummer & Associates)  
Juan Espinosa (David Plummer & Associates)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and roll call was done.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**The meeting minutes for April 17, 2018 were unanimously approved by the Board.**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Thompson invited the guest speaker to begin their presentation of the project titled "Gables Living" Mixed Use.

The Board held a discussion on the presentation and the consensus of the

**Ms. Markowitz made a motion to propose that the Transportation Advisory Board be a part of the Development Review Process to review projects before being permitted and advise the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruano. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Jessica stated that the twenty-five miles per hour (25mph) speed limit signs have been implemented within the residential areas of Coral Gables. We began three days ago and expect completion within three weeks with a total of one hundred and fifty-eight (158) signs to be installed. We have received several calls from residents that object to the signs being installed in certain locations.

Jessica stated that staff had a budget workshop yesterday and the Commission prioritized their interests. She added that transportation is very popular and some topics of discussion were traffic calming, bicycling infrastructure and sidewalks. Also if there is interest in attending the next workshop, it will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> and Board members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Thompson stated that this next item "Waterway Boating Safety" is seventy-five (75) percent a topic for the Waterway Advisory Board and twenty-five (25) percent a topic for this Board's review. He mentioned that there is speeding up and down the waterways particularly on weekends and now that the boating season is busier. These persons manning these boats traveling at high speeds are damaging other boats knocking them into the dock and neighbors blowing their fenders. He has observed boats going out that can safely carry ten (10) passengers but sixteen (16) people are on the boat with a shortage of life jackets on board which is beyond safety levels. He inquired what the Marine Patrol could do regarding these water traffic hazards. Officer Wheeler stated that currently the department is short staffed on personnel to patrol the waterways. Officer Wheeler suggested that Mr. Thompson reach out to Sgt. Randy Hoff to collaborate with in order to address these concerns. Mr. Thompson then requested that Marine

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Police staff draft a sanctioned letter of notification to residents that are on the Gables waterways with a list of things to do to help keep things calm. He further stated staff could then mail these letters out to residents along the waterways.

**FUTURE MEETING DATE**

June 19, 2018

Mr. Thompson stated that we will meet in June and take break for the rest of the summer resuming our schedule in September.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Office Wheeler reported that we seem to be doing a lot better with the new traffic shields and receiving more information from the data being collected. This has minimized the number of complaints that we receive.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNED:**

6:33 pm