

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of February 28, 2024
At The Public Service Building/Community Meeting Room
204 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables FL 33134

MEMBERS	J F M A M J J A S O N D	APPOINTED BY
Ada Holian	P P	Mayor Vince Lago
Blanca Famadas	P P	Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Stuart J McGegor	P P	Commissioner Kirk Menendez
Lisa De Tournay	P P	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Fernando Valdes	P P	Commissioner Melissa Castro

SUPPORT STAFF

Kevin Kinney, Parking Director
John Kowalchik, Parking Operations Assistant Director
Matt Anderson, Mobility and Sustainability Assistant Director

N=No Meeting
A=Absent
E=Excused
P=Present
V=Virtual

GUESTS

None

The PAB began at 5:41 P.M.

Call to Order

Public Comment – there was no public comment.

1. Approval of January 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - a. On a motion by board member McGegor and seconded by board member Tournay the PAB approved the January 24, 2024, meeting minutes with corrections.
2. Development Review Projects
 - a. Director Kinney advised the PAB that there were no development projects scheduled for review for this month.
 - b. A board member asked Director Kinney where the PAB is in the development review process. What stage of the development review process does the PAB get involved. Director Kinney stated that the PAB is not part of the regulatory process, but the PAB has asked Director Kinney to bring to the PAB any development project that impacts parking.

Then it is within the PAB purview to make recommendations about parking for the project.

- c. The PAB discussed the 700 Valencia development and other projects that are considering bump-outs that would eliminate some on-street parking. The PAB continues to recommend the preservation of on-street parking.
- d. Director Kinney said he would invite the City Planner, Jennifer Garcia, to a future PAB meeting to discuss Development Projects.

3. PAB Meeting Schedule

- a. Director Kinney explained that historically the PAB met at 8:30 in morning on a specific day. The PAB chose to move the meeting to Wednesday evening on the fourth Wednesday of the month, which was never an issue until we moved the meetings to the new facility (the new Public Service Building Community Room. Now there are two different board meetings that are going to happen on the fourth Wednesday of the month in that building. Since we moved to their time we need to figure out when we want to meet. It can be in the evenings or in the mornings, it is up to the Board. It just can't be at the same time as the other board meetings. There is a conflict with the Sustainability Board.
- b. On a motion from board member Valdes and seconded by board member Famadas the PAB approved moving the PAB meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

4. Pickleball

- a. Director Kinney reviewed the options for pickleball courts on the city's parking facilities.
- b. Director Kinney stated the city staff explored the possibility of putting pickleball courts on the roof of Garage 4, across from Publix.
- c. Director Kinney stated the discussion with city staff and city commission is continuing.
- d. Director Kinney wanted to make sure the PAB discussed this issue and any concerns the PAB might have.
- e. The PAB discussed this potential project and the loss of parking in the facility.
- f. Director Kinney anticipates this project to be brought up at City Commission in March.

5. Minorca Garage Ribbon Cutting

- a. Director Kinney updated the PAB on the Minorca Garage.
- b. Director Kinney explained that there presently no official date for the Ribbon Cutting for the Minorca Garage, but it should happen in the next few weeks.
- c. Director Kinney said he will notify the PAB as soon as we secure an official date.

6. Carnival on the Mile

- a. Director Kinney explained the recent history of the event including the waving of the parking fees for the for 2022 & 2023 due to the effects of COVID.
- b. The event promoters sent a letter to the City Manager asking for the parking fees again be waived for this year's event.
- c. Director Kinney spoke with the City Manager and the decision was made not to waive this year's parking fees, and that we sent an invoice for the 137 parking spaces that will be off-line due to the event.

- d. In addition, the Director explained that our cost for the event rises significantly because we have to increasing staffing in the facilities with both garage staff and security, as well as provide additional street cleaning staff through Block-by-Block (our Safe & Clean street maintenance vendor).
- e. On a motion by board member McGegor and seconded by board member Valdes the PAB recommended that the fees for this year not be waived.

7. Palace Garage

- a. Director Kinney provided the PAB with photos of the graffiti and cleanliness of the Palace Garage.
- b. Director Kinney stated that this is unacceptable management. The contract states that The Palace is required to provide commercially reasonable maintenance for the facility.
- c. Director Kinney is working with Code Enforcement to encourage The Palace to do a better job of managing the facility.
- d. One concern is that this behavior of tagging could spread to other facilities downtown, including our parking facilities.
- e. We have started discussions with the City's Economic Development to possibly negotiate with The Palace for the city to manage the parking facility.
- f. On a motion by board member McGegor and seconded by board member Famadas the PAB recommends that the City Staff (Parking & Code Enforcement) interact with The Palace to resolve the issues.

8. Open Discussion

- a. Board member Famadas asked Director Kinney for an update on the Mobility Hub. The Director stated that the Mobility Hub is being redesigned and construction costs are settling down. Director Kinney said it would be good for the new City Manager to have the opportunity to look at the project.
- b. The PAB, again, discussed the 700 Valencia development and other projects that are considering bump-outs that would eliminate some on-street parking. The PAB continues to recommend the preservation of on-street parking.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 6:26 P.M.