

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
April 14, 2026
Public Safety Building, CMR
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
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Discussion regarding Adopt a Circle and Crosswalk Program
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Madam Vice Mayor F-6 and we're in the homestretch.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Adopt circle and crosswalk program. There's a photo that I provided the Clerk today just to show an example of what some of my neighbors have done and I've talked to our Landscape Division about coming up with some guidelines. If someone you know some residents want to do something similar as to what are acceptable plantings, we also have some passionate residents that have asked about planting plants around the cross boxes and AT&T boxes, but I think it's best that our team provide some guidelines on what can be planted.

Mayor Lago: By the way, can I tell you something Madam Vice Mayor, did you do this, did you do this?

Vice Mayor Anderson: No, no, it's my neighbors.

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Mayor Lago: It looks great. I drove by today, it caught me completely, I caught my -- completely caught me by surprise.

Vice Mayor Anderson: They planted it, they watered it; you see they put little reflective things on there to make sure you know it's seen better, because this is one of those circles that have stop signs that very few people stop at, it's more like yield or suggesting, slowing down, but I do think and I did give them some suggestions about putting in some white, because that's seen better at night. They have yellow and orange. Yeah, that was my neighbor's.

Mayor Lago: I love it.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So we could use some guidance for residents because we don't want to be planting bushes that grow three to four feet tall and create a triangle visibility problem around cross boxes and stuff and with that if you're going to adopt a box you got to maintain the box or the circle that includes, they go out there every week with a cart, with water and they water this and it has to be water, because otherwise it wouldn't look this pretty.

Mayor Lago: Yep.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So that was that was a suggestion, and I'll ask uh miss Deena Bell who's smiling back there at another opportunity to make our city look better to suggest when it's time to bring it back for the agenda for a program that you can suggest.

Commissioner Fernandez: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: If we can go back to that photo Those palm trees are not very good in storms. I remember the last hurricane I picked up about six or seven of them and moved them out of the road because they had all fallen. So going forward maybe we can find something else that we can plant it because those are not the best ones for hurricane season.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, by the way, those two palms have been there for decades.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yeah. The ones in the next block over I had to pick up.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Well, the ones in the next block over were hit by a vehicle.

Commissioner Fernandez: During the storm.

Vice Mayor Anderson: No.

Commissioner Fernandez: During the last hurricane.

Vice Mayor Anderson: It depends on the variety of palm. Again, I defer to our Landscape Division who have the most knowledge of what should be planted there.

City Manager Iglesias: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes sir.

City Manager Iglesias: The reason those are -- they look at the traffic people like those is exactly because of that because they're frangible. So, you have something you can go through and not and not wrap your car around.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Or your neck, that's true your neck.