

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2020

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Kevin Mase	-	-	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	-	*	P	(+)	P	P	<i>R. Valdes Fauli</i>
Gordon Sokoloff (Chair)	P	P	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	P	P	E	(+)	P	P	<i>P. Keon</i>
Steven Williamson	-	-	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	P	P	P	(+)	A	A	<i>V. Lago</i>
Debbie Swain	P	P	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	P	P	P	(+)	P-V	E	<i>M. Mena</i>
Sue Kawalerski (VC)	P	P	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	P	P	P	(+)	P	P	<i>J. Fors</i>
Nicholas Barshel	P	P	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	E	P	P	(+)	P	P	<i>Commission</i>
Peter Wood	P	P	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	P	P	P	(+)	A	P	<i>City Manager</i>

P: Present in person P: Present virtually (zoom) ^V Virtual Meeting
 E- Excused Absence A- Absent ^H Hybrid
 *-New Member (+-) No Meeting

Staff: Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Multimodal Engineer
 Jeanne Espinal, Assistant to the Public Works Director
 Douglas Cobb, Sr. Transportation Engineer
 Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 5:30 PM. Roll call was done. Nicholas Barshel, Gordon Sokoloff, Sue Kawalerski, Kevin Mase and Peter Wood attended the meeting in person. In-person quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval: *Peter Wood motioned to approve the December 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

Chairmans Report

1. **Commission Meeting:** Dr. Sokoloff informed the board that he presented the two (2) agenda items at the January 12 Commission Meeting. The commission did not take any action on the two (2) resolutions presented by the board. Dr. Sokoloff expressed that he believed that the Mayor perceives these plans as “anti-development” but the board wanted to emphasize that they are “anti over development” which affects all modes of transportation.
2. **Ponce Park & CRAFT section:** Discussion opened on these items and questions were asked to staff by the board and residents. City staff clarified that they hold no opinion and their input is based on their engineering evaluation of the traffic study. Discussion opened on the removal of the slip lane, and residents pointed out that the crash data provided reflects mostly fender bender accidents rather than fatalities. Jessica Keller informed the board that the proposed park will increase foot traffic and that is something to consider. Some of the residents present expressed disagreement with proposed park. Peter Wood express support for any initiative that protects pedestrians and ensures their safety and is not opposed to the elimination of the slip lane.

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Based on the residents' opinions, Sue Kawalerski motioned to oppose the elimination of the slip lane for the Ponce Park Tower that will result in traffic backing up and vehicles flowing into residential streets. Dr. Sokoloff and Kevin Mase voted in favor. Peter Wood and Nick Barshel vote against.

Kevin Mase motioned to oppose the proposed changes to the zoning code and land use designation that that will allow the developer to build from 7 to 17 stories, which will increase density and result in increased traffic. Sue Kawalerski seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and adopted unanimously by the board.

Secretary's Report

1. Traffic Impact Studies: No new traffic impact studies
2. DRC Applications: No new applications for Development Services

Traffic Projects Update

Citywide Traffic Calming: Melissa De Zayas provided an update to the board on the community/resident driven program for traffic calming.

- Zone 1: Ballot counting for speed tables and cushions is complete. Construction is expected to commence early summer.
- Zone 2: Pending the submittal of the revised proposal.
- Zone 3: Pending the consultant's proposal pursuant to the Community Meeting.
- Zone 4: Community Meeting will be taking place in March. Kevin Mase will be attending this meeting
- Zone 5: No date for community meeting has been established.

Police update: Police did not attend the meeting.

Old Business:. None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:01 PM

Next Meeting: February