

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OPPOSING ANY REQUEST BY ANY OUTSIDE AGENCY TO USE GOLF CARTS AND/OR OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON SHARED-USE PATHS THAT ARE DESIGNATED FOR USE BY PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2021, the Village of Palmetto Bay adopted Resolution No. 2021-26 requesting that Miami-Dade County conduct an assessment of county roads and the Old Cutler shared-use path for golf cart use; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) staff informed Coral Gables Public Works staff that they were evaluating the request submitted by the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 20, 2021, the Transportation Advisory Board (“TAB”) discussed the Village of Palmetto Bay’s Resolution and passed its own Resolution urging the City Commission to oppose golf carts on the Old Cutler shared-use path, emphasizing its strong opposition to the use of motorized vehicles or similar devices on paths intended for pedestrians and bicycle users; and

WHEREAS, the TAB’s mission is to encourage active transportation and active living while effectively protecting and maintaining the multi-modal transportation network and the safe and effective use of public rights of way; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021 DTPW responded via letter to the Village of Palmetto Bay, denying its request to allow golf carts on the Old Cutler shared-use path, stating, “the use of golf carts along shared use paths is not compliant with the Green Book. Also, the conflicts between the golf carts and the shared use path users (pedestrian and bikers) would create significant safety and operational problems...”; and

WHEREAS, at the renewed request of the TAB, the City Commission deems it appropriate to oppose any request by any outside agency to use golf carts and/or other motorized vehicles on shared-use paths that are designated for use by pedestrians and cyclists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby opposes any request by any outside agency that would allow golf carts or any other type of motorized vehicles on any shared-use path that is designated for use by pedestrians and cyclists.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2021.


(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fors, Jr.)

(Yeas: Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Fors, Jr. Lago)


(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: 2-1)


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