

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2020

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

P-IP: Present in person P-V: Present virtually (zoom)

E- Excused Absence

A- Absent

*-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
 Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney
 Billy Urquia, City Clerk

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 5:34 PM. Roll call was done and Nicholas Barshel, Gordon Sokoloff, Sue Kawalerski and Kevin Mace attended the meeting in person. Deborah Swain attended via zoom and the in-person quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval: *Sue Kawalerski motioned to approve the October 2020 meeting minutes with the requested edits. The motion was seconded by Kevin Mace, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

Chairmans Report

1. **GRID:** Sue Kawalerski attended the December 8 meeting and presented the board’s GRID resolution and after discussion the City Commission did not take any action. Sue Kawalerski argued that this item is outdated and recommends for the board to pursue this item again after the elections take place next year.
2. **Ponce Park Tower:** Discussion opened on the impact the development will have on the area and several residents who attended the meeting shared their concerns such as the proposed street closures, skepticism of how the traffic study’s results take into account future developments, how crash data was interpreted and implemented, and how traffic counts were taken during the pandemic and used for the study. The residents’ major concern was with the area’s increase in density which would result in increased traffic.

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Douglas Cobb informed the board and the residents that the redevelopment includes retail and multifamily residential and Kimley-Horn conducted the traffic study. The study included proposed and existing developments, considered intersections that could be impacted and the growth of traffic counts. As per Douglas Cobb, the results are acceptable based on the review analysis and removal of the slip lane is positive from a safety standpoint. He further answered some of the technical questions raised by the residents. Staff will be sharing the traffic study with the Board and residents for their review. Once the board reviews the study, they will be calling a special meeting to discuss and will vote on an action item if they do not meet prior to the next planning and zoning meeting.

3. Crafts Section: Resident Brett Gillis voiced his concerns about the Crafts Section re-zoning. He asked the board to recommend to the commission additional research and studies to be conducted and to evaluate the impact it will have on traffic, overflow traffic and neighbors near the Crafts Section. Mr. Gillis believes not all resources have been exhausted and is now asking the board to consider the recommendation. He further stressed to the board that a decision needs to be made immediately as this is a time sensitive matter.

Kevin mace proposed to present a motion to incorporate the most recent traffic study and see if it incorporates these changes, Sue Kawalerskii requested a comprehensive study to be conducted and Deborah Swain asked that the neighbors be consulted and workshops take place. Nick Barshel disagreed with the proposed motion on the basis that too much was being incorporated in the motion and believes the board needs to review the study prior to making any decision as the traffic study might answer many of the questions. Nothing was decided and the motion was withdrawn by Kevin Mace.

Kevin Mace motioned to request that the City Commission delays approving any zoning changes to the crafts section until a comprehensive traffic study is in place that looks at potential max development in the area and via a holistic approach incorporates the ponce park tower and the plaza development developments and the impact on the area is fully understood. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon. Nick Barshel voted against the motion; all other members present voted in favor. The motion was adopted 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.

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- Zone 1: The City finalized ballot counting for the proposed devices at various locations. Most of the recommended devices will proceed to the construction phase which should begin next year.
- Zone 2: Pending the submittal of the revised r
- Zone 3: Pending the consultant's proposal based on the resident's feedback.
- Zone 4: The City expects to schedule the meeting for some time in February and will be held via Zoom.
- Zone 5: No date for community meeting has been established.

Dr. Sokoloff attended the community meeting for Zone 3 and commended City staff for their excellent job.

Police update: Office Jennie Hoff introduced herself to the board as the new officer that will be attending all board meetings in replacement for Sergeant Sykes.

Old Business.

Annual Report: The report was reviewed by the board members and Debbie Swain implemented some changes. *Nicholas Barshel motioned to approve the annual report with Debbie's changes. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

Purpose of the Board: The board revisited the resolution that was drafted by Nick Barshel and the City Attorney's office to change the purpose of the board. The board discussed how major projects are not required to go through the Board for their input. Stephanie Throckmorton advised the board that some changes will have to be implemented in order to submit for Commission Review. Dr. Sokoloff will be attending the January meeting on behalf of the board to present this item and they will ask for a time certain event. *Nick Barshel motioned to approve the resolution as drafted. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

Meeting Adjourned: 7:11 PM

Next Meeting: January 19, 2020