

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
427 BILTMORE WAY  
MINUTES OF MEETING, DECEMBER 17, 2019**

<b>Members</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	
Steven Naclerio	P	(+)	P	P	P	P	(+)	P	E	P	P	P	P	Raul Valdes Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	P	(+)	P	P	P	P	(+)	P	P	p	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano	P	(+)	P	P	P	A	(+)	P	E	p	P	P	(#)	Vince Lago
Debbie Swain								(*-)	P	P	E	P	P	Michael Mena
Sue Kawalerski							(*-)	P	P	P	P	P	P	Jorge Fors
Nicholas Barshel	P	(+)	P	P	P	P	(+)	P	P	E	P	E	P	Commission as- a-whole
Peter Wood		(+)					(+)	P	P	E	P	P	P	City Manager

**Staff:**

Ed Santamaria, Assistant City Manager  
 Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director  
 Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Multimodal Engineer  
 Jeanne Espinal, Assistant to the Public Works Director  
 Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant Attorney

**Guests:**

Roberta Neway, resident  
 Maria Cruz, resident

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 5:16 PM, roll call was done, and quorum was met. No appointment has been made for the open seat. The chairman introduced the Assistant Attorney, who attended the meeting to provide a refresher on Sunshine Laws and Robert Rules of order. She clarified various concerns and ensured proper parliamentary procedures took place.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** *Sue Kawalerski proposed a motion to approve the minutes with the discussed and requested edits. The motion was seconded by Debbie Swain, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

**Vicechair Election:** Discussion opened on the uncertainty and validity of the vice chair’s election process. Assistant Attorney confirmed with the City Attorney that the motion made at the last meeting did not carry as it failed to meet the majority vote criteria. *Sue Kawalerski proposed a motion for the minutes to reflect that there was a vote, but no motion passed regarding the election of a vice chair. The motion was seconded by Debbie Swain, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

Members interested in the vice chair position will provide the City’s liaison with their Curriculum Vitae, qualifications, and background information. City’s liaison will distribute the documents via email prior to the January 2020 meeting. Melissa de Zayas will now be the board’s liaison.

**220 Miracle Mile:** Ed Santamaria advised the TAB that they will modify the alley's design, but no changes have been submitted. Sue Kawalerski requested status on the remote parking ordinance. Assistant Attorney advised her that the City Commission passed a motion to have a public workshop in January, submit to the Planning and Zoning board and then present back to the commission for consideration on first reading.

**Courtney Thompson Initiative:** TAB aims to disseminate to multiple local organizations how staggering work schedules can ease traffic. The Assistant Attorney confirmed that Commission approval is not necessarily required, unless there are expenditures associated. In abundance of caution, she suggested that the board propose a motion approving any individual actions that a board member will be taking in order to avoid any misrepresentation of the board. The TAB will review the original motion that adopted the initiative and will propose a motion on their plan of action.

### **Secretary's Report**

1) **Alhambra Circle:** Community meeting is tentatively scheduled with the consultant for Saturday January 25th or Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>. Updates and details about the project will be sent via email to the distribution list. The voting poll will be mailed out certified. The polling area includes all residents on Alhambra Circle including residents along Coral way to San Amaro, San Amaro to the West and Red Road to the East. The City tracks all votes based on their address. Discussion opened on the personal appearance of Silvia Pinera Vasquez at the commission meeting. The City's liaison will distribute via email the documents that were introduced in the agenda as part of the item.

*Resident Maria Cruz asked if notifications and polls are addressed to the property owner or resident. Jessica Keller advised Ms. Cruz that they are addressed to the property owner.*

2) **Citywide Traffic Calming:** A Community meeting will take place at the end of January for Zone 1 residents, and notifications are being mailed out. Zone 1 constitutes the area South of SW 8th Street, North of Coral Way, West to 57th Avenue, East to Le Jeune Road and the area North of SW 8th Street. The consultant will discuss the proposed recommendations based on the areas that met the traffic calming criteria. Public meetings will be held for each of the five (5) zones, six (6) weeks apart from the previous one and the zone map is available on the website.

3) **Traffic Impact Studies:** No new applications.

*Resident Roberta Neway strongly supports the idea of appointing a board member to serve as an advocate for pedestrians and public transit users. She believes that pedestrian rights are ignored by the City and very rarely considered when traffic studies are conducted.*

**Police Update:** Sergeant Maurice Sikes failed to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without prior notice. The City liaison will reach out to the police department for clarification.

### **New Business:**

1) **Changes to existing Resolution:** The board was not able to present their item at the Commission meeting. The TAB reviewed the draft resolution provided by Dr. Sokoloff and after further

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discussion, they agreed that procedurally it is more effective to bundle all changes. The board will consolidate the changes and present them to the Commission for consideration in February.

***Debbie Swain proposed a motion to withdraw the item that was submitted for consideration at the December 2019 Commission Meeting and asked for City staff to remove the item from the January agenda. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon, and unanimously passed by the board.***

Nicholas Barshel will meet with the City Attorney's office to ensure that the resolution is formatted properly. Per the chairman's request, a draft of the proposed resolution will be provided to the City's liaison for distribution, and a discussion and vote will take place at the January 2020 TAB meeting.

***Sue Kawalerski proposed a motion to accept the "spirit" of the proposed resolution and would like for it to be brought back at the next meeting for the board's review. Debbie Swain seconded the motion, it was voted upon, and unanimously passed by the board.***

***2) Annual Report: Debbie Swain motioned for the document submitted by Peter Wood to be the board's annual report. The motion was seconded by Peter Wood and Dr. Sokoloff, voted upon, and unanimously passed by the board.***

**Next Meeting—Tuesday January 21, 2020**

**Adjourned: 6:52 PM.**