

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Property Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday June 18, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
Economic Sustainability Department
1 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 617, Coral Gables, FL 33134

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Luis Espino Vice-Chair	P	+	+	E	P	P	P	A	P				Mayor Jim Cason
Jack Elmore	E	+	+	P	P	P	P	P	P				Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Stuart McGregor	P	+	+	P	P	E	P	E	E				Commissioner Patricia Keon
Valerie Quemada	E	+	+	P	P	P	E	P	P				Commissioner Vince Lago
Tony Gonzalez	P	+	+	P	P	P	P	P	A				Commissioner Frank Quesada
Valentin Lopez Chair	P	+	+	P	P	P	P	P	P				City Manager Carmen Olazabal
Vacant													City Commission

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused
+ = No Meeting

STAFF AND GUESTS

Leonard Roberts, Acting Director, Economic Sustainability Department
William Miner, Building Director, City of Coral Gables
Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst, Economic Sustainability Department

Motion Summary:

Mr. Elmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2014 Board meeting. Ms. Quemada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Espin made a motion to defer the next PAB board meeting to August 20, 2014. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lopez called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

1. Review and approval of the Property Advisory Board Minutes of May 21, 2014.

Mr. Elmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2014 Board meeting. Ms. Quemada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Introduction - William Miner, Building Director – City of Coral Gables

Mr. Miner introduced himself and told the board that he came out of retirement as a career State Department employee to become the City's new building director. During his 28-year career, Mr. Miner worked for five different Secretaries of State. When he retired, he was the project architect in charge of design and engineering for the country's approximately 100 embassies, including the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, the largest in the world. He also managed properties – ranging from single buildings to compounds -- in 285 capitals worldwide. The U.S. presence helped build goodwill abroad by spurring the development of business districts near newly built compounds in second and third world countries. As Coral Gables' building director, Mr. Miner is in charge of reviewing and approving building permits, distributing and reviewing technical documents and interpreting the City's building code. He also is in charge of building inspections. Mr. Miner said he is working to improve the City's building process. Mr. Miner believes the Building Department's current location on the third floor of City Hall should be moved to a larger space that is more visible.

3. Review Outstanding Rent Report

Mr. Roberts told the Board that the Outstanding Rent Report showed Azul and Open Stage had not yet paid but would do so before the end of the month. The City has not had issues with late payments and expects that all tenants will continue to be current.

4. Additional Business.

Mr. Roberts gave the Board an update on the City's July 4 Fireworks Celebration. He said the sponsorships had sold out and that valet services would be offered. He also informed the Board that the City has reached a settlement with Florida Power and Light (FPL) over the power poles the utility plans to install in the City. Under the settlement, FPL will install lower poles or go underground. FPL will conduct a cost study for putting the lines underground. If a decision is made not to go underground, FPL will purchase the City-owned structure at 4520 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, which is in the path of the power lines and has a lease with the City through the end of 2017, but the City will retain ownership of the land. Mr. Roberts also informed the board that Stanleigh's is vacating the storefront at 290 Miracle Mile.

Mr. Espin made a motion to defer the next PAB board meeting to August 20, 2014. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next Property Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jorge Casuso
Business Development Analyst, Economic Sustainability Department