

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-5
August 24, 2021
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

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Public Speaker(s)

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Discussion regarding City entryways and related improvements
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Item G-5 is my item; this is very simple. I've already mentioned this to the Manager, we need to focus on not repainting, but cleaning the historic markers where are the streets, you know, Rubina, San Amaro, in certain areas. I know they were painted a few years ago, but I would like to see maybe we can have a crew pressure wash the markers are in pretty rough shape, especially on Alhambra, that's one thing. I'd also like to talk about, you mentioned Country Club Prado. I talked to the ACM, he told me it was cleaned last year. Maybe we can have somebody take a look at it and pressure clean it whenever you have a chance, just to make sure its up to our standards. And the final point that I wanted to mention, we gave the authority to the Manager to move forward to look at that 37th Avenue property. Hopefully we can make a deal and it would be a wonderful small entrance feature. I want the Commission to consider potentially other areas like Bird Road, if they ever do come available to buy a piece of land to do something beautiful there. Obviously, also where Ponce and 57th Avenue, in front of the church, UM is going to come before us in regard to that project, they own that property. I would like to do something nice, like a little entrance monument or something so people – nothing crazy, simple little wall that says, Welcome

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to Coral Gables with a little light on it. We don't need to go too crazy. Just certain things so we can start doing it in all the entrance areas. Doesn't have to be like Coral Way, Coral Way is excessive, beautiful, but again, it's a lot of money. Look at maybe different areas like 8th Street and different areas like that where again, like what we are doing in front of Coral Gables Hospital now with Agave, we are going to do some entrance features.

Vice Mayor Mena: South Miami did that over on U.S.-1.

Mayor Lago: They are doing it everywhere, little wooden ones. Again, we are going to do something different, but they are really focusing it on that. And the last point, I can't remember what it was. That's my discussion just on historic markers. If anybody else has any ideas, please talk to Warren, talk to staff and we should start working on that, because it would be a good opportunity to really beautify our borders.

Commissioner Anderson: Perfect.