

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of February 28, 2008
Parking Department 2801 Salzedo Street

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY
Mary Young	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	-	P	-	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Brad Rosenblatt	-	-	-	E	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Lissette Juncosa	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Carlos Halley	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Hendrikus Vanderveldt	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers

STAFF
Kevin Kinney

A=Absent
E=Excused
P=Present

Item 1: Art Cinema

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, the City of Coral Gables Development Director appeared on behalf of the Economic Development Board to discuss the proposed Art Cinema to be located in the Museum Garage. Ms. Rivenbark presented the concept for the 144 seat theater, the proposed funding for the needed improvements in the space and proposed operational terms.

The Parking advisory Board discussed impacts on the parking system. The provision of a limited number of discounted permits is consistent with other tenants within the municipal parking garages. The cinema will purchase validations through the existing merchant program and is asking that theater patrons be allowed up to three hours validation. In addition, there was discussion concerning how the parking demand for the cinema will impact existing garage occupancies. Mr. Kinney indicated that the cinema will generally create demand when garage occupancies are typically low. Mr. Kinney went on to estimate that the Cinema could generate up to \$100,000 in additional revenue for the Museum Garage.

Based on the review of this project and the discussion of the Parking Advisory Board, it was determined that the addition of an Art Cinema in the Museum Garage is consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the Parking Systems. The Board voted unanimously to support the Coral Gables Cinemateque.

Item 2: Minutes

Minutes for the January 24, 2008 board meeting were reviewed and discussed by the board. A motion was made to approve the minutes, second and passed unanimously.

Item 3: Commission Update

The Commission voted to withdraw the City of Coral Gables from consideration to provide fire Service to the Village of Pinecrest.

The Commission presentation on automated parking provided valuable information on the efficacy of this technology. Currently, automated parking was not recommended by these panelist to provide general transient public parking.

A new graffiti ordinance was approved. Once a property owner is notified about graffiti, they have 48 hours to have it removed. If it is not removed, the City will remove it and bill the property owner. The intent is to discourage the proliferation of graffiti within the City.

Item 4: Director's Report

The power outage gave the Parking Department an opportunity to review emergency operations within our garages. The emergency lights came on in all facilities. Where we have generators, they came on and the elevators continued to function. Finally, garage operations shifted smoothly into manual mode; gates were lifted and transactions processed manually.

There is ongoing discussion about expanding the City's parking lots at Ponce de Leon and Le Jeune Road. These parking lots contain approximately 135 parking spaces. The proposal is to expand them to approximately 200 parking spaces. Demand in this area is clearly sufficient to justify the additional spaces. We will be working with the County and property owners to negotiate an acceptable plan.

There are ongoing discussions with the Palace Developers that will be taking over Lot 9 and Garage 5 in January of 2009. We are attempting to negotiate an appropriate streetscape plan and compensation for closing the on-street parking during the construction period.

Item 5: Valet Services

Morton's is proposing an opening in May or June. Discussion of where their valet stand should be located has begun. The Board discussed the general concepts presented with the Centralized Valet on Miracle Mile as well as general traffic issues related to the intersection of Ponce de Leon and Miracle Mile. By general consensus the Board recommended that we strongly encourage Morton's to utilize the Centralized Valet and not to allow a Valet Stand on Ponce.

Item 6: On Street Parking Memorandum Provided to Commission

Mr. Kinney provided the Board with a copy of a memorandum summarizing a meeting with Commissioner Cabrera, the City's Parking Consultant, the Public Service Department, the Parking Department and the City Manager's Office related to on-street parking and streetscape. The Board discussed the memorandum and encouraged staff to look at ways to be more efficient with on-street space dedicated to parking and continue to direct more visitors into our garages. The Board's primary concern is how we begin the process of redeveloping Garage 1 so that there is a larger supply of parking at this key location. By consensus the Board asked that this issue come back for further discussion at the next meeting.

Item 7: Green Vehicle Initiative

The City Commission approved a resolution that supports providing free and discounted parking for neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVS) in public off-street parking facilities. The Board asked how we could determine what vehicles this program would apply to. Mr. Kinney stated that as proposed it would apply to a very narrow range of electric vehicles. If in the future it is broadened to apply to "green" vehicles in general, we would need to create some certification program. Once the policies and procedures for the NEVS discounts are drafted, they will be presented to the Board.

Item 8: Residential Permits in Meter Zones

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Item 9: Adjournment
Board moved to Adjourn
Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Approved:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary