

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of November 20, 2008
 Parking Department 2801 Salzedo Street

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

STAFF
 Kevin Kinney

A=Absent
 E=Excused
 P=Present

Item 1: Minutes
 Minutes for the October 16, 2008 board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Item 2: Commission Update
 The Business Improvement District presented the proposed streetscape master plan for Miracle Mile and Giralda to the City Commission. In General, the Commission was supportive of the design and the goals of the master plan. The issues of funding the project and the loss of 70 on-street parking spaces were raised during the discussion. No formal action was taken at this time.

The Commission began discussing the hiring of an executive search firm to assist in the hiring of a new City Manager. Human Resources and Procurement are directed to provide an expedited selection process for hiring a search firm. In addition, the Commission discussed reorganizing appointed staff to include a Chief Financial Officer or Auditor that would report directly to the Commission.

The Commission discussed returning the Mayor's term to two years rather than the current 4 years. The City Attorney was directed to draft ballot language to change the Charter and present it to the Commission for their review and approval.

The Commission approved the setting of public meeting to discuss the potential annexation of the "Little Gables" area as well as the "High Pines" area into the City of Coral Gables.

Item 3 Directors Report
 With the closing of a number of restaurants in the central business district, valet parking numbers are down. Staff is in discussions with the Business Improvement District and centralized valet concerning a temporary reduction in the number of vehicle storage permits in Garage 2 and Garage 6.

The annual City Board's reception is scheduled for December 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall. There will be good food and good music, Board members and their families are invited.

Item 4

Garage 1 Update

Parking is in receipt of a letter from BAP Development agreeing to reduce the office component by approximately 15,000 square feet. This change would reduce the number of spaces required by the office building by approximately 50 spaces. In addition, moving this available square footage to parking would increase the number of parking spaces in the garage by approximately 50. Such a configuration would provide for approximately 530 parking spaces available general permit and transient parking; nearly double the current capacity of Garage 1.

The Parking Advisory Board reviewed the new proposals by BAP and unanimously supported moving forward with conceptual drawings of a mixed use facility based on the terms outlined.

Item 5

Holiday Parking Promotions

The Board reviewed holiday parking promotions used in the past as well as promotions proposed by staff for 2008. Based on this review and discussion, the Board unanimously supported holiday parking promotions as follows:

- 1) Beginning December 13 and running through December 28, all vehicles parked at an expired meter within the Central Business District will receive a one-hour courtesy notice before a citation is issued. and
- 2) The Business Improvement District will provide merchants with coupons for two-hours of free parking in a City Parking Garage. These coupons will be valid for any Saturday in December.

Item 6:

Parking Ordinance Modifications

The Commission directed that the proposed amendment to the Parking Provisions within the City Code be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board for their review. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended the following modifications:

- 1) Rather than allowing for a blanket 50 spaces available for payment in lieu, allow for the first 15 spaces with 10% of the next 500 spaces required by the zoning code.
- 2) They recommended that spaces lost as a result of required traffic improvements be allowed a 50% discount similar to spaces lost pursuant to the streetscape master plan. And
- 3) They recommended that Zoning Code section 5-1402(c)(2)(a) be referenced in support of the 22' ingress and egress without assessment.

The Parking Advisory Board supported these amendments by general consensus.

Item 7:

Annual Report

The Chair briefly discussed the annual report with the Board and will draft the report and forward it to the City Manager's office.

Item 8

Open Discussion

Mary asked what process would be needed to allow Good Will to place one of their collection vans in or around Lot 42. The Board generally agreed that we should support this charity during the Holiday season if possible. Kevin agreed to look into whether the City would allow placing the collection van at this location.

Item 8:

Adjournment

Board moved to Adjourn
Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Approved:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary