

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C-4
January 12, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

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Public Speaker(s)

Mary Snow

Agenda Item C-4 [9:40:04 a.m.]

A Resolution authorizing the Coral Gables Community Foundation to use Lot 7 and Lot 20 during the annual Tour of Kitchens Fundraiser on Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm and waiving the parking fees for use of the lots.

Mayor Cason: C-4.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you, Mayor. I would like to -- with the Vice Mayor's approval and the Mayor's approval -- call up the director of the Coral Gables Community Foundation; see if she has any words she'd like to say. But before she does, I've had the privilege -- I served on the Coral Gables Community Foundation for a few years, and I know that Vice Mayor has also served, and I know that Commissioner Slesnick served -- if I'm missing anybody. The work that

you do is incredible in the City of Coral Gables. I just wanted to just mention a few things. As most of us have read in the brief history, your commitment to the City has resulted in close to \$4 million that you've raised that have been spent locally. Everything from, you know, painting Coral Gables High School, which I know the Mayor was very involved in, from a multitude of charities that have received that much needed money. But what I wanted to mention was just really express to the individuals -- and I don't know if you sold out all the tickets for the Tour of Kitchens yet -- have you or no?

Mary Snow: Not yet.

Commissioner Lago: Not yet. I've had the pleasure of going to several of them, and it's just an incredible experience. I mean, if you're a person that is interested in probably renovating your home and is looking for ideas, you're going to be able to see some of the most exquisite homes in all of Coral Gables. And number two, if you're just a person, like my wife, who has a sweet tooth, you get to really eat some of the most delicious culinary -- you know, it's an incredible culinary experience. They pull out all the stops and they really make all the effort, so it's well worth the ticket and it's a great experience amongst a lot of the Coral Gables residents and many of the families that enjoy it, so I recommend that everybody -- if you haven't bought your ticket yet, go out there and purchase it.

Ms. Snow: Thank you, Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager. Thanks for having me today here. We are requesting the use of two municipal parking lots for our Tour of Kitchens event. We have two homes on Valencia in the townhomes with the blue shutters, and I'd like to use Parking Lot 20 for that for our guests, and Parking Lot number 7 on Almeria for our stop at Scavolini on Ponce. We have ten stops on the tour this year, and it's going to be fabulous. It's always a wonderful event. Thank you, Commissioner Lago, for your support of the event always, and Commissioner Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick. All of you always attend, and it's a wonderful event. So, our proceeds raised from the event go toward the Foundation and also the culinary arts program at Coral Gables High School. Last year, because of the success of

the tour, we were able to award three of their students scholarships; two of them to go to Johnson & Wales and one of them to the Culinary Institute at Miami Dade College. So, it's a wonderful event. It's a lot of fun. It's from 10am to 2pm on February 6, Saturday. Vinnie Torre (phonetic) is chairing it this year and it will be fabulous. So, thank you for all of your support always.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Thanks so much.

Mayor Cason: So, do we have a motion for C-4?

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I thought we voted on it, but...

Mayor Cason: No, we pulled it. Second?

Commissioner Lago: Second the motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago. City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: And 2-1, this is a recommendation...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Actually, one more thing, Mr. Mayor, if it's okay with you. Once you guys have a flyer ready to go, let us know so we can make it a part of the e-blast so we can send it to the residents.

Ms. Snow: Absolutely, sir.

Vice Mayor Quesada: It's a great event, so thank you, again.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: In fact, Vice Mayor Quesada sent me a text saying get this on the agenda.

(LAUGHTER)

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So I know he's happy that it's on the agenda.

[End: 9:43:43 a.m.]