

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 5:30 P.M.

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	E	P	E	+ -	P	E	P	E	P	P	+	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	E	P	P	+ -	P	P	P	P	P	p	+	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	P	+ -	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	Vince Lago
Chris Morrison	P	P	P	P	+ -	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Albert Corrada	P	P	P	P	+ -	P	P	P	P	P	E	+	Frank C. Quesada
Donna Kupper	E	P	P	P	+ -	E	P	P	P	E	E	+	Commission-as-a-Whole City Manager
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**P - Present**  
**E - Excused Absence**  
**A - Absent**  
**\* - New Member**  
**+ - No Meeting**  
**(#) Resigned**

**STAFF:**

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director  
Yamilet Senespleda, Public Works City Engineer/Senior Traffic Engineer  
Jesus Garcia, Police, Sergeant

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes Mr. Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Mr. Morrison made a motion to excuse Mr. Corrada and Mrs. Kupper, Mr. Borbolla seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**GUEST:**

Dr. Al Smith – C.G. Resident

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**TRAFFIC UPDATE:**

Kevin Kenny, Parking and Trolley Director - There will be a public meeting in front of the homestead extension on June 23, 2015. The kickoff date is some time in the middle of July for the extension down to Grand and back to the Douglas station which will add a mile to the existing seven mile route.

Currently the City is servicing 1.2 million people a year; two brand new trolleys will be up in running in July. A 1.4 million dollar initial investment in trolleys will be coming out of The Mediterranean Village project and \$600,000.00 a year for operations. The hours will be extended to weekends and late in the evenings; if funds are left over additional services may be added.

Mr. Borbolla asked if the Mediterranean Village construction was taken into consideration. Kevin said as the larger developments happen along the Ponce De Leon corridor it's safe to say there will be requirements for investment in the Trolley system and transit. The Mediterranean Village will contribute 21 million dollars over the next 20 years.

Mr. Morrison asked about the new routes. Kevin said there were several routes that were looked at, the master plan that was done in 2014 was one of them and keeping the circulator in the downtown area. The commission discussed running something south towards the neighborhoods around UM and connecting them to downtown.

The issue now for the trolley system is funding and to operate without any impact on property taxes. In the 10 years the Trolley has operated, it's never required to get operating funds from the general funds. The new agreement with the Miami Dade Transit allows a fee fair; initially it was required to be fair free.

Mr. Morrison said a study was done years ago that it would cost \$.50 cents in cost to collect \$.25 cents in revenue. Kevin said this year's sales tax should be between \$1.7 and \$1.8 million, it does not all go to Trolley, part of it goes to bike lanes, part to the sidewalk NRP (Neighborhood Renaissance Program).

Kevin said this year the Trolley budget is about \$1.4 million. Jessica said a thing to consider when collecting fairs is it impacts your on time performance trying to collect the fair also maintenance of fair boxes. When adding a fair collection what was happening is that operators were covering the box in an attempt to maintain their on time performance because there is a penalty for not staying on time.

Mr. Morrison asked how long is the McFarland Homestead experiment going to last. Kevin said staff was supposed to report back to the commission 6 months after they started so around January they will be doing a report for the commission.

Mr. Morrison mentioned that in past meetings it was discussed to have some way a connection from Douglas to the University and a circulator going from the University Station through South Miami, Riviera, South Miami Hospitals and stop at the South Miami Metro-rail Station and

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return. It was suggested that the University would be willing to assist with the expense and it didn't go anywhere. Kevin said he would be interested in reading the minutes because they have approached the University but it didn't go far either.

**SECRETARYS REPORT**

Jessica reported that the *bike lanes on Sevilla Avenue* have been installed and fully functional. Jessica sent Sgt. Garcia an e-mail asking that they start enforcing traffic.

Jessica said staff has applied for a bike lane *grant for Alhambra Circle from Coral Way to San Amaro*. June 29, 2015 is the date staff should find out if they have been awarded the grant for almost \$900,000.00 and the City will match \$200,000.00 for bike lanes in each direction about 4-1/2 miles of bike lanes, it includes narrowing the roadway to 10' travel lanes.

Jessica said the *Comprehensive Transportation Plan* is scheduled to be advertised in the next two weeks so that it can be awarded by the first week in October.

Community meetings will be scheduled with the *gated communities that are looking for traffic calming*. None gated communities were told that traffic calming issues will be addressed as part of the CTP but the gated communities are being treated differently because what happens behind the gates doesn't necessarily impact what's happening to the rest of the network. Staff will determine the process on how it will be funded.

Meetings for the quad area (*Aragon & Giralda*) will be scheduled as a follow up, proposed to move forward are speed humps.

Staff is trying to accelerate the portion of the *FDOT project on Alhambra and LeJeune* in an effort to ease the traffic on Aragon and Giralda.

Staff is moving forward with the temporary *speed cushions along Biltmore Drive* and testing to see what the impact will be on Rhonda Avenue.

Mrs. Swain mentioned to staff that she noticed on *76<sup>th</sup> street in the County, east of 57th Avenue* there are two speed humps and only a sign and on *74<sup>th</sup> street* there was also one sign. Yamilet said she would look into it.

*Douglas & Ingraham corridor* - Yamilet asked the County for an update and they have not responded. Mr. Morrison asked if staff received the study. Jessica said no, what they have is collected data but no recommendations.

*Boabadilla resident* - requested a missing sign on Ponce DE Leon north of 8<sup>th</sup> street at Boabadilla. A request was sent to the county to have the sign replaced.

*Alhambra Plaza* - a request was sent to the county to have supplemental pole mount signals on Alhambra Plaza and Galiano due to too many car accidents.

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*Aragon Ave. & LeJeune* - supplemental signs to be installed for example “do not turn on red” or “turning traffic has to yield to pedestrians”, because of safety issues at the intersection. The county adjusted the pedestrian timing but signs are still needed.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

*North of 8<sup>th</sup> Street on Ponce De Leon traffic accident data* - Sgt. Garcia said the data collect was from January 2013 to present: in 2013 there were 12 of 12 accidents reported, in 2014 also 12 of 12 reported accidents and so far this year there have been 7 accidents reported, All accidents reported are north of 8<sup>th</sup> street on Ponce and it extends to Flagler. Near Boabadilla there were a total of 7 accidents reported in 2013, 5 in 2014 and only 4 so far this year.

*School speed zone on Segovia* - Police was working with John Rue from the County regarding the school speed zone on Segovia in front of 624 Andalusia Somerset Elementary. Mr. Rue agreed to add another 15 mph school sign on Segovia Street between Anastasia & Riviera. Sgt. Garcia will speak the Mr. Rue and see if additional signs can be placed on every section turning on to Segovia between or within the school zone.

*Bike Lanes* - Police have concerns on the *signs east of Alhambra on Anastasia* “may use full lane”, it contradicts State Statue. Sgt. Garcia asked staff for the history on this. Mrs. Swain said the State Statue as it is, allows the cyclist to ride as far to the right as practical. What the sharrows do is alert the drivers that the bike can use the full lane; the bike can use the full lane when they feel being towards the right is not practical. Sgt. Garcia will like staff to provide him with literature on sharrows since it’s the first time he’s heard of it. Mrs. Swain will forward him the information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Smith mentioned that he has an acquaintance Mr. John Ciampa who has drones and who has done several presentations for several police departments. Dr. Smith will like for Mr. Ciampa to do a presentation for the board and police if the board permits.

Mrs. Swain could not find anything on the City legislation that established that the commissioners are responsible for appointing a person to a specific zone. Mrs. Swain mentioned to Jessica that there needs to be some research done because rather than moving people around with different appointees and appointments that they like, if the board is covering the City anyways then all that needs to be changed is the zones each member is representing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.*