

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Chairperson Ada Holian
Board Member Blanca Famadas
Board Member Roberto Lasa
Board Member Vicky Rua
Board Member Carlos Xiques

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Police and Fire Headquarters,
Community Meeting Room

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chairperson Holian, Board Member Rua, Board Member Xiques and Board Member Lasa
Excused: 1 - Board Member Famadas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Public Comments.

1 APPROVAL OF 10/26/2022 AND 11/30/2022 MEETING MINUTES

- On a Motion by Member Lasa, Seconded by Member Xiques, the PAB approved the October and November Meeting Minutes.

2 PARKING OPERATIONS FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

- a. Staff discussed revenue in the garages for the last three months and emphasized that December 2022 set record revenue with an increase of 20% (year/year) surpassing revenue from December 2019 (pre-pandemic).
- b. The first quarter of 2023 finished very strong, and we anticipate traffic numbers to remain strong during FY2023.

3 CARNIVAL ON THE MILE 2023

- a. Festival will take place March 4 and 5th, 2023. The festival returned to the city in 2022 after the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers for the event submitted a request to the City Manager to waive the parking fees for closing Miracle Mile which is around \$4900 for both days.
- b. Based on typical traffic numbers for this event, the city anticipates more

than \$100,000 in parking fees for the 2 days.

c. Member Rua suggested the city begins charging event organizers a fee to deep clean (power wash) the streets and sidewalks post-events.

d. The PAB unanimously agreed that a Resolution should be passed to require event organizers to contract for or be charged a post-event clean-up fee.

4 719 BILTMORE WAY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

a. At the last Development Review Committee (DRC) presentation, staff informed the developer of 719 Biltmore Way they could not have parallel parking in front of their building and asked for the design to be reconfigured to incorporate angle parking. The final design must be presented to the City for approval by the Public Works Department. All parking spaces on Biltmore Way are currently angle parking.

b. The PAB unanimously recommends preserving angle parking on Biltmore Way.

5 JANUARY DRC REPORT

a. Staff presented the PAB with the DRC Agenda for the January meeting. None of the projects to be discussed at the meeting will significantly impact public parking in the city. The project locations are:

b. Fairchild Gardens

c. Store front change at the Plaza (inside the development)

d. St. Thomas on Banyan Trail

6 CENTRALIZED VALET OVER FOUR HOURS

a. Staff reported 5300 vehicles valet in December 2022. There has been a significant increase in the number of people who are using valet to park all day (over 4hrs) in the garages. The city will work with the valet company to create a two-tier system to allow patrons parking up to 4hrs at the \$12.00 rate, 6hrs for \$15.00 or \$18.00 for all day.

b. Member Rua recommended a rate of \$20 for all day parking.

7 PIGEON PROGRAM GARAGE 6

a. Staff reported the city hired Apex Environmental Solutions to install bird baits in Garage 6 to control the pigeon population on the rooftop.

b. Contractor will install, inspect, and maintain the baiting trays monthly for eleven (11) months to control Pigeons or Rock Doves (*Columba Livia domestica*) on rooftop of Garage 6. This pigeon baiting program is designed to be deployed in three phases. Phase one: Pre-bait pigeon feed trays until 50% or more of the feed is being consumed. This will include two site visits per week for up to four weeks. Phase two: Apply active-bait ingredient. Deployment will be determined during job site setup. Site visits to be once per week for up to four weeks. Phase three: Monitoring program. One site visit per month. Repeat phases 1 and 2 if

pigeons come back. Any distress target pests (pigeons) will be documented, removed, and relocated. Non-target pests caught will be removed and released. All service will be documented. The service information will be recorded, stored electronically, and emailed to city staff.

- c. City is scheduling more frequent cleanings and plans to negotiate a common area fee as part of the lease(s) for the restaurants in the hopes that cleaner sidewalks will deter animals from eating the food left behind.
- d. City is also scouting a location where an additional trash can could be positioned.

8 LOT 13 SALE (234 NAVARRE AVENUE)

- a. Staff reported to the PAB there are a few interested parties in purchasing this lot.
- b. One of the proposals is to trade Lot 13 for the corner private parking lot (Salzedo and Minorca) to be converted to a park or repurpose it as the city sees fit.
- c. Member Rua is generally opposed to selling city land as it may be needed in the future.
- d. The PAB discussed the procurement code requirements for the purchase or sale of property.
- e. Item will be revisited once a specific proposal for trade or sale is received.
- f. No action from the PAB required at this time.

9 OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Member Rua asked for an update on the Mobility Hub (Garage 1). Staff said the project is temporarily on hold.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

NOTE