

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2021

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| Silvia Pinera-Vazquez | p | (+ -) | / | / | / | / | / | / | * | P | P | / | <i>Fors</i> |
| Oscar Sosa | P | (+ -) | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | <i>Mayor</i> |
| Debbie Swain | P | (+ -) | P-V | E | P | P | P | / | P | P | P | P | <i>VM Mena</i> |
| Sue Kawalerski | P | (+ -) | P | P | P | P | P | / | P | P | P | P | <i>Anderson</i> |
| Roberta Neway | p | (+ -) | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | P | P | / | <i>Commission</i> |
| Peter Wood | P | (+ -) | A | P | P | P | P | / | P | P | E | P | <i>City Manager</i> |

P: Present in person

E- Excused Absence

*-New Member

P: Present virtually (zoom)

A- Absent

(+ -) No Meeting

^V Virtual Meeting

^H Hybrid

Staff:

Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Transportation Engineer
Cherie Rodriguez, Transportation Engineer
Jessie Acebo, Assistant to the Public Works Director

Guest:

Officer Sisney on behalf of Lt. Barnet

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by the Chair Sue Kawalerski at 5:38 PM. Sue Kawalerski, Debbie Swain, Oscar Sosa, Roberta Neway, Silvia Pinera-Vazquez, and Peter Wood attended the meeting, quorum was met. Sue Kawalerski would like clarification on how to address the Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Board members and what is the proper designation to address or refer to Board members. All members agreed. Melissa DeZayas stated she will clarify with City Clerk.

- **Clarification on "Proper Designation of board members" being a motion is needed.**

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Sue Kawalerski motioned to approve the August 30, 2021, special election meeting minutes. Her motion was voted upon and adopted unanimously by the Board.

South Alhambra Bike Way

Sue Kawalerski opened discussion with South Alhambra Bike Way. Roberta Neway stated that they need "some kind of buffer" from the cars. Chair Sue Kawalerski explained that the purpose of having the community meeting was to offer the residents the opportunity to choose a bike lane or a shared-use path. Melissa explained that the consultant has not been on site, and that they are presently using GIS. Sue Kawalerski suggested we should not hire consultants unless they go to the site and evaluate the site in person.

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Grants:

Sue Kawalerski previously requested that Melissa investigate the Safe Routes to School Program's grant and other grants for sidewalk projects, Cherie stated that the Safe Routes to School grant applies to sidewalks within a 2-mile radius of a school. However, the Transportation Alternatives grant could apply to any sidewalk project. Cherie advised that Public Works will be applying next year, in a joint effort with our City's Finance Department. Cherie informed the Board that this is a competitive process. Oscar Sosa stated many residents do not want sidewalks on their streets. Roberta Neway stated her concern that kids on Riviera are unable to walk to school. Melissa advised the Board would have to reach out to the schools.

28:12 sound system went mute. 29:55 sound came back.

Peter Wood discussed the funding aspects of both grants. One grant focuses on schools and the other is city-wide. Sue spoke about reaching out to the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to come up with a plan. Silvia Pinera-Vazquez asked if the Board has an idea on how many schools. Peter elaborated that the parents must spearhead this project in order to get traction. Sue will follow up to invite Ariel Fernandez who is part of the Community Relations Committee.

New member:

Sue Kawalerski welcomes new member Oscar Sosa and recognizes the resignation of Steve Williamson.

Sue Kawalerski presented a resolution in 2019 to the Commission to expand the purpose of the TAB to allow the Board's representation at the DRC (Development Review Committee) meetings.

Annual report:

Sue followed up with the Board regarding the annual reports. Melissa stated there is no need to clarify on the Annual Report, but the Board could do so if they would like. Sue stated that this report stands as is and requested that next year's annual report be more detailed.

Traffic Calming:

Debbie stated that in her past experience with the TAB staff and Board members were getting flooded with traffic calming request. Debbie took the initiative to create a resolution. Resolution: projects are not to be taken out of sequence. Oscar Sosa expressed concern if projects are left at the discretion of the City Manager. Melissa advised that the resolution must go to the Commission and City Attorney.

Traffic Impact Studies

Board discussed what triggers a traffic study and how trip generations work. Melissa explained how the trip studies work. Sue would like to continue this conversation at the next meeting, wants a list of projects. Melissa advised there is only one project, the Cadima/Regency.

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Ponce Phase III

Melissa reported on the Ponce Phase III project. Melissa requested to move TAB meeting to accommodate the community meeting for Ponce Phase III.

Old business

Silvia Pinon-Vazquez questioned what happened to Ponce Circle regarding the safety hazard. Melissa responded that the Developer painted the curb to make it more visible. Melissa added yes; they are looking to elongating the “pork chop”.

Officer Sisney Was asked how school traffic was going. Officer Sisney stated it has died down and has gotten better.

Board discussed the Parking Advisory Board and its purpose. They also elaborated on what should be discussed at the joint meeting.

Mobility Hub and its purpose was discussed. Sue Kawalerski mentioned that hub has no parking for bikes and there is scooter parking on the second floor.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 PM.