

CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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Kevin Mase*	-	-	-	-	-	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)		P*	R.Valdes Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff (Chair)	P	P	P	P	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	P. Keon
Steven Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	V. Lago
Debbie Swain	E	P	P	P	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	M. Mena
Sue Kawalerski (VC)	P	P	P	P	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	E	P	J. Fors
Nicholas Barshel	P	E	P	P	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	E	P	Commission
Peter Wood	P	P	P	P	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	City Manager

P-Present                                   (+ -) No Meeting  
 E- Excused Absence                   A- Absent  
 \*-New Member

**Staff:**                   Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Multimodal Engineer  
                               Jeanne Espinal, Assistant to the Public Works Director  
                               Douglas Cobb, Sr. Transportation Engineer  
                               Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 5:32 PM, roll call was done, and quorum was met.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** Peter Wood motioned to approve the August 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Debbie Swain, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.

**Chairmans Report**

1. **GRID:** Discussion opened on the resolution drafted by Stephanie Throckmorton asking City staff to investigate the feasibility of the GRID. The board was satisfied with the language reflected in the resolution as it captures the board’s intent.  
**Debbie Swain motioned to move forward with the resolution as is. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon and adopted unanimously by the board.**
2. **Plater Zyberg Zoning Change:** Discussion opened on the proposed changes to the City’s zoning code. Dr. Sokoloff advised the board that the 1000-page document developed by a committee made up of architects and developers was postponed by the City Commission and is pending review. There are major and minor changes, and the TAB is concerned about how these proposed changes will affect traffic. Dr. Sokoloff pointed out that residents who will be affected by these changes should also be informed. Sue Kawalerski attended Miami-Dade County’s Vision Zero workshop, and one of the points made was how developers are building up to the sidewalk and leave no opportunity for sidewalks and pedestrian use. Jessica Keller weighed in on the topic and said that the implementation of Vision Zero strategies are largely political but she is happy to assist if the TAB is interested. Debbie Swain agreed with the concerns pointed out by Dr. Sokoloff and Sue Kawalerski. Ms. Swain believes that the proposed changes are significant and a lot needs to

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be discussed. Dr. Sokoloff proposed to have Ramon Trias and the architect to explain to the board how these changes will impact traffic and the City's micro-mobility goals.

**Sue Kawalerski motioned to invite the architect and a City representative that oversees the implementation of the plan to explain the impact that it will have on the City's transportation and how it is being discussed with the County. The motion was seconded by Debbie Swain, voted upon and adopted unanimously by the board.**

### Secretary's Report

1. Traffic Impact Studies: Due to COVID-19, all traffic studies were on hold until traffic resumed to normal volumes.
2. DRC Applications: A DRC application was submitted for "Gables Village Townhomes" and was reviewed at the September 25 DRC meeting. Four (4) townhomes are being proposed at the North West corner of Douglas Road and Ponce de Leon Boulevard.

### Traffic Projects Update

Citywide Traffic Calming: Melissa De Zayas provided an update to the board on the community/resident driven program for traffic calming. In-person community meetings were held for Zone 1 and Zone 2 earlier in the year prior to COVID. Another community meeting was held recently via zoom for the Biltmore Way residents. The meeting included a presentation with a question and answer section.

- Zone 1: Presently in the design phase awaiting approval from Miami-Dade County (MDC) for reduced signage at locations that received recommendations for speed tables and speed cushions. Once received, the conceptual design will be updated on the website, and the City will move forward with the ballot mailings. Construction is expected to begin next year.
- Zone 2: City received proposal for design and requested a revised proposal.
- Zone 3: Community meeting for Zone 3 will most likely be a virtual zoom meeting.
- Zone 4-5: The City hopes that the community meetings will take place in-person.

### Micromobility

Scooters: Scooters will be going out live the week of September 28-October 3. The City approved 75 scooters, and Jessica Keller and Douglas Cobb had a call with the vendors and how they will be scaling it out. The program will be reevaluated in a couple of weeks.

Trolley: The board inquired about the extension of the trolley route from Ponce de Leon to the University of Miami. Ms. De Zayas advised the board that the Parking Director Mr. Kevin Kinney has not provided an update, and she will continue to follow up with his Department.

Police update: none.

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**New Business**

1. Dr. Sokoloff advised the board that board member Steve Naclerio passed away on September 11, 2020.
2. New Member: Kevin Mase, the new board member who replaced the late Steve Naclerio, introduced himself to the board. Mr. Mase has been a long time resident and although he has never been part of a City board, he is part of the Stiltsville trust board that oversees all seven houses in Biscayne Bay and works closely with the national park service and all the other care takers.
3. Ethics Course: Dr. Sokoloff reminded the board members that they must take the ethics course.
4. Snapper Creek Gate: Ms. Debbie Swain advised the TAB that the City is presently working with Miami-Dade County (MDC) via an interlocal agreement for the installation of gate that would prevent pedestrian access to the Snapper Creek community located between Red Road and Old Cutler Road. The time that the gate will be open/closed is still being discussed, Vice Mayor Lago sponsored the legislation by the City of Coral Gables. The Village of Pinecrest passed a resolution on how they support pedestrian bicycle activity. The Village of Pinecrest Counsel expressed opposition against the City's plan to limit access to pedestrians by installing a gate and urges MDC to deny. The board strongly opposes plans that prevent/affect pedestrian and bicycle access to the City and would like to take action to express their opposition. The board believes that it would create a safety concern for those that need to access the community.

**Sue Kawalerski motioned for a letter of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) opposing the installation of any obstruction which would prevent access to anyone walking and/or biking and asks the City Commission to reconsider its installation. The motion was seconded by Debbie Swain, voted upon and adopted unanimously by the board.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:51 PM**

**Next Meeting: October 20, 2020**