

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of March 12, 2025

Parking & Mobility Services Conference Room
204 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables FL 33134

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Ada Holian	E	P	P										Mayor Vince Lago
Blanca Famadas	P	P	P										Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Stuart McGregor	P	P	A										Commissioner Kirk Menendez
Lisa De Tournay	P	E	P										Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Fernando Valdes	P	P	P										Commissioner Melissa Castro

SUPPORT STAFF

Monica Beltran, Parking, Mobility & Sustainability Services Director

Matt Anderson, Mobility & Sustainability Asst Director

Ivette Amaya Piedra, Data Specialist Lead

N=No Meeting

A=Absent

E=Excused

P=Present

V=Virtual

GUESTS: None

The PAB began at 05:47 P.M.

Call to Order

Public Comment – there was no public comment.

Item 1. Approval of February 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- On a motion by board member Holian, seconded by board member Famadas, the PAB approved the meeting minutes for February 6, 2025.

Item 2. Process and Fees Resolutions Passed – Discuss Next Steps

- PAB member De Tournay presented an update on the successful Resolution concerning process and fees, highlighting collaborative efforts and future planning.
- Commission approved initiating a Parking Master Plan, with external consultants engaged to address citywide parking challenges, particularly those caused by private swale landscaping and development.
- Director Beltran to identify high-priority areas for the study.
- Concerns were raised about existing swale parking regulations and their enforcement.
- Fee review for Fiscal Year 2026 will begin in August.

3. Metered Parking Discount for Coral Gables Residents

- a. New parking apps under review: 35¢ transaction fee for visitors; no fee for residents.
- b. Current rates: \$3.50/hr for street parking; \$4/hr for lots; parking billed in 24-minute increments.
- c. The city is implementing a 25¢ transaction fee to offset credit card processing costs (2–3%).

4. St. Phillips

- a. Request made to repaint parking lines in the adjacent lot.

5. Discuss The George

- a. The George development continues to raise concerns regarding sequencing of project approvals and loss of tree canopy (91 trees potentially removed).
- b. Deferred again due to unresolved financial and infrastructure issues (FPL and water lines).
- c. PAB noted the growing tension between maintaining city character and the influx of luxury developments displacing affordable housing.

6. Open Discussion

Parking Studies and Transportation:

- a. \$500,000 proposed for comprehensive parking strategies across residential and commercial zones.
- b. PAB will contribute to consultant selection and scope.
- c. FDOT grant secured for smart transportation and trolley expansion.
- d. Potential third trolley route to University of Miami discussed.

Trolley Service:

- a. Trolley ridership exceeded 1 million; 60% are Coral Gables residents.
- b. Hours: 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM daily.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Approved:

Attest:

Chairman

Secretary