

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

Mayor's Citizens Advisory Council

Chairperson Sergio Leymarie
Vice Chairperson Mary Snow
Board Member Alexander Bucelo
Board Member Rudford Hamon
Board Member Jeffrey Kurzner
Board Member Sean McGrover
Board Member Arnold Weil

TO ENTER VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/81201547235>

Meeting ID: 812 0154 7235

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started at 8:36 am

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Board Member Bucelo, Chairperson Leymarie, Vice Chairperson Snow, Board Member Kurzner, Board Member Hamon and Board Member McGrover

Absent: 1 - Board Member Weil

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved and seconded.

MEMBERS SHARE INPUT FROM RESIDENTS

- Annexation - Are there new plans to annex Little Gables? Staff responds that there are no current plans,
- North Ponce Median Update - Staff responds that the project is scheduled to begin this month and will take approximately 1 year to complete

UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

- Walk Safe:
 - o A Coral Gables High School (CGHS) student was recently struck while at the crosswalk by a car on Ponce de Leon Blvd. and Bird Road.
 - o The crosswalk at Altara and Le Jeune needs to be adjusted, or a left green arrow added. Currently cars get the green light at the same time that pedestrians get the walk signal allowing conflicts to occur. This is the same intersection a UM student was killed last year.
 - o Update Walk Safe in strategic plan to be specific to area. Board member Kurzner to provide language.
 - o Police to enhance the patrol to help traffic and provide safe crossings.
 - o Staff to provide update from PW on timeline, funding, and scope of work for area west of CGHS to align with Strategic

Plan.

- Motion to request Public Works and DCM to work with County to adjust crosswalk timing so pedestrians have a dedicated time to cross separate from green light to cars. Leymarie motions, Snow seconds.

- North Ponce - Swale Guideline Revision:

- The Swale Guidelines have been revised to include the typical street section found in North Gables. The item is on the September 25, 2025 Commission Meeting Agenda, deferred from the September 10, 2025 Commission Meeting
- Board would like to notify property owners, via mail or email

- Satellite Launch:

- Next steps, once Strategic Plan has been adopted, is to find partnerships with educational and private companies

- Border Signage:

- Selection of architect and engineer is pending. Once design is finalized Board member Snow will bring it before the council when available.

UPDATES ON CITY INITIATIVES

- Mayor's 2025-2027 Strategic Plan, revisions:

- Priority #2 - Revise customer satisfaction survey to include as a follow up to specific services
- Priority #3 - Utilize voter rolls to inform electorate of upcoming ballot questions
- Priority #4 - Reorganize section to separate accomplishments from Next Steps. Revise language regarding Walk Safe to include specifics (Board Member Kurzner to provide). Revise business community goal to include increasing visibility

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

NOTE