

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting  
Agenda Item G-13  
July 9, 2019  
City Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli  
Vice Mayor Vince Lago  
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.  
Commissioner Pat Keon  
Commissioner Michael Mena**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias  
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos  
City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

**Laura Russo**

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An update regarding the 760 Ponce de Leon Settlement Agreement  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Mena)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. We'll pick up G-13, 760 Ponce Settlement Agreement.

Commissioner Mena: So, I had had a meeting with some of the residents in the neighborhood on an unrelated issue, and obviously, our favorite issue here came up, and we wanted to just see if we can get an update on where things stand. I asked staff if they could give me, sort of a chronology on whenever applications were submitted, where they stand in the process, etc., so if you can give us an update Laura, I'll appreciate that.

Ms. Russo: Certainly. Good afternoon Mr. Mayor, members of the Commission, for the record, Laura Russo with offices at 2655 LeJeune Road. I am here this afternoon representing B&B Investments, Inc., which is the owner of the property at 760 Ponce. Those of you that were intricately involved with our settlement negotiations, we realize that it took us many, many, many,  
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many months and I would say at least 12 hours of mediation in order to come up with the agreement. The settlement agreement, as you know, was presented to the Commission and voted on, and when the plans were presented to the Board of Architects, some of the neighbors requested some revision. And fortunately, my client was willing to make some of those revisions with respect to landscaping. And as a result of that, the plans had to be revised, that means going back to civil engineering. We can back, other changes were requested. The plans had to go back to civil engineering. So, they have now been processed through the City of Coral Gables, except for plumbing, because plumbing is waiting for DERM. They are at DERM as we speak. They were submitted early in the month, DERM had some comments, civil engineer went and sat down. We solved the problems and came up with a solution, and so, they are on the desk of the last person at DERM. From there it goes to impact fees and then back here. So, we are hoping before the end of the month to have a permanent...My client has his money in order and ready to start construction.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you. Can you help them get that out of DERM and back?

City Manager Iglesias: We'll do our best Commissioner.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you. That's all you can ask.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Ms. Russo: You're welcome.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

[End: 3:13:14 p.m.]