

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
405 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY:
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	E	P	P	+	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	-	-	-	+	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	P	P	+	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	Frank C. Quesada
Chris Morrison	P	P	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager

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

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Public Works Assistant Director
Yamilet Senespleda, Public Works City Engineer/Senior Traffic Engineer
Jeannette Reyes, Public Works Clerical Assistant II
Alejandro Escobar, C. G. Police Sergeant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

GUEST:

Jack S. Schnettler, PE – Atkins Vice President, Senior Engineer

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

February 16, 2016 meeting minutes - Mrs. Swain made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTIONS:

Mrs. Swain made a motion to excuse Mr. Corrada's absence, Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Sokoloff made a motion for staff to look into what other cities are doing that have expanded areas so that the board can formulate a motion at the next T.A.B. meeting, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morrison made a motion to add to the April 19, 2016 agenda the continued discussion of the zones, Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

City's Building & Zoning Codes – At last month's meeting, Mrs. Swain expressed on the recommendations that came out of the local action teams Safer Streets Safer People, at the county level. Mrs. Swain said this is something that can be implemented in the City of Coral Gables, with regards to implementation of something that provided more safe passage for pedestrians and bicycles during construction. The board requested that staff provide what codes the City currently has in place. Yamilet explained that all plans for new development or any type of construction that may affect the City's right-of-way have to go through the Public Works permit section. The plans are reviewed by the inspectors, the permits engineering technicians and the last person to review the plans is Yamilet along with the Utilities Division Director. If the plans include landscaping, they are forwarded to the Landscaping Division for review and comments; Yamilet also reviews the MOT's (Maintenance of Traffic). The standards used in Coral Gables are the same standards used in FDOT and the MUTCD (Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices) the inspectors are responsible in making sure that the MOT is appropriate. Mrs. Swain feels the City should use tough, strict enforcement by making sure contractors provide safe passageway for pedestrians and bicycles during construction. Mr. Thompson said anyone can contact Tony Silio, Ombudsman to the City; he will look into issues the board is concerned with.

Biltmore Drive Community meeting – March 22, 2016 @ 6:00 pm at 4804 Biltmore Drive, the community is having a meeting at a neighbor's home, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Manager were invited and have confirmed they will attend, Commissioners were invited as well. The community feels the City has not addressed their traffic concerns adequately.

Motion made on November 17, 2015 to expand notices to residents based on density and scope – Mr. Morrison suggested that staff check with other cities and find out what they have done with expanded areas.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY:

Jack will be providing Jessica, twice a month updates on a power point slide, with recent accomplishments of planned activities called *Transportation Matters*. The information provided is being piggybacked into the newsletter Jessica puts out. An e-mail site has been set up called traffic@coralgables.com where people can submit requests or questions. Data is still being collected, they had the first rounds of stake holders meeting, interviewing elected officials of city department staffs and they met with the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioner Slesnick so far. Mr. Thompson asked Jack, what the purpose of those meetings is. Jack said they provided them with some talking points and questions that triggered the conversation, some had a lot of thoughts and ideas and possible solutions. Jack mentioned that they are also working on the cities approach with the traffic calming analysis methodology which is in progress right now and they hope to have that finished quickly. Jack said one of the ideas that were put out was a riding tour in which a trolley would be utilized to go to where there are specific issues or hot spots. March 26, 2016 @ The Farmers Market (all day event), Jessica will be having a pop-up transportation planning event.

Educating the public on traffic circles and roundabouts – Mr. Thompson asked if anything was submitted in reference to last meetings discussion on educating the public in traffic circles and roundabouts. Jessica said staff submitted recommendation for infographic to be included in the Coral Gables magazine but they were filled therefore it may go out in the next magazine but it will go out in the E-news or some other type of electronic media.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Sokoloff asked for an update on having the Planning and Zoning Chair attend our meetings. Mrs. Swain said the Chair will attend the April 19, 2016 meeting. Mr. Morrison asked to bring up the discussion about the zones again. The Board made a motion to add this to the next meeting agenda. Mrs. Swain asked that Jeannette send a link of the map with the zones to the board members.

Traffic Impact Study Resolution Draft – Mrs. Swain gave everyone a copy of the draft and asked that the board members read it, she said if anyone has any comments to give them to Jessica or Jeannette in order to have them memorialized in the document. On a parallel path, Mrs. Swain will be working with staff to develop a strategy.

NEW BUSINESS:

March 20, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Swain said she will be hosting a Bike & BBQ Day. They will leave the Museum at 10:30 a.m., ride to Matheson Hammock have a BBQ, there will be music, hang out for a little and then be back at the Museum by 1:30 p.m. The ride will be escorted by police and approximately 175 bikes will be on the street that day.

ADJOURNED: 6:30 p.m.