

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-3
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Agenda Item G-3 [Start: 4:13 p.m.]
Discussion regarding Blue Road and Alhambra Circle sidewalks.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Item G-3 – Discussion regarding Blue Road and Alhambra Circle sidewalks. How are we doing, Mr. Diaz? Melissa, how are you? We kept you here all day.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: Melissa DeZayas, Senior Transportation Engineer.

Mayor Lago: By the way Melissa, how excited are you, because I'm excited. We are going to have Riviera Country Club sidewalk; we are going to have hospital sidewalks; we are going to find a way to connect University; we are going to connect Blue Road area, then we are going to find a reason to do Granada and we are going to find a reason to do University. And then I have two other areas that I want to talk to you, but I'll talk to you at the end in regard to two areas of concern that

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I know we've been working on, but I want to know where we stand. Okay. But isn't that exciting that we can show connectivity with sidewalks and get those done. You don't look too excited.

Commissioner Anderson: Long day.

Mayor Lago: Where are we?

Public Works Director Diaz: Put the presentation up.

Commissioner Anderson: We have a very active Commission, these poor employees.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So, we were asked to provide an update on the Blue Road sidewalk and the Alhambra sidewalk. So, we are going to start with the Alhambra sidewalk portion of it. Basically, we were asked to look at adding sidewalks from Salvatierra Drive to San Rafael. This is a missing segment that we have on the west side of Alhambra Circle. Its approximately .12 miles, and it would include three different intersections, which would be Salvatierra Drive, Trevino Avenue and San Rafael. The reason that we are looking into this is because, as part of the citywide traffic calming, we are going to be adding medians on either side of the bridge on Alhambra Circle and Tarragona. As part of that project, we are adding a sidewalk on Salvatierra Drive, on the west side to the bridge, just because of some safety concerns that we had on the approach to the bridge. So, the only mission portion on the sidewalk on Alhambra Circle would be from Salvatierra to San Rafael. If we were to connect those two missing portions, we would basically have continuous sidewalk from the bridge all the way to LeJeune.

Mayor Lago: That would be great.

Commissioner Anderson: That would be fantastic.

Mayor Lago: Wouldn't that be nice.

Commissioner Anderson: Just think of how much easier it would be for students to get to Coral Gables High.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Not only that. You know what would be cool about this, again, I think it would show if we did the hospital, Riviera, this connection of Blue Road, I think we could go to the public and say look, sidewalks aren't intrusive, sidewalks aren't bad, because you have certain people in the community that I respect their opinions, and I don't want sidewalks in my yard. Since a lot of these sidewalks on side yards, people will get to enjoy them. I think that it will build an interest in the community and say, you want to see an example of sidewalks that were installed and how much of a difference they made? Look at these sidewalks. That's what I think. I think that's a good step forward.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So, what we're showing here is basically the conceptual design that we've gotten from our design consultant for the citywide traffic calming. So, you can see the median there and the sidewalk that we're proposing from the bridge, basically to the corner, the southwest corner of Salvatierra Drive on Alhambra. So, our team went out and we tried to identify the best location for the sidewalk based on existing conditions. As part of this presentation, we just decided to break it up per block, so you can see what we're looking at. There were a lot of challenges to where we can place the sidewalk. There were significant tree roots, limited right-of-way based on these tree roots that we saw, light poles, drainage, there were catch basins that were there, driveway impacts. So, what we're proposing is a six-foot concrete sidewalk and on this particular section, we are looking at potentially adding a concrete curb, just because the tree roots were so significant. I'm going to have some pictures in the next slide, next two slides, that we cannot put it behind the trees, but the positive thing is that in this particular location the pavement width is about 25 to 26 feet, so we can narrow the pavement to add the sidewalk. The only thing is there would be drainage impacts, because we are going to be...the curb where there is none now.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, and I understand that we try on many occasions not to do a curb, because of the impacts on the drainage, but I think if we are not left with any other option, and I don't want to hurt the tree, and I don't want to cut the tree down, obviously. This to me, is an option which is really viable, and I think it's better to do this than not leave it the way it is, to leave it the way it is, in my opinion.

Commissioner Anderson: So, I've got a couple of questions on the curb. From personal experience with that because my lots take all the water from the entire block. So, I have a corner and there are two options, install a French drain or allow some, kind of like inlets, if you would call that, for the water to go in. Have you looked at the inlet idea? I'm going to call it an inlet, because I don't know the technical term.

Public Works Director Diaz: That location, I believe when Melissa looked through, there were one or two inlets that were in the way, they are probably going to have to be relocated; and as you do the curb along with the pavement, you have to make sure that its properly slope to drain towards the inlet. So, we are looking at either adding or relocating a couple of drains. In order to make that happen and possibly regrading the pavement along Alhambra, some portion of Alhambra Circle just to make sure that you've got a proper slope to drain. All those things are doable.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, I really think that when we install the sidewalk and the curb, you are going to get a lot more buy-in from the residents, instead of pushback, because the sidewalk, even though it's not on their property, it's on the swale, it's not really encroaching that much into the green space.

Commissioner Anderson: And all this has the sloping for the ADA accessibility and a child, and all that.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yes.

Commissioner Anderson: Perfect.
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Mayor Lago: We can get this done. This is a good step forward.

Commissioner Anderson: Huge.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So the first house we encountered, 3416, even though we have a curb that's being proposed as part of the block that's south of Salvatierra, this particular location we push back the sidewalk, because as you can see, this tree is the first one that we encountered north of Salvatierra has significant root systems, so we would basically need to go behind that, because we just can't push it in front. As you move further north, we had other impacts, such as more trees and it was just better at this location to introduce the curb, but we would have to narrow the roadway and look into the drainage impacts that would be part of that.

Commissioner Anderson: Well, that does help slow down traffic.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: Yes. So, it would be narrow pavement, right at the approach to where we would have the median, so it would be kind of like a winding road.

Commissioner Anderson: UM did that successfully, slowed down lots of students.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So, a block north of that, Trevino to San Rafael, here we are not proposing a curb. We were able to wind around the trees. However, there are going to be impacts to a brick driveway, so that's going to have to be restored. It's getting close to the right-of-way. We really couldn't put it anywhere else here, because there was a catch basin and other impacts, trees with significant roots, as you can see here in these pictures. You can see the catch basin, just major impacts for where we were proposing it. There was also a trash pit, kind of have to be removed probably, if we're going to do it, light poles, drainage, and just a bunch of different impacts. So, we try to find the best location for the sidewalk based on the existing conditions to help minimize the impacts.

Mayor Lago: It's not perfect, but it's a lot better than what we have right now. I'll take it, you know. This is a win. This is a big win.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So, what we're proposing, no trees would be removed or relocated. Obviously, once we start excavating and trying to install the sidewalk, there might be some impacts to roots, because obviously I don't know how far the root systems are going. This is just based on visual inspection from us being out in the field. Three driveways will be impacted; one of them is brick pavers, two of them are asphalt. One of the asphalt driveways is actually on the curb, so that was a little bit tricky for putting the curb right there. The drainage will be impacted because we are going to be putting in a new concrete curb. There is one catch basin, definitely that would have to be relocated, based on what we are proposing. The pavement would have to be narrowed. We are also looking at resurfacing, because the pavement condition at that location has already been identified that's something that needs to be done. Right now, we put together an estimate, not escalated, but we're looking at approximate cost of \$56,000 for the sidewalk and \$25,000 for the asphalt.

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Commissioner Anderson: I've seen trees moved and supported and so forth, I'm sure with our excellent team and landscape services that we'll be able to address the needs of the tree, if any significant roots need to be trimmed back.

City Manager Iglesias: I'd like to mention, the difficulty in putting a sidewalk in an area, it's got so many obstructions. You have to do it on a case-by-case basis, you have to survey it, go out there and also, the drainage has not been determined. So, this is a significant amount of work because of the fact that we're working around trees and around structures.

Commissioner Anderson: Well, I knew that you guys could do it. I'm confident we can do it and we just work around. You've done an excellent job.

Public Works Director Diaz: One thing in relationship to Alhambra that I want to bring to your attention is, the current process that we have in place for installation of sidewalks in non-collective streets and at least a portion of Alhambra is not a collector street. This whole process, actually Resolution No. 2016-95, and it involves additions, community meetings, it involves a balloting, two-thirds approval by the residents, and a 50 percent match from the impact of residents.

Mayor Lago: So, let's talk about that. How many residents are being impacted? How many homes?

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: Four.

Mayor Lago: Four. So, like I told you when I met with you when we did a site visit, I think the best way to do this is have that process, but I think we need to have a one-on-one conversation with each one of the residents and explain to them. We already know that the new resident on the corner, there's a new resident, and they want the sidewalk, the one that's adjacent to the bridge.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: I'm not counting her.

Mayor Lago: Okay. But that's a win though. We win. It's the first time we have somebody in that corner that wants to have a sidewalk.

Public Works Director Diaz: But we're not counting that one simply because that sidewalk, if we're going to do a traffic calming, that sidewalk needs to get done, because of the safety issue, so that one has to happen no matter what.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

Public Works Director Diaz: So that resident is going to get that one for free.

Mayor Lago: That's fine. But I think we should have a conversation one-on-one and then before we bring everybody together and we ballot, just explain, because I think sometimes when we get together in a group, we can't spend the necessary time and dedicated to that individual to make them understand. We could walk the site with them. We can do hour meetings or 30-minute

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meetings with each resident to explain the topography of their property and really explain to them what are the effects, with a tape measure, show them exactly where the sidewalk will go, and really explain to them the benefits before we get into a group setting. That's what I would like to do. If you have a different recommendation, if we can be successful another way, I'll take your lead.

Public Works Director Diaz: I think field meetings is probably with the residents, probably the best path forward.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

City Manager Iglesias: I think that's plausible in this case because there are so few to resident impact.

Mayor Lago: And I think if we are able to get these two blocks, it would be great, because we'll have like a connectivity all the way to LeJeune. It would be such a big win, that would be great. That would be great. So that's great. Congratulations on that. Great work.

Public Works Director Diaz: And for Blue Road.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So Blue Road – we basically have the same presentation that we had before. Just to refresh everybody's memory, this is a stretch of road that's point 26 miles, it's a Miami-Dade County Road. There are three intersections; two of them are signalized, one of them is unsignalized. There is going to be, we are proposing a ten-foot sidewalk up until University Drive and then we would transition down to a six-foot sidewalk after that. There are going to be several trees that are impacted on what's being proposed originally. Mind you, this is all conceptual when we originally presented and I'm just marching through it, we've already seen all of these. Trees have been identified that needs to be removed as part of this.

Mayor Lago: Are any of them significant specimen trees, like Oak trees, Black Olive.

Public Works Director Diaz: Those are invasive, specifically, and there is a small Oak which I think is small enough to either be relocated or be replaced with very minor impact.

Commissioner Anderson: I have experience moving some of those small oaks.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yes. Those are very large, but we already talked with Green Space Management, even though they are large – there you go.

Mayor Lago: Thanks for Deena. That's something good on our side that we don't have a beautiful, majestic oak that is in the way.

Public Works Director Diaz: And this is a collector, so don't have the issue of concurrency or having anyone else to contribute to it. We just got a survey, go ahead, sorry, jumping the gun.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: The original presentation in all those pictures that we showed you and the trees that needed to be relocated or removed, that was part of the original concept. Now we have a survey. So, we just received this from our surveyors. They've identified all the trees. We've sent comments to them for things that we thought needed to be addressed in the survey as well. Once we receive the final survey from them, then we can start the preconceptual design for this road end, identify conflicts.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So, this is approximately 10,000 square feet of sidewalk that we are proposing. We are anticipating the construction cost would be around \$132,000 for this, but that's very early on, its probably going to change.

City Manager Iglesias: We have to come back to the Commission once we get the construction cost to get approved.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: So, we're anticipating the design would take approximately three months. We would have to go to the county for review. The county review period has been taking longer than normal, so we are putting six months here, but it could be longer, and we don't even know if it will be approved.

Mayor Lago: Do you think the construction would start in two years?

Public Works Director Diaz: In 2023, next year.

Mayor Lago: Sorry about that. Can I help you with Miami-Dade County review?

Public Works Director Diaz: Once we're there, then we can have that discussion. One of the concerns that we do have, and we don't know whether they may ask for a pedestrian signal head for some of those crossings, and then that's a whole different ballpark.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: The cost will go up.

Mayor Lago: If I put on the record request for three months from now, to have it reviewed in the Commission, is that enough time for you to bring the design for Alhambra and for this?

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: Well Alhambra we already have pretty much ready. It's a concept design. Its enough for us to take to the residents at this point.

Mayor Lago: Can I – three months from now.

Public Works Director Diaz: Give us four, we need the survey to be completed, so if you give us four months, we could have it.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.
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City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.

Mayor Lago: First meeting in August.

City Clerk Urquia: Only meeting in August.

Mayor Lago: Only meeting in August, I would like to see the design for Blue Road sidewalks.

Public Works Director Diaz: That would be August when?

City Clerk Urquia: At the end of the month, give me a second.

Public Works Director Diaz: At the end of the month.

Commissioner Anderson: Look at that, look at that smile.

Mayor Lago: Don't smile too much. I've got two more projects we are going to start working on after this one, okay.

City Clerk Urquia: Hermes, August 23rd.

Mayor Lago: Okay. So, looking for that to come back from design. When can we schedule meetings with the residents on Alhambra, the four residents? When are you ready?

Public Works Director Diaz: We're ready.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: We're ready for the meetings with the residents.

Mayor Lago: How about we do this. We schedule the meetings at the end of May. Get all your ducks in a row, coordinate with my staff. Make sure that if any of my colleagues on the Commission want to attend, Sunshine a meeting, nice little bit more persuasion. I'd like to meet at the end of May.

Public Works Director Diaz: We'd like to gather them all together individually.

Mayor Lago: Individually – 30-minute meeting, but we need two hours. 30-minute meetings to dedicate we meet with them at their home, and we walk it through. You could maybe have the Manager come, whoever would like to come to have a conversation. I'll be there. So that's that.

Public Works Director Diaz: That works.

Mayor Lago: Anything else, anything to discuss? Two last things. I know that we were working on for some time, University, and that's important, because again University connects to Blue Road. It will connect to the hospital. It will connect to Campo Sano. It will connect to West Lab.

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It will connect to the University of Miami. See how its connecting to Ponce de Leon, Granada, a lot of connection points there. Where are we right now with University and that whole process of getting sidewalks?

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: University Drive, we needed to, when we got the design plans from the consultant, there were some drainage concerns, so we had to execute a change order for them to do a drainage design, basically because we were concerned with the way the sidewalk was sloping. Right now, their schedule has them completing it in August, so looked at starting construction later this year, University Drive.

Mayor Lago: They have a change order to finish in August, so they need all of May, all of June, all of July and all of August to do a design?

Public Works Director Diaz: It's the same consultant who is doing Ponce Phase 3, and we asked them to prioritize that one.

Mayor Lago: Okay. Can you do me a favor.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Can you get them to see if they can finish – who is it? – is it...

Public Works Director Diaz: David Plummer.

Mayor Lago: Well, maybe David Plummer has too much work on his hands. Maybe we need to find somebody else.

Public Works Director Diaz: They already have all the way through, so at this point.

Mayor Lago: I know, but don't give them anymore work if he can't finish the job in four months. Do you agree or no? Look, let me give you an example, and I know you know this. I don't give subcontractors in my job too much work if they are telling me already, Vince, I can't go to your job for three months, or I can't go to your job for three weeks. You can't do this job. We'll try to find another electrician, another mechanical engineer, another plumber. We'll find another entity that does structural work. I like Mr. Plummer, he's a professional, he's great, but if he's telling you it takes four months to do some simple drainage work, we are not talking about designing a building; four months to do some simple drainage work. And correct me if I'm wrong, maybe I'm wrong, tell me.

City Manager Iglesias: I believe they are already doing the university project, so that's why it would be...

Mayor Lago: I know, but I need them to help me out.

Commissioner Anderson: There is no preexisting surveys and stuff that they would build on, right.
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Public Works Director Diaz: I think they have to get some additional surveys.

Commissioner Anderson: It can't be shared, so we've got to do the surveys in lots.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: We did have to get additional surveys, additional elevations, they had to do.

Commissioner Anderson: Same as they had to do on my property.

Mayor Lago: But four months is four months.

Public Works Director Diaz: We can have a discussion with them about maybe tightening the schedule a little.

City Manager Iglesias: I think we can have a discussion with him.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk can you do me a favor.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.

Mayor Lago: Please speak to Chelsea and Elizabeth in my office and remind me that I would like to follow up with this, with a conversation with Mr. Plummer to see if he can deliver on that as quickly as possible.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.

Mayor Lago: Please.

City Manager Iglesias: I think the Public Works Director can talk to Tim Plummer and make sure if we can expedite.

Mayor Lago: I'm here to help you. Maybe with the ACM can help us out with this. Final project. I have some pictures that I'd like to show you from Venetia. So, I had several residents call me about his area the other day, because they see that we are really working on great projects. They gave you great accolades to the both of you and your efforts. These are some pictures from Venetia, as you can see here. You can tell, in between light poles and telephone poles and electricity, and the box, the box you see on the left-hand side that's there where there is an actual meter on it. I think that's a meter, my eyesight is getting worse every day.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yes, it is.

Mayor Lago: Yes, it's a meter, palm trees, rocks on the street. You've got to walk on the street and if you're in a wheelchair or if you're elderly, if you're handicapped, there are no other options. There's your sidewalk, okay. What can we do here? Can we take advantage of maybe curbing there and connecting that sidewalk?

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Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: There seems like there's a lot of trees that are in conflict.

Mayor Lago: Again, I'm all in with the trees; the trees are very important, I don't want to cut any trees down, but can we relocate trees, can we maybe, can we push the street out a little bit with the bulb-out and do some sort of curb there. The answer just can't be, we can't have a sidewalk just die there. Look, there it is, you're almost there. You can see it. I can feel that we can get there.

Public Works Director Diaz: We'll discuss with Green Space Management, and we'll take a look at those trees to see what can be relocated, what can be moved.

Mayor Lago: Look how nice that is right there to do some – finish that sidewalk.

Public Works Director Diaz: It's a narrow right-of-way as well.

Commissioner Fors: It is narrow, but keep in mind too that we are now, on top of the fact that its narrow, I drive that street a lot, because we opened up that pocket park on Venetia, there is a lot of little kids running up and down and it is a little dangerous.

Mayor Lago: Good point.

Commissioner Anderson: Its actually a lot dangerous. I walked all your neighborhoods.

Mayor Lago: And by the way, this is an easy win and I'll keep going back to wins, this is an easy win. This is simple because you're talking about three trees that are, again, they're all important, but they are not Oaks, they're not massive, those trees can be easily moved. You can say, hey, maybe you don't have trees on that grass.

Commissioner Anderson: Or the neighbor might agree to move it in or move it out.

City Manager Iglesias: That is very tight. That is very, very tight.

Mayor Lago: Very, very tight.

City Manager Iglesias: So, you'll probably will lose the trees, because there is no way to put sidewalks on one side, there are too many obstructions, it has to go all on the other side.

Mayor Lago: But we've got to figure something out.

Commissioner Anderson: Talk to the neighbor, they might like the tree on their property.

Mayor Lago: Maybe they like it on their property. That might be an opportunity. Can I ask, through the Manager, that we start working on a design for Venetia if my colleagues deem it appropriate? - and the main reason why I'm doing this is, Commissioner Fors stole my thunder, but thank God, he mentioned it, because I had completely forgotten the main reason why I'm pushing this. When

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I cut the ribbon for this park, one of the things that we noticed was, how do you get there? Its like Blue Road open space, how do you get there? I had to go in the middle of the street, not Blue Road open space, I'm sorry, the Alhambra project. Your sidewalk dies and then you've got to go in the street. So, I think this is an easy win, because it's a block and-a-half, it's nothing major.

Public Works Director Diaz: We can start with a survey, and we'll do a walk-through with Green Space Management.

City Manager Iglesias: We'll do a survey and locate everything that's down there.

Public Works Director Diaz: Yes, we'll locate everything, and we'll have to make a determination what to do about those trees.

City Manager Iglesias: I think we are going to have to make some hard decisions.

Mayor Lago: That's fine. No problem. They are not that hard in the sense that, Commissioner Anderson, they are not that hard because those trees are small, they can be relocated, and instead of having three, you could have one, or you could have two, and we could do some of those trees. Like she said, we could put them in the neighbor's yard if they wanted to do something like that.

Commissioner Anderson: There are some neighborhoods in that area that lost trees, one of them could be moved to. Neighbors had sent me some e-mails; I'll forward that to you.

City Manager Iglesias: We have some areas in the right-of-way where we could keep them there.

Commissioner Anderson: They lost them during the hurricane; we can relocate the trees so there is no canopy loss in the neighborhood.

Mayor Lago: So how long would a survey take?

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: To get a proposal it's been taking about two weeks from longitude surveyors, and we have to execute the purchase order.

Mayor Lago: Do we have any other surveyors? Are we only using longitude?

Public Works Director Diaz: They are pretty responsive.

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: They are responsive.

Mayor Lago: Do we have a continuing services contract with them?

Public Works Director Diaz: No, we have a piggyback. But they are pretty responsive and generally they give us a decent price.

Mayor Lago: So, once they give us a survey how many months, how long does it take for them to do the survey?

Sr. Transportation Engineer DeZayas: For Blue Road, it took them about three to four weeks, and it's a longer road.

Mayor Lago: Okay. Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.

Mayor Lago: What meetings we have in June?

City Clerk Urquia: You only have one meeting in June, its at the beginning of the month.

Mayor Lago: What meetings we have in July?

City Clerk Urquia: One meeting in July, is July 12th.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. July 12th, Venetia update.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.

Public Works Director Diaz: We'll get on it right away.

Mayor Lago: That gives you more than enough time. I would love to see a survey. I would love to see potentially some kind of conceptual ideas on how to address issues with trees, light poles, or whatever it may be. That's all I got for you. I think we have somebody from the public that wants to speak.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor we do have one speaker, its Ms. Jessica Keller.

Mayor Lago: By the way, thank you again for everything. I don't want you to think that your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. I'm getting a lot of good feedback from people who are very happy. So, thank you, thank you, thank you to the both of you and to your staff.

Commissioner Anderson: They are very happy that we are doing this. I can see you're tired. I understand and thank you.

Public Works Director Diaz: And it looks like finally we are going to be fully staffed, hopefully within the next couple of weeks. She's been short a person on and off for a while, so that's going to be helping a lot.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.
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Mayor Lago: You said there was somebody.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes. Ms. Keller.

Ms. Keller: Good afternoon. I can't tell you how exciting it is to see the Commission's new enthusiasm support safe, sustainable infrastructure for people that walk. It's happened in such a short time and I'm really grateful. I heard a lot of things today. I got a lot of information. One of my concerns that I brought up on, on multiple occasions, multiple Commission meetings was related to the Venetia Terrace lack of sidewalks in a youth zone, and I spoke about it with Commissioner Fors at the Town Hall meeting last week, and I was asking what can I do? I'm happy to do it, I'm happy to knock on doors. Anything that I can help to facilitate implementation of sidewalks along that corridor, I'm happy to do so. Also, in my e-mail, I asked a couple of questions as its related to Blue Road. I had asked the question about how the project was initiated. How it had been fast-tracked? – And really at this point in time, the thing that I'm most concerned about is, how that project will be funded, particularly given it is on a county right-of-way and when you're prioritizing the construction of sidewalks and other infrastructure projects, I think I saw \$130-plus thousand dollars for Blue Road. What does that mean for city streets, particularly like Venetia Terrace, for example?

Mayor Lago: Is that it? Is she cut off?

Ms. Keller: I had a question.

Mayor Lago: I didn't know if you had cut off.

Ms. Keller: My question – yes, I had a question, and it was, how are the sidewalks going to be funded on Blue Road, a county road, and will that take away from sidewalk funding on other streets like Venetia Terrace?

Mayor Lago: Mr. Manager, how would you like to answer?

City Manager Iglesias: The estimated cost is \$132,000, something that we would have to bring back to the City Commission, and to see if that is something that we wish to fund and is that something that we wish to fund through the sidewalk funding program. It is a sidewalk within the city, and it is between – it is on Blue Road, and it is getting to a major park, which hopefully that water park will be something that would be quite exciting.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. Anything else.

Ms. Keller: No that's all. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.
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Mayor Lago: Anything else?

City Clerk Urquia: That's it.

Mayor Lago: Alright. Perfect. By the way, thank you again so much. I appreciate all of you.