

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	M 10	A 10	M 10	J 10	J 10	A 10	S 10	O 10	N 10	D 10	J 11	F 11	APPOINTED BY:
Emilio Vazquez								P	P	+	A	E	Donald D. Slesnick, II
Larry D. Kries	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	E	P	Maria Anderson
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
VACANT	P	#	-	-	-	-	-	-		+	P	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Chris Zoller	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	+	E	P	Wayne "Chip" Withers
Donna Kupper	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	+	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	+	P	P	City Manager

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

Staff:

Ernesto Pino, Public Works Assistant Director
James Kay, Engineering Division Supervisor
Ludwik Janiga, Civil Engineer
Robert Lowman, Division Chief

Guest:

Lilly Estrada, Coral Gables Resident 424 Candia Ave.

Mrs. Swain called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Swain advised she has no announcements.

Members Excused:

Emilio Vazquez

Minutes of November 16, 2010 and January 18, 2011:

Mrs. Swain asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Kupper made a motion, Mr. Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's report:

Mr. Kay reported the paving and drainage work will start on the N.E. intersection of LeJeune and Bird Road. Neighbors were notified and contractor is to start on Monday.

Mr. Kay also reported on the Segovia Median Streetscape project and said City started with the utilities work and sanitary sewer line repairs. Mr. Kries asked for the time frame of the Segovia Median Streetscape Project. Mr. Pino responded the Procurement Division is responsible for attaining all the documents from the lowest bidder and they are still working on this. He said once all the paperwork is in order, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Mr. Kay reported on the Ponce de Leon Boulevard project (south of Salamanca and north of Alcazar). He said some median work started last month, the contractor has made progress with the median curb, and they still have some sidewalk to do on the east and west sides.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has a project on 57th Avenue and Coral Way as well as S.W. 8th Street and Coral Way intersection. This project has a lot of widening and addition of bicycle lanes. The project is not scheduled to start until next year. Mr. Kries asked what the State is going to do on Coral Way and Mr. Kay replied widening on the east side and wasn't sure if they will add more lanes. Mrs. Kupper asked about the community meetings and the feedback. Mr. Pino advised there were two meetings in which various questions were asked, mostly by West Miami residents. He added that he was very impressed by FDOT's presentation and residents seemed happy with the project. Mr. Pino mentioned this presentation pertained to Phase I and that Phase II is from Coral Way to Bird Road.

Mr. Kay mentioned that stop signs were installed by Miami-Dade County at the intersection of Madruga, Augusto and Miami Homestead Avenue. Mr. Zoller asked if there will be additional enforcement and/or officers issuing warnings. He stated a lot of people use that street so they don't go down Maynada to not stop. Mr. Kay advised a letter of request was sent and he will follow-up.

Mr. Kay advised the Board that they met with FDOT representatives regarding a program called C.T.S.T. Community Traffic Safety Teams. Mr. Sarmiento is the contact for this program and he would like the City of Coral Gables to form safety team and Mr. Kay agreed this is a good idea because they network with police and other municipalities. At this meeting it was decided to form a team with City staff on a trial basis.

Mr. Pino mentioned residents from the Santa Maria block have sent a request to bring back the speed tables to the Board again. He said the process will start by scheduling a meeting with the residents of the block to present the proposal and then proceed with the voting. A 2/3 majority vote is needed to approve the speed table.

Mrs. Swain asked what is going on at the intersection of Andalusia. Mr. Kay stated this was a Miami-Dade County project to change intersection lights and repaving.

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New Business:

Mrs. Estrada resident living at 424 Candia Avenue was present to discuss traffic calming issues. She is requesting speed bumps, a sign that reads 20 mph or a sign that reads no right turn during specific hours. Mrs. Kupper asked if there were any signs at all on Candia. Mrs. Estrada replied there are no signs and said cars use Candia as their escape to LeJeune and Riviera in the morning. Mrs. Kupper stated unfortunately Sergeant Garcia is not available for comments but the Board will follow up with him. Mr. Pino advised that Public Works will contact Miami-Dade County and ask for a study from LeJeune to Riviera and keep Mrs. Estrada informed.

Mrs. Swain asked Mrs. Estrada to please stay after to meeting to view the video.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.