

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 5:30 P.M.

- MINUTES MEETING -

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	
Ignacio G. Borbolla	(#)	-	-	+	+	P	A	+	+	+	P	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	P	+	+	P	P	+	+	+	P	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	+	+	P	P	+	+	+	P	P	Vince Lago
VACANT	P	P	E	+	+	A	(#)	-	-	-	-	-	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Jorge L. Arrizurieta	P	E	E	+	+	A	P	+	+	+	P	E	Frank C. Quesada
Donna Kupper	P	P	P	+	+	P	P	+	+	+	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
VACANT	A	A	E	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	City Manager

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

STAFF:

Ludwik Janiga, Public Works Civil Engineer
 Jeannette Reyes, Public Works Clerical Assistant II
 Jesus Garcia, Sergeant, Coral Gables Police Department
 Edward Hudak, Major, Coral Gables Police Department

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

• **November 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Kupper made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Sokoloff second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ABSENCE:

Mrs. Kupper made a motion to excuse Mr. Arrizurieta, Mr. Borbolla second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ludwik provided the below update to the Board:

Street paving project phase I – 100% completed
Street paving project phase II – completing punch list items
LeJeune project – completing punch list items
Cocoplum traffic circle project – 100% completed

Mrs. Kupper asked about the status of the Cartagena Project design, which is being re-worked by the County. Mrs. Swain asked if the issue regarding access to the bus stop was resolved. Ludwik spoke with the transit department and they suggested adding a bus stop to the north side, next to the pedestrian bridge and eventually removing the existing bus stop.

Mr. Solokoff asked who makes the decisions on what day and times the streets can be paved. Ludwik shared the City's construction hours which are 5 days a week, 8am – 5pm. He added that there are situations in which work cannot happen during these hours and have to be done at night. An example of this is the downtown area because of the traffic. Mr. Solokoff voiced his concern of the paving done in along Ponce de Leon Boulevard from Camilo Avenue to Bird Road and the noise that kept him and his neighbors up all night. He asked for this to be considered for future projects.

Major Hudak added that it's a life safety issue for emergency vehicles if this type of work is done during the day.

POLICE UPDATE:

Major Hudak stated that due to holiday's events such as the parade, there have been many of *detours*.

He spoke with the County's Public Works & Traffic, on the issue brought up during the last meeting regarding the *blue/white lights*. According to the County, there's no initiative in place for this and, the ones on 72nd street and US1 were only a trial. The County said if they were to install pedestrian crossings at University, there are no sidewalks which may be an ADA issue. Because of this, they recommend a pedestrian cross light which will delay or throw off the timing of that intersection.

Major Hudak reported he spoke with residents on Granada concerned with the NO THROUGH TRUCKS and the speed. He said PD is working on a plan, will continue enforcement and possibly look at installing curbing.

He added that PD is also communicating with concerned residents regarding Alhambra from the 400 block which is the west side of LeJeune and Segovia intersection.

Major Hudak reported regarding the DeSoto Fountain restriping and signage. He said the County has this on their list to do.

Mrs. Kupper asked if the Granada Bridge was being redone and if it will change the traffic speed in which the answer was no. She also asked if the garden islands are staying and the response was yes.

Mr. Borbolla asked Major Hudak about boat trailers parking outside of Kings Bay, on the swale and sometimes extending out onto the street. Major Hudak responded that if they are blocking the road, they need to be called in but if a boat trailer or vehicle has a tag and is parked on the swale, they are allowed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swain mentioned that on LeJeune, there was a pedestrian accident a couple of days ago. Major Hudak stated a bicyclist was hit the night of the JOB parade. He was riding on the sidewalk and a car was going out of the alley, the car was cited and the bicyclist was ok.

Mrs. Swain mentioned that when the LeJeune medians irrigation is on, it floods the street. Ludwik advised that staff is working on this.

Mrs. Swain gave an update on the *Bird, University, Granada crossing*. Ramon from FDOT said he was going to run simulations to see what the impact on delays would be if changes were done to the crossings. He will then report back to the Board.

Mrs. Swain reported on the *Bicycle Master Plan* meeting. She said the plan was done by a consultant via a grant from Miami-Dade County and City funds. The grant expired December and the City is asking for an extension which the County will allow. This will provide more time for additional public meetings. Mrs. Swain asked staff to please make sure that approvals and recommendations go through the T.A.B. before going to the Commission.

Mrs. Swain requested for staff to look into the light timing of Bird at Granada.

Mr. Sokoloff asked how the T.A.B. handle the increase congestion in the City. Mrs. Swain explained that 12 years ago there was an interest by the residents to close off streets and stopping the traffic from going into their neighborhoods. The collector streets were the focus, not the arterial roads where people were getting through. This Board was set up to look at requests for addressing traffic of inside streets. Most complaints from residents are due to cut-through traffic or high speeds. This may be addressed with traffic calming measures such as traffic circles, speed tables, 4-way stops, etc. As far as the volume of traffic going through, the Board may recommend traffic calming measures to avoid overflow into neighborhoods.

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Mr. Sokoloff asked if the T.A.B. looks at projects such as the Cuervo project to see the impact it would cause on Ponce. Mrs. Swain advised that in the past, the only projects the Board has been involved with relate to residential streets. The Board only received reports on projects in the downtown area. Mrs. Swain commented that anything affecting traffic on any roadway or public right of way (car, pedestrian or bicycle) should go before the T.A.B. Mrs. Swain requested for any project relating to roadways or public right-of-ways come to the Board before a contract or money is spent by the City.

Mr. Sokoloff asked if the Board spoke about making Segovia a one lane. Mrs. Swain stated that the Board received the report from the initial traffic consultant and they endorsed it. Then when it came back, the Board evaluated the changes and re-endorsed the original plan unanimously.

Mrs. Swain asked Police about accident reports on Segovia once the circles were put in. Major Hudak stated there are minor fender benders due to people's confusion about the yield signs vs. stop signs.

Mrs. Swain mentioned that she has noticed in the last couple months that the traffic on Segovia Circle at Biltmore Way is backing up in the mornings (from the light at LeJeune on Biltmore Way and going to Andalusia and on to Miracle Mile). She added that it's backed up to Hernando and Segovia and asked if anything has changed since this seems to be recent. Major Hudak said it is all volume.

Major Hudak encourages the Boards input on any project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm