

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C
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City Commission Chambers
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City Commission

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Rita Daly
Noel Cleland
Jackson Rip Holmes
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George Arrizurieta, President, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
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Public Comment

Mayor Lago: Moving on to public comment.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor, we have several speakers this morning.

Mayor Lago: Okay.
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City Clerk Urquia: First speaker, Maria Cruz.

Mrs. Cruz: Mrs. Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road, 305-323-2154. After the last Commission meeting, a lot of people contacted me asking why I was attacked so many times. I explained what I thought was the answer at that point, that since Commissioner Castro was not here because she was in Tallahassee, I was the target. And then I remember something that my abuela used to say. I'm going to say it in Spanish and then I'm going to translate it, "Vagancia no conduce a nada bueno," which means idleness does not bring good things. So, later on, I decided to go to my favorite book, the Bible. And I found under Proverbs 1627 something that really fits very well. Idle hands are the devil's workshop. Idle lips are his mouthpiece. And then an explanation that says, a worthless man devises mischief, and in his lips, there is a scorching fire. So, after I read that, I felt much better because it really confirmed what I thought was the reason. So, all I have to say is, it's time that the Mayor find something worthwhile to do and stop attacking anybody who doesn't agree with him, especially me. Enough is enough. I thank him because, according to my friends, I will never need a PR person when I decide to run for office because everybody knows me already thanks to my, what did he call me that day, my dear friend. So, enough is enough. Let's do business and stop attacking people, especially women.

City Clerk Urquia: Gina Guilford.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, one second please. As a reminder, I'd hoped that we wouldn't have to do this, but at the end of the day, we have no other reason, and we continue to do it. Welcome. I was hoping that we had a little bit more respect in the Commission, and we're incapable of having respect, so I have to read this every single time. I had gone days without reading this Commission... Just like her, I receive dozens of phone calls, dozens of phone calls as a result of this inappropriate behavior, the t-shirts, the constant attacks, all that kind of stuff. So, I'll read it into the record again. I was hoping not to. Welcome. I'm going to ask everyone who comes up to state their name and address for the record. You will have three minutes to share your thoughts with the Commission. As a reminder, these comments are limited to those items on the agenda. Let me remind you. As a reminder, these comments are limited to those items on the agenda or within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If you wish to speak on an item that is on the agenda right now, please remember that you will not be given an additional opportunity to speak again once the item is called. All comments should be directed to the Commission as-a-whole. When the three minutes is up, the timer will beep. I ask you to please wrap up your sentence and leave the podium when you're done speaking. Most cities give two minutes. We give three minutes. None of those comments were on today's agenda and they were directed at me, not at the Commission as-a-whole. Thank you and have a nice day. Ma'am, I apologize for taking up your time.

Gina Guilford: Good morning, Mayor Lago and Commissioners. My name is Gina Guilford, and I am President of the Villagers. The Villagers is the oldest historic preservation group in Miami, and we are entirely run by volunteers. I am speaking today regarding 110 Phoenicia Avenue, agenda item E-1. This one-and-a-half-acre property is a historic, charming green space that has been part of the surrounding residential community for 74 years. 110 Phoenicia, built as St. James Lutheran Church in 1951, was designed by noted architect Robert Fitch Smith. The former church is located across the street from the historically designated Coral Gables Women's Club, and it tells a story of a peaceful mid-century life in the city of Coral Gables. The North Ponce Neighborhood Conservation District overlay includes the greenway connection between Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Douglas Entrance, the historic northern gateway to the City of Coral Gables. This designation was created in 2016 by the city with the enthusiastic support of the residents to find a balance between the old and the new in the North Ponce neighborhood. The Commission, at the time, had the foresight to create laws to protect this historic northern corner against overdevelopment. According to the City Zoning Code, the purpose of the North Ponce Neighborhood Conservation District is to preserve and enhance the garden apartment character of the North Ponce residential neighborhood properties. The owner of this property purchased the land with the full knowledge that it was part of the North Ponce Neighborhood Conservation District overlay. Current zoning codes do not permit an 8-story, 177-unit development. As proposed, the building would require the approval of many zoning variances such as setbacks, FAR, height, and open space. Allowing this project to continue would be ignoring the guardrails set in place to save historic areas in Coral Gables and would forever change the integrity of a historic neighborhood. This is not just about a church or a garden or even a 100-year-old tree. Voting against this project is about preserving the soul of this neighborhood. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much.

City Clerk Urquia: Kelly Shield.

Mayor Lago: Good morning.

Kelly Shield: Good morning.

Mayor Lago: Thank you for joining us.

Kelly Shield: Good morning, Mayor, Commissioners. My name is Kelly Shield, and I live at 905 University Drive. I am speaking on Agenda Item E-1 regarding 110 Phoenicia Avenue. The question today is not, is this property historic? The question is, does the Commission agree with the design that was approved by the Board of Architects in 2023? 110 Phoenicia is in one of the most historic neighborhoods in Coral Gables, North Ponce. In fact, the City took action to protect this corner of Coral Gables by creating the North Ponce Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District. This district zoning requirement was written to preserve and enhance its garden apartment

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character. The area includes the Coral Gables Women's Club founded by Eunice Merrick in 1923. And just a stone's throw away is the Douglas Entrance, the historic grand arch into our beautiful city. It is interesting to note that in 1966, the Douglas Entrance was slated to be demolished to make way for a supermarket and parking lot. However, before the owners could proceed, the proposal required approval of a zoning change by the City of Coral Gables Commission. By a narrow vote, the Commission denied the demolition. And today, we are grateful that the landmark was saved. People choose to live in Coral Gables because it's a historic, lush city that is family friendly. But there is growing frustration with traffic congestion and overdevelopment. While growth is the sign of progress, some residents feel zoning codes are meaningless and often overridden. To proceed, this project requires substantial rezoning. The height and size of the high-rise development is overwhelming, with more than twice the allowed four stories and four times the FAR square footage allowed. To achieve this large-scale project, the plans request the use of mixed-use zoning, typically used downtown, along major corridors and on South Dixie Highway. The encroachment of a mixed-use zoning into this area could also set a dangerous precedent for future projects. Zoning codes should not be pointless. People vote to uphold the requirements. Please vote to protect and preserve this neighborhood and to send this project back to the drawing board. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much.

City Clerk Urquia: Rita Daly.

Mayor Lago: Good morning.

Rita Daly: Good morning, Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, Commission. With respect, I don't have anything prepared. I'm here to ask for your help. I've lived in Coral Gables my whole life, and I'm used to having raccoons, I'm used to peacock mating season, but now we have a problem. We have an influx of coyotes. Besides all the pictures that I have sent to you all and to the police, I was just speaking to Mary Snow, and her sister's house on the Biltmore Golf Course, she has more pictures, because I ran into the Chief earlier, and he had told me that they need addresses. Mayor, I ran into you, and you told me that you're working on something with the county. I mean, and that you don't necessarily have a team. I will be happy to volunteer, to be the liaison with whoever it is from the county. You know, I'll get my neighbors. There's four cats missing in our neighborhood. My neighbor found half a squirrel in her yard. I have to go outside to my backyard every time I take my dog, who likes to run the length of my yard. He can't do it anymore, because my family room is all windows so I could watch him. Now, it's not enough time. I got one of those air horns, and I have to go outside with him every time. He doesn't like it. I don't like it. It's a problem. There's cats missing. My neighbor found half a squirrel. I don't want to find half my dog, but I'm asking for your help. Honestly, like I told the reporter who showed up at my house, and I don't speak to the media, but I need to bring attention to this, because we don't know what to do.

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As residents, we just don't know what to do. This isn't like I have a raccoon invasion in my attic, and I can hire a company, and they can come up. It's isolated. They can do it. This is a citywide problem, and these guys are predators. Like, they will attack, you know, animals. I think Ron McGill had said that, because they see them as competition for food, but in my neighborhood, people won't even let little kids out. My housekeeper's about to quit. She's freaked out. She thinks they look like wolves, and she's afraid they're going to attack her. Help.

Mayor Lago: First and foremost, it was a pleasure to talk to you this morning on the way into City Hall. As I mentioned, the city has never been equipped, and we don't have the proper measures in place to address with, obviously, dogs, cats, or wild animals like iguanas and pythons and issues like coyotes. That is usually referred to the county. The Manager and his team are currently working with the county. We've had conversations, multiple conversations, with the DCM, who's here also, in an effort to basically coordinate with the county to see what our next steps forward are. As you can tell, you have people on both sides of the aisle, people who say, leave them alone, and then you have people who say, get rid of them immediately. I don't. Trust me, I understand.

Rita Daly: I'm doing this at the risk of being called the coyote lady or the one that wants to kill wildlife.

Mayor Lago: I understand. I give you, like I said, the DCM is right there. I want you to give me your information. We're working already with the county in an effort to address this concern. You're not the only one. We probably received about 10 or 15 emails over the last few days, to the point that we even put out a message on social media and through our channels here in the city to ensure that people knew the appropriate measures to take. Here it is again. As you can see, I want to thank Martha and her team for putting this together. We're working on an action plan to address it with the county. Again, this is new territory for us. In my time here, I have not dealt with something like this, but we're going to find a resolution, a way that, again, deals with these animals in an appropriate measure and finds them a new home, ensuring that they're not, again, competing or causing any more damage here in the city. Okay?

Rita Daly: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you so much. Will you give your information to the Deputy City Manager? He's right there.

Rita Daly: I certainly will.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Urquia: Noel Cleland.

Mayor Lago: Good morning, sir. How are you, sir?

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Noel Cleland: Good morning. My name is Noel Cleland. I live at 5990 Southwest 50th Street, and I'm a member of Coral Gables Congregational Church, and part of an interfaith group that is concerned about conflicts in the Middle East. I'm just here to speak about F-1. It's important we recognize our community as a multicultural, diverse city where we are allowed to celebrate our faith without fear of repercussions. In many countries, that's not the case. In fact, the list that oppresses religious freedom is long. So, I appreciate the efforts to recognize oppression in the world, but I caution the Commission on the impact of singling out Iran. As a local government that focuses on local issues that the residents are dealing with, trying to address international issues leads us down the road of what about-ism? What about Somalia? What about Yemen? What about Lebanon? What about Syria? What about the genocide in the West Bank? What about the threats to take over Greenland? What do we do about Venezuela? If you want to make a statement, I would suggest that it be more inclusive of the oppression that exists around the world, and even here in our country, as ICE agents disrupt the lives of our friends and neighbors in order to achieve some sort of arbitrary quota. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you, sir. Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Urquia: Jackson Holmes.

Jackson Holmes: Greetings. My name is Jackson Holmes, Jackson Rip Holmes. I live at 35 Sedonia Avenue in Coral Gables. I own property on Miracle Mile, so the subject matter of this will be my unhappiness with what PUMA has done in spending \$176,000 of our tax money to come up with unworkable, preposterous solutions, whereas what I've said all along is that the city, if we remember the old Business Improvement District, was provably corrupt. They could be said even to have corrupted their re-election vote here in the City Commission. They were taxing people without representation. It's a violation of state law, and with all of their donations to various Commission races, they were able to actually get the former city attorney to say it's legal to tax without representation, to violate state law on special taxing districts. Where am I going with this? When the city, including Mayor Lago and Ariel Fernandez, rode to the rescue on getting the BID out, right, now what they also did, what you, Mayor Lago, did, was you stepped in and said we'll do the Christmas lights, we'll do the Halloween on the Mile, we'll do, turns out, the music in Giralda on the Mile. The city cannot be expected to bear these costs. That needs to be paid for by the benefited properties. We do need a special taxing district to take over the burden of the Christmas lights and the other things I've mentioned. I think that comes to like \$750,000, but what we don't need is all of the rest. I thank you very much for listening. The PUMA, I don't know, are they on drugs or something? They're not helping. For \$176,000, we can solve our own problems. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much, sir. Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Eddie and. Marilyn Martinez.

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Mayor Lago: Good morning. Nice to see you again.

Eddie Martinez: Good morning, I'm Eddie Martinez from Bliss Imprints and Gifts.

Marilyn Martinez: And I'm Marilyn Martinez, also from Bliss Imprints and Gifts, and I want to thank all of you, Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Anderson, and the entire committee for supporting our vision and possibly making history in the City Beautiful.

Eddie Martinez: And I also wanted to thank you all very much for supporting us and Bliss Imprints and the initiative we've made with the Mark Trowbridge Chamber Foundation and the Chamber. It's pretty exciting, and we're here to show you a preview copy of which I like to call myself the Game Master. Thank you very much of Gablesopoly. Bliss Imprints also wants to recognize Christina Miller from the Chamber Foundation for leading the board and amassing a massive list of sponsors to make the initiative an overwhelming success. We at Bliss incorporated landmarks, community, and city organizations and events to tell the story of living, working, and playing in Coral Gables. About the game, we have a rubber ducky token representing Mark, and like the original, you can buy and sell properties, build homes, and resorts. Now, with all due respect to these hallowed halls, in lieu of a jail, Gablesopoly's main penalty is to lose a turn summons to attend a Commission meeting. But you might be lucky enough. Yes, thank you, Vanna.

Mayor Lago: But if I may interject, I intentionally purchased that site.

Eddie Martinez: It worked out pretty good.

Mayor Lago: It worked out pretty well. I wanted to leave it and go to jail, but it was a nice joke.

Eddie Martinez: But that's okay, because you might be able to get to ditch the meeting pass, which you can charge to the Commission and pull out of going. We'd like to invite you all to the public lunch at Giralda Live on March 6th. We will have a large-scale, playable, landmark version of Gablesopoly where players can win prizes, including Gablesopoly keychains, for those homes and resorts. And we have some of those here. Gablesopoly is available now for pre-sale, and we are actively looking for retailers in the area throughout the city to provide the products to their customers. I sincerely hope you'll agree that Gablesopoly will be a quintessential promotional product for the city and a keepsake that snapshots the Coral Gables area as it is today for locals and visitors alike. Thank you very much, and we look forward to playing with you all.

Marilyn Martinez: I'd also like to recognize George from the Chamber. Without his visit, it wouldn't be a success that it is. And we'd like to also show you what the board looks like, along with some of the community chess cards, board of chance cards, and also the money. All of the founding fathers from the city are displayed in the money.

Mayor Lago: So, if I may add a little bit, because I had the pleasure of seeing this firsthand yesterday. I remember when you came to my office to discuss this, and we talked about the City of Coral Gables being obviously the main sponsor of the event. And I obviously sponsored one of the pieces here, personally sponsored it. I think this is an amazing opportunity. You've ordered 1,200 to start. To start. We're almost halfway there in regard to pre-sales. If we meet the 1,200 sales, the number was how much in charity is raised?

Eddie Martinez: We raised about \$150,000.

Mayor Lago: So, \$150,000 for charity, which net, net, not gross, net, which is a key word after expenses. And the important thing is that when you came to my office to discuss this issue, and the first and foremost objective was to obviously memorialize Mark Trowbridge. And through Mark Trowbridge is raise money, raise money for Mark Trowbridge Foundation, which, again, is going to be invested in our community, and possibly and hopefully God willing in the charities that he so loved. Mark will always be a very dear friend and a person who I hold in high regard, and just a person who changed the landscape after 18 years of service to the Chamber. And now we're blessed to have George here leading the Chamber. But this is a very fitting way to not only, I hate to use the word sell, but make people and promote, promote the city, but also raise money for charity, which is the beautiful thing. So, I want to thank both of you, because this is a labor of love for you over the last few months, or the last year, excuse me, since we first talked about it, I apologize. And you brought it to fruition. You sold out completely in regard to the opportunities for sponsorships. And it's so tasteful and well done in regard to the city, that I think that we're going to easily sell out on the 1,200. It's \$29. It's a great gift. And if you have a business and you're trying to get a client in regard to, and they have an association with City Beautiful, this is a great opportunity to give somebody a nice little gift, a nice little detail that I think they'll really, really enjoy. So, I want to commend both of you for your hard work, along with the Chamber President. And always remember that this is for fun. This is for charity. This is to remember Mark. Thank you very much.

Eddie Martinez: Actually, yes, it is about Mark, because we, sorry, he was the first person that came to visit us when we opened our store. So, it was very important to us to remember him as well.

Commissioner Lara. So, I wanted to thank all of you, Eddie and Marilyn, of course, George as well, for what a wonderful idea. And echoing the Mayor's sentiments, I can't think right now of a better way to not only promote the businesses but also take pride. You know, the residents of the city will play this game and will be reminded, as they should time and time again, of all the beautiful areas of the city, all the things that make it so wonderful to be a proud resident of the City Beautiful. Like the Mayor and like the Vice Mayor, I'm also a proud sponsor of the board. So, all of you know now where I live, but representing the North, historic Coral Way. I hope that

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you land on it often. And I can't wait to own in my home the use, exclusive use of the Rubber Duckie token icon because that sounds like the one is the winner in honor of Mark.

Mayor Lago: And if I may add something, I didn't ask you, and I want to memorialize this, I didn't ask you, but it was great that you put the nice clock on it as one of the little features. I think it's beautiful. And it was a nice little detail, really representing the city. Madam Vice Mayor?

Vice Mayor Anderson: Well, I'm enjoying looking at all the spaces here. And I did see that your house is pictured on Coral Way, Commissioner Lara. I had always...

Commissioner Lara: There's a Target on my home.

Vice Mayor Anderson: And I've had a lot of people ask me why didn't I live on Anderson Road. Now I do live on Anderson Road because I purchased it on this one. And of course, it has a nice tree canopy. But thank you for this. This is great.

Mayor Lago: Mr. President.

Mr. Arrizurieta: Mr. Mayor, Commissioner, let me just real quick, if I may. First and foremost, thank Mr. and Mrs. Martinez for this labor of love, which is very well displayed in that phenomenal board game. We're not the first city in the world that does their own monopoly because it's happened across. I think at one point, I think you were selling New York's and maybe Cuba's.

Eddie Martinez: We got Cuba, Miami, Florida, America, Puerto Rico, Mexico.

Mr. Arrizurieta: I believe you're only selling Coral Gables from this point forward. But anyway, you can sell whatever you'd like. I'm sure they all have a market. But my point in bringing this up is that the labor of love that went into producing what you're seeing by Mr. and Mrs. Martinez is just incredible. They really put their entire effort and time and hearts into this. And I think that's the reason why it's the kind of quality that you see here. So, on behalf of our Chair, Maria Garcia, the Chair of the Mark Trowbridge Foundation, Christina Miller, and the entire Chamber team, we want to first thank all of you because you all participated in this effort. If you look through that entire board, you'll see that every key stakeholder of this city is a part of this effort from day one. So, it's not just a game that actually promotes the city, it promotes our partners, it promotes the reality of our history. And it really is a great game that will be here in perpetuity that tells the story of the City Beautiful. I think it's going to be a wonderful opportunity for us to not only give our friends these gifts. Unfortunately, we couldn't do it in time for Christmas, but we're going to have more than enough of them to be given as gifts going forward. So again, thank you, Eddie, for your passion, which is what you always do in everything you do. If you haven't been to his store, you ought to go because the stuff that you can buy at Bliss is pretty neat, pretty unique. So, we thank you. And as the Mayor said, this is going to be \$150,000 net profit for the Mark Trowbridge Foundation for all the good work that we have ahead of us.

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Mayor Lago: So, we have 51,000 residents in the city. Our city balloons during the day as a result of people coming to conduct business or coming to work in the city. So, I don't see why we can't sell two, three, four times and really raise some serious money for the foundation. Mr. Manager, will you do me a favor on behalf of the Commission, if the Commission so deems appropriate, I'd like to have this on our next monthly newsletter. I'd like to have an opportunity where pre-sales, where people can buy it, an explanation of obviously where the proceeds go, have Martha put together something that details the foundation, that details the city, where people can buy, you know, great future Christmas gift, great future, I don't know, birthday gift, or if you're a business, you should have this. So, and I also, as always, you know, and it doesn't surprise me, it doesn't really surprise me, but I want to thank the Vice Mayor, Rhonda Anderson, and I want to thank Commissioner Lara, who every time that there's an opportunity to give back to charity, they always say yes with their own personal money and they write a check. They never fail. I do it every time that I have to do it, just like I did it right now, in regard to cleaning up in the downtown, but they always do it. If it's the Nativity scene, or if it's the Girl Scouts, or if it's an event for the women's club, or for whatever it may be, they never fail. They're always there and they're always interested in supporting this community with their hard-earned dollars. So, thank you to Commissioner Lara, thank you to Vice Mayor Anderson for doing this. And thank you for allowing me to pick the first piece. And when you brought it to me, I said, I want to do this and I want to anchor your opportunity to sell. And like the president said, when you walked in and you showed them what this was, literally when you walked in and you explained what was behind it and where the money was going to go, everybody said, yes, count on me, count on me, count on me. I spoke to people who called me and said, you bought it? I said, of course I bought it. I wouldn't miss the opportunity. Anything that can memorialize the city, number one, in a positive light, and number two, Mark Trowbridge, I'm all in. You guys deserve all the credit. The Chamber, Bliss, thank you so much. And you deserve the success that comes with this. Thank you for your hard work and always representing the city so incredibly well. You're at every Chamber event, you're at the ribbon cuttings, you are a class act, and you embody everything that's great with the business community in the City of Coral Gables. Thank you to both of you.

Commissioner Lara: There's no way to follow up what the Mayor said. I echo everything, but I just want to emphasize again that while this is an amazing pinpoint project for perpetuity, it's a lot of alliteration there. I want everyone who's listening to come visit Bliss on Miracle Mile because it really is, George said, it's such a fun place. It's kitschy, it's cool, it's unique, it's changing all the time, and you just can't beat the smiles that greet you when you show up there and say, I don't know what to get, but I know I want something cool. Marilyn will be there, Eddie, to help us out. So please come down to Bliss on Miracle Mile.

Mayor Lago: Invitations, events, your special events. Mr. Manager, please make sure, please make sure through the approval of the Commission that we include Bliss, that we include Bliss. They worked hard on this for the last year. I want them to include Bliss, promote them, make sure they

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get the positive press because I promise you, they're not making money on this. They're losing money on this. All to honor Mark Trowbridge and his amazing legacy and give money to a foundation. \$150,000 is a lot of money and you deserve all the credit.

Vice Mayor Anderson: One last comment. I've had a lot of fun here reading these cards and it's a testament.

Mayor Lago: That's what we did yesterday in my office when they showed it to me for the first time.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Testament to your creativity and your wit and the labor of love that you've put into this. Neighborhood Hero, Coral Gables Crime Watch. You helped Coral Gables Crime Watch promote the community safety and you're now on patrol. The player to your left moves to your token to any space to continue your good work. These are fun. You've got to get this just to read all this and all the details that you've put into this.

Eddie Martinez: Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Anderson: This promotional piece. Thank you.

Eddie Martinez: I really want to thank you all for supporting retail in the City of Beautiful. Thank you very much.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much.

Marilyn Martinez: And you have just a little token.

Mayor Lago: For your hotels and resorts.

Marilyn Martinez: For the properties.

Mayor Lago: That's awesome. Thank you. Well done. Well done as always. Thank you. Very detailed. It's always about the details. Thank you so much.

Eddie Martinez: Thank you very much.

Mayor Lago: Have a wonderful day, Mr. President. Thank you.

[Pictures were taken with the Commission and Eddie and Marilyn Martinez]

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, do you have any further public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I have one speaker on Zoom. I believe to be Karelia Carbonell, which I'm recognizing her to speak now.

Mayor Lago: Good morning, Karelia. Good morning. Thank you for being here with us.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Hi.

Karelia Carbonell: Hi, everyone.

Mayor Lago: Hi, good morning.

Karelia Carbonell: Can you all hear me?

Mayor Lago: Yes, ma'am.

Karelia Carbonell: Above all the excitement. Well, good morning, everyone. I just wanted to say that I am so excited about Gablesopoly because, first of all, it is the perfect, just the perfect recognition for Mark Trowbridge. He was such a game person and a fun person. And we also, the Historic Preservation Association really jumped at the chance to be a sponsor. So, you'll see on that board game that we bought Riviera Drive. And the reason is because of the Whiteway lights. There's a whole corridor of Whiteway lights fully restored. And it was just the perfect opportunity to not only support the foundation and Mark Trowbridge, but also the city and our centennial and the lights. And it really just came together. And I want to say Eddie Martinez is a darling to work with. So, with that, I'm excited. We're excited and can't wait to see the game. So, thank you all.

Mayor Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: That's it, Mr. Mayor. I do have one comment that I received from a resident and said he couldn't be here, but he wished that it'd be read into the record. And it reads, "Mayor Lago, as I'm sure you know, the First Amendment to the Constitution enshrines a right for free speech. And as I'm sure you know, the Olympics began to be a peaceful respite for warring Greek city states. I am in complete agreement with you that what the Iranian government is doing is an atrocity. But why? When ICE terrorizing the citizens of Minneapolis and other cities, are you prioritizing support for protesters in Iran over support for protesters here at home? And why, when Israel continues to kill innocent civilians in Palestine, in the midst of a ceasefire, are you proposing a resolution solely in the support of the people of Iran over support of the people of Palestine and the people of many other nations in the world living in oppression? This resolution, if passed, will have absolutely no effect on the people of Iran and their pressing local issues to the city's commission should be devoting its time instead of entangling itself in foreign affairs. I encourage you to either modify the language of the resolution to universally support all peaceful protesters here and abroad or withdraw the resolution from consideration altogether. This is from Tom Carney, 824 Cortez Street. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much. We're done? Okay.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, sir.
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