

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD

REVIEW OF PROPOSED PROPERTY ACQUISITION ON MINORCA ADJACENT TO LOT 6

“The city is . . . authorized to acquire, construct or cause to be constructed, own, maintain and operate off-street motor vehicle parking facilities, and all such improvements and buildings as the city may deem necessary or desirable in connection therewith . . .” Coral Gables City Code Sec. 2-512. The city is currently considering the acquisition of a parcel adjacent to Parking Lot 6 located at 2101 Salzedo. The parcel would in part be used to develop a public parking facility and to create a more efficient building site for a new public safety building. The Procurement code provides that the Parking Advisory Board (PAB) is to provide an analysis of any potential purchase of property “when applicable.” CGCC Sec. 2-2016.

Because the property at issue would be used to develop a public parking facility an analysis from the PAB is applicable. The PAB met and discussed the proposed property acquisition and finds that the analysis supports the acquisition of the parcel adjacent to Parking Lot 6. Review of the current parking demand and available spaces near Lot 6 clearly indicate a parking deficit if the Public Safety building is developed without any public parking. Development of a parking facility at this location is needed to replace approximately 220 heavily utilized public parking spaces that will be lost with development of the new Public Safety building. Additional parking spaces developed at this site will enable the city to support development of the North Ponce district, provide public parking needed for the Public Safety building, reduce existing demand on the Museum Parking Garage and provide for future public parking needs north of Alhambra Circle.

Lot 6 currently serves as an important parking facility in the area near Alcazar and Salzedo with limited alternate parking options north of Alhambra Circle. As a result the PAB believes it is important as the city moves forward with the development of the Public Safety building and the new parking facility that provision is made for those displaced by the loss of parking spaces on Parking Lot 6 and that the new garage be built first or as soon as possible. In addition, the PAB recommends that the city engage a parking consultant to advise the city on how best to develop a facility that will meet current and future demands in the north Ponce area.



Kevin J Kinney, Secretary to the
Parking Advisory Board Chair

This statement was reviewed and approved by the Parking Advisory Board at the January 26, 2017 board meeting.