

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
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Thursday, May 23, 2019

8:00 AM

The Board meets the fourth Thursday of
the month.
Parking Department, Director's Office,
2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL
33134

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 08:03 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Board Member Rua, Board Appointee Thomson, Board Member Rohaidy and Board Member Betancourt

Absent: 1 - Board Member de la Vega Jr.

1 Director's Report

- Director reported on the FY2020 - 2024 Capital Improvement Plan meeting with the City Commission.
- i. Vice Mayor Lago asked staff to research a possible extension of Trolley services towards South Miami.
- ii. The current Trolley Master Plan was completed in 2013. The Director recommended that an updated Transit Master Plan for the City should be completed to help determine where any expansion should happen.
- iii. It would also research possible transportation grants, including possible TPO grants.
- iv. The study should review connections to other municipal transportation systems, as well as the county transportation systems.
- Freebee is now operating a larger vehicle (16+ passenger vehicle) in addition to the 6 passenger electric vehicles. Staff is reviewing the potential of these vehicles in the Coral Gables Transit System.

2 Parking Department Capital Projects

- The following parking capital projects were discussed.
- i. Garage 7
- ii. Garage 1 redevelopment
- iii. 2017 Parking Lot restoration (still in process)
- Board member Betancourt encouraged board members to discuss these capital projects with their commissioners.

3 System Safety Plan Review (SSPP)

- The PAB discussed the SSPP with staff.

•On a motion from board member Rua with a second from board member Rohaidy the Trolley's SSPP was adapted. PAB Member Betancourt abstained from the discussion and voting on this issue.

4 Freebee Report

- The PAB reviewed the April Freebee usage report presented by the director.
- The PAB requested the staff to review possible changes to the hours of operation for Freebee.
- The staff will meet with Freebee to discuss possible changes to the hours of operation to provide service later in the evening on Friday and Saturday.

5 FY2020 – 2022 Strategic Plan

- There are currently six (6) action plans related to Parking & Transportation in the 2020-2022 Plan.
- Once drafts are completed, the plans will be provided to the PAB for discussion at the next meeting of the PAB.
- The PAB and staff reviewed the ongoing strategic planning process.

6 Lot 31 Appraisal

- Lot 31 is the city owned parking lot on Le Jeune Road across from Havana Harry's.
- The appraisal came back at approximately \$4 million for the 13,000 sq. ft. parcel of land.
- On a motion from board member Bentancourt, seconded by board member Rohaidy the PAB unanimously approved potential development on the site and would like to see the following included:
 - i.A crosswalk traversing Le Jeune Road.
 - ii.Public parking in the appropriate location within the development.
 - iii.Public transportation contributions (possibly to Trolley or Freebee) in conjunction with the purchase of the site.

7 Open Discussion

- The PAB requested an opportunity to review the designs for Garage 7.
- The PAB briefly discussed the possible development scenarios of the Publix site on Andalusia Avenue.
- Chairperson Thomson affirmed that she would be unavailable for the June PAB meeting.

8 ADJOURNMENT

- The PAB adjourned at 09:20 A.M.