

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
 HYBRID MEETING AT CITY HALL/ZOOM  
 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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Kevin Mase	-	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	-	*	P	(+ -)	P	P	P	<i>R. Valdes Fauli</i>
Gordon Sokoloff (Chair)	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	E	(+ -)	P		E	<i>P. Keon</i>
Steven Williamson	-	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	P	(+ -)	A	A	P-V	<i>V. Lago</i>
Debbie Swain	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	P	(+ -)	P-V	E	P	<i>M. Mena</i>
Sue Kawalerski (VC)	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	P	(+ -)	P	P	P	<i>J. Fors</i>
Nicholas Barshel	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	E	P	P	(+ -)	P	P	E	<i>Commission</i>
Peter Wood	P	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	(+ -)	P	P	P	(+ -)	A	P	P	<i>City Manager</i>

P: Present in person      P: Present virtually (zoom)      <sup>v</sup>Virtual Meeting  
 E- Excused Absence      A- Absent      <sup>H</sup>Hybrid  
 \*-New Member      (+ -) No Meeting

**Staff:** Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Multimodal Transportation Engineer  
 Jeanne Espinal, Assistant to the Public Works Director  
 Douglas Cobb, Sr. Traffic Engineer  
 Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by the Vice-Chairman at 5:38 PM. Roll call was done. Sue Kawalerski, Debbie Swain, Mase and Peter Wood attended the meeting in person, Steve Williamson attended virtually. In-person quorum was met.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** *Kevin Mase motioned to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Peter Wood, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.*

**Chairmans Report**

1. **Ponce Park:** Sue Kawalerski informed the board that she attended the February meeting. At the meeting, over 100 residents in attendance did not have an opportunity to speak due to the developer’s presentation taking up most of the time. A meeting is scheduled for March where residents will have the opportunity to provide comments. Sue Kawalerski encouraged the board members to attend the meeting. She will be presenting both motions that were adopted at the January 2021 meeting opposing the elimination of the slip lane and the height of the building that the area’s residents expressed concerns with.
2. **CRAFTS Section:** City Commission approved 2/3 items at the past agenda, allowing the up zoning of the Crafts section. There is one (1) item that requires clarification and will be going back to the Planning and Zoning board for review.
3. **FDOT:** Sue Kawalerski informed the board of the Florida Department of Transportation’s (FDOT) effort to build and improve a county wide bike lane network, where the focus is shifting is no longer primarily concerned with vehicles.

**Secretary’s Report**

1. **Traffic Impact Studies:** No new traffic impact studies

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2. DRC Applications: No new applications for Development Services

**Traffic Projects Update**

Citywide Traffic Calming: Melissa De Zayas provided an update to the board on the community/resident driven program for traffic calming.

- Zone 1: Construction is expected to commence early summer, but no set schedule has been developed.
- Zone 2: Pending the Purchase Order for the design phase.
- Zone 3: Pending the Purchase Order for the design phase.
- Zone 4: Community Meeting will be taking place March 2, 2021, and over 2000 notices were mailed out to the properties in the zone. Due to the large number the City will be trying something new. The zone will be divided in quadrants, and each quadrant will have their own discussion. Kevin Mase and Debbie Swain will be attending this meeting
- Zone 5: No date for community meeting has been established.

**Police update**: Police did not attend the meeting. Melissa De Zayas informed the board that every time staff received a request regarding speeding concerns, staff requests for shields to be placed at the locations.

**Old Business:**

Sue Kawalerski opened discussion on what will be the board's next objectives and she engaged the board members to provide ideas and to contribute to the monthly agenda. Debbie Swain expressed disappointment with the City Commission's recent actions and how involved residents are in the civic process but are not being heard. Sue Kawalerski and Debbie Swain stressed the importance of the board's contribution in creating and maintaining a safe network for all modes of transportation. Debbie Swain expressed that she would like to see more input from the board on the Miracle Mile project. Steve Williamson brought up some items that he wishes for the board to review and discuss at the next meeting. One of the items would be how the board can promote changes in the multimodal aspect of transportation and another item would be how to make things better with the existing infrastructure. Debbie Swain requested a summary or "cliff notes" summary of the City present transportation projects and existing guidelines. Debbie Swain would like to find ways of maintaining what is existing. Sue Kawalerski suggested for a City of Miami and Miami-Dade County representative to attend a meeting to present to the board members the Commodore trail project and the Underline improvements as they relate to the City of Coral Gables.

**Debbie Swain motioned for the TAB to ask the commission to delay any decision on the zoning code and lane use designation that affects miracle mile and requests that additional public input be obtained after the election, due to the significant impact on traffic and all modes of transportation. Peter Wood seconded motion. voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board..**

The board agreed to have a board member provide input on the monthly agenda and present ideas that the Board can pursue. Debbie Swain and Steve Williamson will be providing input for the March meeting. Peter Wood and Kevin Mase will be providing input for the April meeting.

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Bike305: Sue Kawalerski informed the board about Miami-Dade County's bike to work event taking place on Friday March 05, 2021. The County Major will be joining the ride which will start at the underline at 8:15 AM and ends at Government Center station.

Illuminate Coral Gables: Debbie Swain informed the board of the new light centric exhibit throughout the City. The exhibit needs volunteers from Wednesday to Sunday, and she will share the volunteer information with Melissa for it to be distributed to the other board members.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:09 PM

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2021