



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
April 24, 2015**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Update and discussion on the Miracle Mile/Giralda Avenue Streetscape design concepts, process, and community outreach.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

For discussion.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the City Commission approved the project delivery methodology for the Miracle Mile/Giralda Streetscape project. This included approval to issue a request for qualifications for a design firm and establishment of a project steering committee to work inclusively with the design team to provide guidance and recommendations on concepts and final design details.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the City Commission authorized approval of a contract with Cooper Robertson and Associates for the Miracle Mile/Giralda Avenue Streetscape design project.

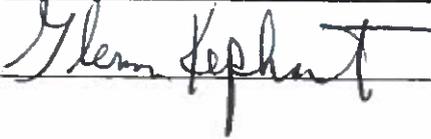
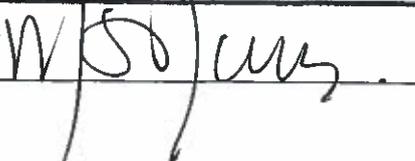
During the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>, Cooper Robertson officially kicked off the design including the initial steering committee meeting, briefings with City officials, and City Staff. Subsequently, the project has been moving forward at an aggressive pace including the following stakeholder meetings and community involvement:

- February 4, 2015 – 2nd steering committee workshop.
- February 5, 2015 – Presentation and meeting with City Boards and Committees.
- February 6, 2015 – Meeting with City Branding Consultant and Art Consultant.
- February 17, 2015 – Community Open House.
- March 19, 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> steering committee workshop.
- April 16, 2015 – 4<sup>th</sup> steering committee workshop.
- April 17, 2015 – Open House Presentation.

The April 17<sup>th</sup> open house presentation included a mock-up of the newly proposed sidewalk width including sidewalk café tables, parallel parking, and concept display boards. The meeting was very well attended and the project concepts were very positively received. A summary of the written comments received is included as an attachment.

Staff and the design team will be present at the Special Commission Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> to present and discuss project concepts, steering committee recommendations, public input, and to receive guidance from the Commission. Following the discussion, staff will be inviting the Mayor and Commission to visit the mock-up of the new sidewalk configuration and concept display boards at 204 Miracle Mile.

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

**Attachments:**

1. Comments received from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Open House Presentation