

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
405 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	E	P	P	+	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	-	-	-	-	+	P	P	P	P	P	P		Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	P	P	P	+	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Chris Morrison	P	P	P	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager

P - Present
E - Excused Absence
A - Absent
*** - New Member**
+ - No Meeting
(#) Resigned

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Public Works Assistant Director
Jeannette Reyes, Public Works Clerical Assistant II
Antonio Aleman, Coral Gables Police Sergeant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

GUEST:

Jack S. Schnettler, PE – Atkins Vice President, Senior Engineer

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

January 26, 2016 Mrs. Swain made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Dr. Sokoloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The motion should read, *to have staff contact Maria Higgins-Fallon develop some sort of educational campaign with respect to proper use of traffic circles and roundabouts.*

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Jessica was asked to submit something to Living in the City Beautiful magazine and she will make the educational campaign, with respect to proper use of traffic circles and roundabouts the submission.

Mr. Morrison was updated on LED Lights discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Thompson asked if the board is in agreement with visiting the Miami-Dade Traffic Control Center on April 16, 2016 at 10 am. Everyone is in agreement.

Mr. Morrison asked for status on temporary signs at the University. Jessica said staff will meet with the University to discuss the San Amaro corridor in two to three weeks.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Coral Gables Bike to work Day - Jessica reported that on March 4, 2016 @ 7:30 am is Bike to Work Day in Coral Gables, an event encouraging people to ride their bicycles to work.

A Biltmore Drive community meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2016; it will be rescheduled due to the GOP debate. The meeting will be scheduled before the next TAB meeting, the community does not feel the work done to date meets their expectations to reduce speed and volume and asked staff to return and re-evaluate the situation.

TAB meeting motions - Mr. Thompson asked Jessica if she can give an update on the two TAB meeting motions passed by the board and what the City commission had to say about them. Jessica said the commission does not address every motion unless the motion requires action. The board agreed to highlight at the top of the meeting minutes all the motions requesting action. Jessica said if the board makes a motion requesting action from the Commission; the minutes will be placed in the appropriate place on the Commission agenda.

Mr. Thompson asked Jessica if she and Mrs. Swain can set up a meeting with Maria Menendez from the planning board and ask her to attend one of the TAB meetings.

TRAFFIC PROJECTS UPDATE:

Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Atkins updates (City's consultant) – Jack started by mentioning that the kickoff meeting with City staff was last week and they were provided with a notice to proceed. Jack stated they will be collecting data, interviewing stakeholders, mapping out technical approaches as well as working on refining public involvement approach. Jack will be attending the TAB meetings as much as he can, Jessica asked the consultant that a bullet summary of what's been accomplished, be presented to the board twice a month. Mr. Thompson asked Jack to provide an executive summary, with the same bullet points he just presented at the next TAB meeting. Jessica said she has it and she will forward it to the board.

Jack said the first three months will be basically collecting data and interviewing stakeholders, the next four to five months will be mostly the analysis, work and recommendations. The final

four months it will all be captured in a report and hopefully get approval from the commission.

The overall objective is to provide accessibility to work centers in Coral Gables and through Coral Gables without sacrificing the high quality of life in the City of Coral Gables.

Mrs. Swain asked Jack if he will be attending neighborhood meetings and does he have a preconception of what he's been hearing from residents. Jessica said it's tough to ask Jack to jump into and lead projects mid-stream, but he will be attending community meetings moving forward. As far as preconception, Jack said he's been a consultant for the City for several years and has been in the area for 25 years therefore he's pretty familiar with the broad issues.

Jessica said the reason Atkins was selected for this plan was because context sensitive solutions are key to the success of this project and they have demonstrated creativity in the past. Jessica said with her knowledge and past organizations, speed humps and speed bumps are not the only traffic calming solutions that exist and the public and stakeholders need to be educated on solutions that are aesthetically pleasing and settled at the same time. This is a multimodal plan addressing all those transportation issues and encouraging people to use different options, including transit.

Jack mentioned that they will be looking at the Miami Dade County travel plan model to try and clarify the valid perception of how much traffic is coming through the Gables versus coming into and out of the Gables as well as other aspects of that.

Dr. Sokoloff asked Jack if the City ever hires them (Atkins) to oversee all of the City projects. Dr. Sokoloff mentioned that one of the directives the board was trying to accomplish was by making a motion requesting that the commission hire an independent firm to conduct all the traffic studies for City projects.

Mrs. Swain provided the board with copies of a rough draft of a procedure taken with the City of Baltimore as a template to implement traffic impact study process by the City rather than the developer. Mr. Morrison suggested putting this on the calendar for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Thompson asked that Kevin Kinney be present at the next TAB meeting

POLICE UPDATE:

Sgt. Aleman forwarded information to Jessica in reference to the neighbors on Maggiore requesting something be done about speeding on their street. PD has set up the trailers to monitor the speeding

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swain mentioned Safer Streets Safer People at last month's meeting and there is one item she would like the board to consider taking an action on, it is the one that said:

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To require that when construction is planned, that the maintenance of traffic plan include a provision to provide safe access and safe path way for pedestrians and other users of road way.

For example: *When construction takes place at the City, it not only covers sidewalks, it goes onto the roadway and takes up a lane of traffic.* Mr. Thompson asked that this be put on the calendar for discussion at the next meeting. The board would like Jessica to let them see what's currently on the books.

Dr. Sokoloff would like the board to discuss and take action on the motion passed at the November 17, 2015 meeting *requesting the city to expand notice to the residents based on the density and scope of the project from its existing 1,000 feet.* Mr. Thompson said to add it to next month's agenda.

ADJOURNED:

6: 33 pm