

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-11
August 22, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

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Public Speaker(s)

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Update on Burger Bob's.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to F-11.

Commissioner Fernandez: Burger Bob's, I had asked the Manager if he could provide us with an update. I know it was discussed. Commissioner Menendez had announced that we had the funding for it. I just wanted to see what timetable we were looking at.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes, Commissioner. It's been awarded to John Belk Construction. We are working on the -- the contract has been negotiated. We're working on just tidying it up to get it approved. Notice to proceed has been issued. Number one is just to formalize the contracts. We expect the notice to proceed -- the formal notice to start to be in October. We're looking at starting the project -- unfortunately, it's hit the Christmas season, it's not the best time to start. But we're looking at finishing the project sometime in August or September of next year. The problem that we have, of course, is obtaining materials, so that's why we're releasing those contracts now. The drawings are almost complete. They've gone through one review of the Building Department. The plans are at DERM. We're expediting them. And so, we plan on October having the notice to proceed, number two, and formal start of Burger Bob's.

Commissioner Fernandez: All right.

Commissioner Castro: We just passed over some renderings and I believe they're the last ones.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes, could we put that up? Oh, there it is, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Menendez: I just want to comment the red is going to turn -- I think Fred was around -- ruby red, but all the -- and the digital doesn't quite do justice to what it'll actually look like, but we had a group of residents and they went over from the ceiling tiles to the flooring to the -- pretty much the back wall. So -- and there are impact resistant windows, the kitchen's going to have a brand-new grease trap. They've expanded the area where folks can have their meals. So, there's -- it's a roomier Burger Bob's and it complies with, I believe, every...

Vice Chair Anderson: ADA.

Commissioner Menendez: Requirement, ADA. I looked at you.

Vice Chair Anderson: I'm on -- I'm on them.

Commissioner Menendez: I know, I know.

City Manager Iglesias: It complies with ADA. It's a complete renovation.

Commissioner Menendez: I know, so it's ready to go. And it was a -- it's a collaborative effort to make it friendly, something that you want to be there time and time again with your family and your friends, and I appreciate the input of the residents that joined us that couple times. And I know everybody wants it to happen and I'm glad to hear from the Manager that it's on its way.

City Manager Iglesias: We started negotiations prior to this color scheme, but we -- we're going to incorporate that in the final contract.

Mayor Lago: Anything else?

Commissioner Fernandez: No, thank you.