

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Economic Development Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2007
Development Department Office Conference Room
95 Merrick Way, Suite 450, Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS:	J	F	M	A	M	M	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
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Richard DeWitt	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Ray Zomerfeld	P	P	P	E	P	P*	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Gladys Diaz Jourdain						P	P	X	P	E	P	E	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. Al Smith	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
James Casey	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	E	P	P*	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers

*Present via telephone.

(2)(3) - Emergency meetings per Procurement Code

STAFF:

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, Development Director
Cindy Dorrel, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Wotherspoon, Business Development Specialist

A = Absent

E = Excused Absence

P = Present

X = No Meeting

() = Special Meetings

GUESTS: Commission Ralph Cabrera; Alberto Delgado, Public Works Director, Javier Betancourt, Principal Planner from the Planning Department, Ray Airan, International Affairs Advisory Board member, Sebastian del Marmol, Coral Gables Gazette

Chair Richard DeWitt called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. A quorum was reached.

I. Approval of November 7, 2007 Board Minutes:

Mr. Zomerfeld made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting as presented. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed.

II. Informal discussion with Commissioner Ralph Cabrera:

Commissioner Cabrera talked to the Board about the lack of on-street parking and how important he thought it was to the downtown area. He also said that he is pursuing robotic parking in the City and that a robotic parking workshop was being planned which would include a panel of experts and the Commissioners on the application of robotic parking in public parking facilities in the City.

III. Update on the Miracle Mile Plan by Alberto Delgado, Public Works Director:

Mr. Delgado advised the Board that he had met with the County in reference to the City being able to use County funding for the Miracle Mile Plan. He said the County had determined that the plan would not meet the requirements for a capacity improvement, therefore the funding was denied. However, he said that Commissioner Jimenez was working on improving the ordinance so that the trolley could possibly be used as towards capacity improvement, since it is saving 712 parking spaces a day. Mr. Delgado will come back to the Board with an update on the issue.

IV. Gladys Diaz Jourdain to brief the Board on affordable housing:

Javier Betancourt, Principal Planner from the Planning Department, distributed reports to the Board which summarized the facts and figure of the affordable housing study that was done by the Planning Department. Mr. Betancourt and Ms. Jourdain spoke to the Board about possible compliance solutions for the affordable housing. They will come back to the Board in February with an update.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Dorrel
Administrative Assistant
Development Department