

**City of Coral Gables**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Parking Advisory Board**

405 Biltmore Way  
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Thursday, February 27, 2020

8:00 AM

The Board meets the fourth Thursday of  
the month.  
Parking Department, Director's Office,  
2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL  
33134

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The PAB began at 08:05 A.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Thomson, Betancourt, Rua, Perez and Holian

**1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**FY2021 Budget:**

i. The Director notified the PAB members that 2021 budget preparation begins the first week of March.

**Carnival on the Mile:**

- i. The Director reminded the PAB that Carnival on the Mile is Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8; typically, the busiest weekend of the year.
- ii. The PAB reviewed plans for the event including the use of Block-by-Block to help maintain the area clean during and after the event.

**Miracle Mile Streetscape update:**

i. The PAB discussed maintenance issues with the Pavers.

**Trolley Depot Update:**

- i. The Director updated the PAB on the new Trolley Depot construction.
- ii. Substantial completion of the Trolley Depot is scheduled for June 8, 2020.

**Public Safety Building update:**

- i. The updated PSB schedule anticipates the police and fire moving to the new building in October 2020.
- ii. With the police and fire vacating the existing PSB the Parking Department will be required to vacate our existing offices.
- iii. The City is looking to relocate the Parking Office and Money Room on a temporary basis until the Minorca Parking Garage is complete.

**Centralized Valet update:**

- i. The Director updated the PAB on the expansion of the centralized valet.
- ii. The valet company (Reef Parking formerly known as ParkOne) is limiting the operations of the valet service on the north side of the 000 block of Miracle Mile due to the closure of Tarpon Bend.
- iii. The valet is now operating a station (ramp) on the north side of the 200 block of Andalusía which at present is mainly servicing The Cheesecake Factory.

## **2 MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020**

### **2a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2019**

- On a motion from PAB member Betancourt, seconded by PAB member Rua the board approved the October 2019 meeting minutes.

### **2b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2020**

- On a motion from PAB member Betancourt, seconded by PAB member Rua the board approved the January 2020 meeting minutes.

## **3 DRAFT PARKING CODE AMENDMENT - PAYMENT IN LIEU**

- The PAB discussed the possible elimination of parking requirements on Miracle Mile for small redevelopment projects.
- The Director briefly reviewed the draft changes to the Payment in Lieu section as well as other proposed changes that would affect the parking operations.
- The PAB asked the Director to review Section 74-174 of the Parking Improvement Trust Fund draft ordinance to ensure the trust funds would first be utilized to develop needed parking.

## **4 UPDATE ON ZONING CODE REVIEW**

- This item was discussed as part of the Draft Parking Code Amendment in Item 3.
- Part of the code review will include parking requirements for developments.
- Public meetings related to zoning code amendments are anticipated in April. Staff will notify the PAB when they are scheduled.

## **5 TROLLEY SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM PLAN**

- On a motion by PAB member Rua, seconded by PAB member Perez the PAB accepted the Trolley's System Safety Program Plan.
- PAB member Betancourt abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Betancourt is the Executive Director of the CITT which oversees the distribution of the funding source of the Trolley System.
- \*Refer to attached System Safety Program Plan

**6 UPDATE ON MINORCA PARKING GARAGE**

- The Director informed the PAB that this project is currently 6 - 8 months behind schedule.
- At the March 10, 2020 City Commission meeting the City Manager will be recommending Florida Lemark Corporation as the construction company for this project.
- Substantial completion is now anticipated to be late in 2021.
- The ground floor of the Garage will contain a 50/50 split of government office and commercial space. It is anticipated there will be approximately 8,000 square feet of commercial (retail) space.

**7 UNDERLINE DESIGN NEAR UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**

- Currently there is approximately 760 parking spaces in the designated area of this portion of the Underline.
- The city manages approximately 326 of these spaces. The rest are leased to UM.
- The city requires about 50 parking spaces to satisfy the needs of the businesses in this area.
- Both UM and the Metrorail require parking in this area to services their needs.
- The PAB expressed consensus that less asphalt and more park space is preferred in the metro rail right of way south of Stanford Drive.
- The PAB would like further discussion on the underline.

**8 OPEN DISCUSSION**

- The PAB discussed the possible state legislation to sunset the half-penny sales tax.
- On a motion by PAB member Perez, seconded by member Rua the board requests that the City Commission drafts a resolution in opposition to sunsetting the half-penny sales tax.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The PAB adjourned at 09:45 A.M.

**NOTE**