

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 5:30 P.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	F 10	M 10	A 10	M 10	J 10	J 10	A 10	S 10	O 10	N 10	D 10	J 11	APPOINTED BY:
Emilio Vazquez									P	P	+	A	Donald D. Slesnick, II
Larry D. Kries	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	E	Maria Anderson
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+	P	Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
VACANT	P	P	#	-	-	-	-	-	-		+	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Chris Zoller	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	+	E	Wayne "Chip" Withers
Donna Kupper	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	+	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	+	P	City Manager

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

Staff:

Glenn Kephart, Public Works Director
James Kay, Engineering Division Supervisor
Ludwik Janiga, Civil Engineer
Jeannette Reyes, Clerical Assistant II
Sergeant Garcia, Police Department
Robert Lowman, Division Chief

Mrs. Swain called meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Mrs. Swain advised she has no announcements.

Members Excused:

Larry D. Kries, sent e-mail advising he will be out of town.
Chris Zoller, sent e-mail advising he will be out of the country.

Members Absent:

Emilio Vazquez

The approval of the November 16, 2010 meeting minutes was deferred.

Secretary's report:

Mr. Kay informed that the resurfacing work started in the North of Bird Road and West of LeJeune Road, which will address the drainage issues. He also mentioned that the FDOT project on Bird Road is complete.

Mr. Kephart reported that Segovia Median project was awarded in December's 2010 City Commission meeting to McBayne Construction and that the projected start date is mid February 2011.

The FDOT SR 959/SW 57 Avenue resurfacing project consist of resurfacing and widening the areas of the intersections to lengthen the turn lanes from 8th Street to Coral Way and the addition of bicycle lanes on Red Road. Mr. Kephart added that a public meeting is being coordinated by the FDOT. Mrs. Kupper asked if public input would impact this project. Mr. Kephart responded that FDOT is required to respond to public concerns.

Mr. Smith talked about the City's street closure gates and the Fire Department having issues with opening them. Chief Lowman stated that the gates present a problem and a solution is needed by removing the current mechanism, locking them and providing the Fire Department keys for all trucks. Mr. Kephart advised that Public Works will work on this issue.

Mr. Kephart mentioned a change on the Ponce de Leon Boulevard project. He stated the City Commission approved changing the trees on the median from Oak trees to Medjool Palm trees. The trees will go from north Ponce Circle to the northern limits of phase II project, currently on going. Mr. Kephart stated that the contractor was given an additional month to complete the project due to this change.

There was discussion about the intersection of Bird Road and Granada. Staff has received calls recently with concerns about traffic congestion in this area and cut through traffic. Mr. Kephart reported that he received a request to install a no right turn sign at Osorio and Granada. It was further discussed that this would need neighborhood impact as it may lead to other cut through traffic. It was suggested by Mr. Kay that if signs are installed it may be appropriate to restrict the turning movements during specific times of the day such as 7 am to 9 am.

Mr. Janiga informed he has received various calls from residents regarding Riviera Drive, specifically about cars turning left and signs being in the wrong location. He added the County has been notified.

Sergeant Garcia mentioned that one of his officers suggested a Traffic Control Improvement Program (TCIP) to identify intersections, markings and devices that are not working. He added that a standard form will be given to all officers to report and submit to a TCIP member. Mr. Kephart added that if officers noticed anything that it's not correct to direct these to Public Works to properly address. Mrs. Kupper suggested for the Fire Department to use these TCIP forms as well. Chief Lowman said that they typically report these items to dispatch who calls the Public Works Department.

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Chief Lowman mentioned concerns the Fire Department has with some Traffic Circles due to lose pavers and concrete. Mr. Kephart advised that this issue was discussed in a previous meeting regarding incorporating a better design to address the durability/longevity of the traffic circles.

New Business:

Mrs. Swain informed the Board of the Ad Hoc Committee established by Commissioner Cabrera to address bicycling issues throughout the City. The Committee wants to start an event in Coral Gables like the “Bike of Miami Day” event where streets would be closed-off for people to ride their bicycles or walk. She mentioned that funding for this is currently an issue, but will keep the Board updated.

Mrs. Swain asked for an update on the Augusto Street signs and Mr. Janiga replied that the County will begin installing the signs in that area.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.