

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-3
July 25, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-3 [2:20 p.m.]

An update on the Flagler section Community Vision Master Plan
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: G-3, an update on the Flagler section Community Vision Master Plan. Do we know where we stand on that, Mr. Manager?

City Manager Iglesias: Yes. Our Transportation Manager will be handling also that, and we are in the process of renegotiating our contract with Dover Kohl, we actually started that some time ago, and they are familiar with it.

Mayor Lago: So, when do you think we'll have our first step forward?

City Manager Iglesias: I believe very soon. I believe very soon, because I believe that our Transportation Manager is working on that already. She is working with Dover Kohl on Biltmore, and with Dover Kohl on the Flagler section.

Mayor Lago: We've all gotten a few e-mails on that.

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City Manager Iglesias: The Biltmore is extended for the bike lane to the mobility hub and this one is being reinstated because we did some work on it. The reason we are using Dover Kohl on both projects is because they've already worked on those two particular projects.

Mayor Lago: We've been very clear and I'm going to reiterate it again. This is a massive project. We need to understand that the money is not there to do this project, so the residents need to be realistic about what our expectations are – sidewalks, canopy, some simple beautification. So, we need to be cognizant of that. But I'd like to see at least the ball moving forward so we can start having some community meetings and getting some good engagement.

City Manager Iglesias: The Biltmore project and this project could be anywhere from \$10 to \$20 million dollars.

Mayor Lago: The Biltmore and also the Flagler section are the same situation.

City Manager Iglesias: The Flagler section, you add those two together, Mayor, it can be over \$20 million dollars.

Mayor Lago: I know, but I just want to start engaging and rolling these conversations out now after the summer, so everybody knows.

City Manager Iglesias: I think what we are trying to do to accomplish is what the residents are looking for in those areas and then we can look at how we fund it. We need to establish what the residents are looking for in the Biltmore section, also the Flagler section, Mayor, and then the funding, we can look at what the funding requirements are for those projects and then we can see how best to approach funding those needs.

Mayor Lago: Perfect.

Commissioner Anderson: So, for the budget concerns, you need anything more on Dover Kohl set aside or are you fine with what is already set aside with Biltmore section for retaining Dover Kohl.

City Manager Iglesias: We are working on that. If its over my limit, I will bring it to the City Commission for approval.