

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

5:30 PM

Parking Department Conference Room

Parking Advisory Board

*Chairperson Ada Holian
Vice Chairperson Lisa Detournay
Board Member Blanca Famades
Board Member Stuart McGregor
Board Member Fernando Valdes*

Call to Order

SUPPORT STAFF

Monica Beltran, Director of Parking & Mobility Services

Matt Anderson, Asst. Director Mobility & Sustainability

Carlos Gutierrez, Parking Enforcement Supervisor

Nicole Gautney, Sustainability Coordinator

The PAB began at 05:35 P.M. and Quorum was reached.

Public Comment – there was no public comment.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Vice Chairperson Detournay, Board Member Valdes and Board Member Famadas

Excused: 2 - Board Member McGregor and Chairperson Holian

Item 1. Approval of June 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Detournay motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Board Member Valdes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 2. Vote on Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Board Member Valdes motioned to elect Ada Holina as the Board's Chairperson and Lisa De Tournay Vice Chairperson. Board Member De Tournay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3. Mobility & Sustainability Updates

- a. Asst. Director Anderson updated the PAB on trolley ridership, noting that from October 2024 – June 2025, ridership was 25,000 lower compared to the same period in 2023 – 2024. The data will continue to be monitored with the goal of reaching one million passengers. Freebee ridership, meanwhile, increased by 5,000 passengers compared to last year.**
- b. An updated Trolley and Mobility Master Study has been initiated at the direction of the City Manager, with the Trolley and Mobility team working alongside a consultant to develop the study. The most recent version was completed in 2013 and is in need of an update. Once draft findings are available, Asst. Director Anderson recommended inviting the consultant to present the results to the Board in greater detail and for their input.**
- c. Beginning Monday, July 21, upgrades to trolley stops along Ponce de Leon Boulevard will commence following the award of a \$1 million grant to Public Works. Over the next four to five months, 16 stops will be enhanced with shelters, benches, garbage cans, and signage. 42 of the 65 stops will be upgraded with benches, signage, and bike racks. All improvements will bring stops into ADA compliance, including sidewalk modifications. There will be an impact on approximately 40 on-street parking spaces to allow the trolleys to enter/exit the stops in accordance with ADA requirements. The City is informing the public through multiple communication platforms (E-News, social media, ETA Spot App) to ensure transparency and to provide updates on any potential trolley delays or impacts at trolley stops. In addition, all City facilities are being evaluated for ADA compliance upgrades.**
- d. A residential survey is coming around and the PAB suggested adding trolley questions to get more input from citizens.**

Item 4. Gorilla Posts for Meter Space Rental Update

- a. Director Beltran reported that four new Gorilla posts have been ordered for installation on Aragon Avenue in front of the Gables Grand Plaza Apartments. Since the Parking Department rents spaces at this location but cones are often removed by unauthorized parkers, enforcement has been difficult. The installation of Gorilla posts marks the start of a new program to address this issue.
- b. Director Beltran asked the PAB to notify her of any faded striping that needs repainting, as well as any other problem areas that may require attention.

Item 5. ParkMobile Update

- a. Director Beltran informed the PAB that the Commission approved extending the residential discount parking program through January to allow for additional data collection. She noted that resident participation has increased the longer the program has been available. The discount can be applied through both ParkMobile and Pay-by-Phone, which are interchangeable for users.

Item 6. Board Members Loyalty Oath and Financial Disclosure Filing Update

- a. Board Member Holian completed her loyalty oath and remaining items for the Board.

Item 7. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Contract

- a. Director Beltran reported that the Blink contract is nearly finalized. Under this agreement, the City will avoid the high costs of purchasing EV charging stations, as Blink will provide, install, and maintain the stations and related equipment. The contract includes a 50 percent revenue share for the City, with the City responsible only for electricity costs. Charging rates will increase from \$0.30 to \$0.39 per kilowatt hour, with Blink covering credit card transaction fees. All existing stations will be replaced with new Level 2 Blink charging stations.

Item 8. Commission Items

- a. Director Beltran updated the Board on upcoming striping efforts following discussions with Public Works. A purchase order will be issued, and work is expected to begin within the next three to four weeks. The project will address striping at Salvador Park, areas inside and outside the Public Works right-of-way, and various parking lots, with striping to be completed wherever needed.

Item 9. Open Discussion

- a. Board member McGregor complimented the trolley service and the team as he and his wife use the service on a regular basis.
- b. Board member De Tournay informed the Board about the recent reclassification of flood zones and expressed surprise at the significant increase in areas now designated within the flood zones.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2025

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