

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
427 BILTMORE WAY
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Cristina Mendoza	*-	+-	+-	A	+-	+-	A	P	E	P	E	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	P	E	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano	*-	+-	+-	P	+-			P	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	P	P	E	P	P	Michael Mena
Albert Corrada	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	A	P	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Nicholas Barshel	-	+-	+-	-	-	-	-	*-	*-	P	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz	P	+-	+-	P	+-	+-	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager

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

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director
Mark Brown, Senior Multimodal Transportation Engineer
Tiffany Hood, Support Staff
Sgt. M. Sikes, Coral Gables Police

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm and roll call was done.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The meeting minutes for May 15, 2018 were approved with modifications by the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jessica stated that staff forwarded to the board the traffic concurrency PowerPoint that was presented at the May 8th Commission meeting. Currently, Miami Dade County (MDC) requires that when traffic calming is initiated on a roadway it requires two-thirds concurrency of the persons impacted on the block to support the traffic calming and one hundred percent of the people who are adjacent to the traffic calming device location. Although, these requirements have limited the amount of traffic calming installation within the City of Coral Gables, MDC allows municipalities to set their own policies. There will be a proposed policy as a resolution going before the Commission next week will state that fifty percent of the impacted block will have to agree unless there is a documented history of crashes. If there is a documented history of crashes, then there is no concurrency requirement in the interest of calming traffic and public safety. Mr. Ruano inquired about the determination on the accidents. Jessica stated that if there have been three accidents in the last three years. Also, there is a case in New York where the municipalities were liable for the injuries that occurred on a roadway because they were unable to get concurrency on the street.

Dr. Sokoloff motioned that the Transportation Advisory Board endorses the proposed traffic calming concurrency policy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jessica stated that after years of working with MDC to negotiate our proposed traffic calming standards it was finally approved. Under the old MDC guidelines, all the streets where data was collected only twelve percent of our streets qualified for traffic calming devices. The new traffic calming criteria approved by MDC will allow seventy percent of the streets where data was collected to have traffic calming devices installed if concurrency is met. The Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Calming between MDC and the City of Coral Gables will go before Commission as a resolution on Tuesday, July 10th.

Jessica stated that the City of Coral Gables applied for a grant to expand the service areas of Freebee which will be further South as far as Gables Station. The Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) had the opportunity to award grants as long as it was deemed new service it qualified.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

September 18, 2018

POLICE UPDATE:

There were no updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transportation Advisory Board

June 26, 2018

Continued

Mr. Ruano reviewed documents relating to sidewalks within the City of Coral Gables that was submitted to the Board as part of the agenda package. He stated that he met with staff to create this resolution for sidewalk concurrency on collector streets. He stated the need for sidewalks for safe travel for residents, visitors, the elderly, disabled persons, and safe routes to schools for children.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on the subject and made some modifications to the resolution.

Mr. Ruano made a motion to adopt the resolution for sidewalk zero concurrency on collector streets with modifications. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Thompson stated that there are No Parking signs that went down with Hurricane Irma last year and it is possible that Parking Division will not be replacing them due to a change in policy.

There was discussion by the Board regarding this item.

Jessica stated that there were concerns of sign clutter within the City and stated that there will be no new No Parking signs installed.

Mr. Thompson stated that we will take break during July and August resuming our schedule in September.

Mr. Ruano motioned for summer break approval. This motion was seconded by Dr. Sokoloff. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

ADJOURNED:

6:27 pm