

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 427 BILTMORE WAY
 MINUTES OF MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2020

Members	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	Appointed
	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	
Steven Naclerio	(+-)	P	P	P	P	(+-)	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	Raul Valdes Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff (Chair)	(+-)	P	P	P	P	(+-)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano	(+-)	P	P	P	A	(+-)	P	E	P	P	P	(#)	(#)	Vince Lago
Debbie Swain							(*-)	P	P	E	P	P	P	Michael Mena
Sue Kawalerski (Vicechair)						(*-)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Jorge Fors
Nicholas Barshel	(+-)	P	P	P	P	(+-)	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	Commission as-a-whole
Peter Wood	(+-)					(+-)	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	City Manager

P – Present E - Excused Absence + - No Meeting	* - New Member A - Absent (#) Resigned
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Staff: Melissa de Zayas, Sr. Multimodal Engineer
 Jeanne Espinal, Assistant to the Public Works Director
 Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant Attorney
 Ramon Trias, Assistant Director for Planning

Guests: Roberta Neway, resident

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 5:25 PM, roll call was done and quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes Approval:
 Sue Kawalerski proposed a motion to approve the December 17, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nicholas Barshel, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.

Debbie Swain proposed a motion to defer the approval of the October minutes to the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Kawalerski, voted upon, and adopted unanimously by the board.

Chairmans Report

220 Miracle Mile: Ramon Trias advised the board that the developer is in the process of submitting new plans. The new design includes a drop off area at ground level, two or three levels of parking, and less restaurant space. The plans will be available online for the TAB’s review. The Commission’s remote parking workshop took place and the amendment to the ordinance that allows remote parking will be considered by the Planning and Zoning board and then by the City Commission on first reading. There is no set timeline.

Courtney Thompson: Dr. Sokoloff distributed an outline of the initiative’s benefits. Sue Kawalerski pointed that policy mob-2.3.1 of the mobility portion of the City’s Comprehensive Plan encourages employer-based

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staggered schedules and falls in line with the initiative. Discussion opened and the board will review the outline, provide feedback and ultimately establish as the doctrine that will circulate in the community.

Secretary's Report

Alhambra Circle: Community meeting will take place Saturday January 25 at the corner of Alhambra Circle and Coral Way. Renderings of the proposed bike/shared use path will be presented and the next steps such as polling will be discussed.

Traffic Calming: Community meeting for Zone 1 is scheduled for January 22 at the Youth Center and about 300 residents are expected out of the 3300 that were mailed notifications. City staff and the design consultant will present the proposed traffic calming devices for the areas that met the traffic calming criteria which includes data collected, complaints received and traffic studies. City staff will use the resident's input to work with the consultant on the final design. Dr. Sokoloff encouraged the board to attend the meetings in their corresponding zones. City staff clarified that the City's Multi-modal Plan is still in the process of being developed and traffic calming is only an element. Construction for Zone 1 is expected in the fall.

Traffic Impact: No new applications.

Transit Update: The Biltmore Way complete streets is in progress and a community meeting will be held in February. The City is currently conducting a study for closing the 2-way conversion at Andalusia and Valencia.

Police: Officer Rich attended in representation of Sergeant Sykes. He advised the board that they can share the sergeant's email with the residents that have expressed concerns with speeding. The Police Department will record the complaints, verify authenticity and deploy units for laser, radar and issuance of citations.

GRID: Ramon Trias provided the board with a copy of ordinance 3148 which established the GRID. Mr. Trias explained that the ordinance was adopted in 1995 for the purpose of concurrency where traffic is evaluated and measured but is not a limiting factor. Ms. Roberta Neway stated that developers are not accounting pedestrians and cyclists, and discussion opened on how the board could be the body that ensures that all mobility options are being considered in new projects. The board agreed that the GRID is outdated and should recommend that it be revised so it meets the City's current needs.

Debbie Swain proposed a motion for Stephanie Throckmorton to draft a resolution asking the City Commission to direct staff to investigate the continued feasibility of the GRID and if elimination is the appropriate action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Steven Naclerio. A vote was carried, and all present voted in favor except for Nicholas Barshel. Mr. Barshel expressed his concern with urban sprawl.

Purpose of the Board: Discussion opened on the resolution that seeks to amend the board's purpose. Dr. Sokoloff would like to ensure that a mechanism is established where the TAB receives plans and applications for new projects. Pursuant to Mr. Trias recommendations, the board agreed to have the City provide a presentation on the different types of applications and review levels. Furthermore, City staff will share the Development Review Committee's (DRC) monthly agenda and the board will start to attend the

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monthly meetings and/or provide comments on the projects. The board requested for City staff to provide guidance through the process and that the proposed resolution be removed from the agenda.

Vice Chairman Election: Sue Kawalerski was the only member to provide City staff with her Curriculum Vitae and qualifications. No other members were nominated.

Sue Kawalerski motioned to nominate Sue Kawalerski as the vice chair of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). The motion was seconded by Nicholas Barshel and voted upon. All members except for Debbie Swain voted in favor. With majority votes in favor, Ms. Kawalerski was elected as the Vice Chairman of the TAB.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 18, 2020