

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
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Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:30 AM

The Board meets the fourth Thursday of
the month.
Parking Department, Director's Office,
2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL
33134

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Board Member Thomson, Board Member Hinterkopf and Board Member Snow

Excused: 2 - Board Member Magdaleno and Board Member Rua

1 Director's Report

- The Trolley Administration and Parking Enforcement Divisions will be moving offices to 4520 Ponce De Leon in March. This space will house approximately 23 employees and contract staff.
- We are approaching the six month anniversary of the Grand Avenue Trolley extension. Pursuant to a request by the Commission we will be presenting a review of the new operations along with traffic counts. Staff is supportive of continuing the Grand Avenue service.
- The Parking Department has entered into a lease for a privately owned parking lot on the 300 Block of Aragon. The five-year lease of the lot was executed in January 2016. We have put in temporary equipment (a multispace pay station and are presently charging \$2.50 per hour for parking. The Director presented the PAB with a preliminary design for combining our parking lots 3 & 18 (these lots boarder the leased lot) with Davidson Lot to make one (1) efficient and convenient parking lot for transient patrons of nearby businesses.

2 Streetscape Update

- The Miracle Mile Street Scape project is projected to begin in April or May. With root pruning of the oak trees as the first activity.
- The project is currently schedule to begin with half blocks under construction at 2 locations at a time. A map depicting the proposed schedule was shared and discussed with the Board.
- It is anticipated that the construction employees will be parking remotely and transported to the construction site. This item will be addressed in the staging plans for the project.

3 Repairs and Restoration of Garages 2 and 6

- The Director informed the PAB that the contract is current being routed for signatures to the finance and legal departments. Once completed, the contractor will submit a schedule for construction. The entire project is anticipated to take five to six months.

4 Parking Attendant Request for Proposals

- The RFP for the Parking Operations of the City's Parking Garages is being advertised today.
- The Director requested that a PAB member be part of the selection committee.
- On a motion by board member Hinterkopf and seconded by board member Snow the board voted to elect board member Thompson as the board's representative to the Parking Operations selection committee. The board's vote was unanimous and board member Thompson accepted.

5 Downtown Parking Map

- The Director handed out a preliminary design of a new Downtown Parking Map for board review.
- The Director pointed out several minor changes that need to be made to the present map and asked the board to submit any other changes they felt would be appropriate.
- The Board reviewed the map and agreed to submit any additional comments within the next few days.

6 Impound/Towing Ordinance

- The Director handed out a proposed ordinance restricting the impounding or towing of vehicles in privately owned parking lots.
- The ordinance would provide the parking patron with a sixty (60) minute grace period after the violation is recorded to retrieve their vehicle or pay the appropriate parking fee.
- The ordinance would adjust the maximum cost of removing a boot to a \$25.00 charge.
- The company in charge of booting a vehicle would be required to respond within ten (10) minutes to any patron seeking to have a boot removed.
- The PAB discussed the ordinance.
- On a motion by board member Snow and seconded by board member Hinterkopf the board voted unanimously to approve the proposed ordinance.

7 Quick Charge Unit Donation from Nissan and EVgo

- EVgo would like to donate two (2) of their quick charge electrical vehicle charging stations for use on the City Hall Parking Lot.
- The units are valued at approximately \$30,000.00 each.
- The units would be used to charge any city electric vehicle, would also be

available for public use and would be managed by EVgo.

- The PAB discussed the installation and is generally supportive of EV charging stations.

8 Open Discussion

- The PAB discussed possible parking space and/or motorcycle parking space at the corners of Galiano and Almeria. The three options available would be to make this area a vehicle parking space, a motorcycle parking space, or no parking area. The area in question is currently not marked for any type of parking and patrons who park there are in jeopardy of being cited. The PAB is interested in maximizing the space if appropriate.

ADJOURMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 09:25.