

CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Economic Development Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday | August 3, 2022 | 8:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom and Police and Fire Headquarters (PFHQ), Community Meeting Room A
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

EDB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Julio Grabiell	E	P	P	X	A	P	X	A					Mayor Vince Lago
Olga Ramudo, Chair	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	P					Vice Mayor Michael Mena
Stuart McGregor	P	P	E	X	P	E	X	A					Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Tania Cruz-Gimenez	P	P	P	X	E	A	X	P					Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Mary Snow	P	P	E	X	P	E	X	A					Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Barbara Perez	P	P	P	X	P	P	X	A					City Manager Peter Iglesias
Thad Adams	E	P	P	X	E	P	X	P					Chamber of Commerce

A=Absent E=Excused Absence P=Present X=No Meeting Ph=Present by Phone Z=Zoom - =Former Board Member

Staff and Guests:

Julian H. Perez, AICP, CFM, Director, Economic Development Department
 Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department
 Zeida Sardiñas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department
 Francesca Valdes, Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department
 Leticia Perez, International Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department
 Yenis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department
 Gloria Serrano, Office Assistant, Economic Development Department

NOTE: There was **no in-person quorum**; therefore, the information below is a draft summary of items discussed with those present.

1. Economic Study Update

Mr. Perez informed the Board that the Economic Study was progressing very well, and that the consultant was expected to provide a draft of the document by the end of August. Once the draft document is provided, the consultant will make a presentation to the Board.

2. Temporary Outdoor Café Seating Deadline

Mr. Perez reminded the Board that the temporary outdoor dining permits will expire on August 31, 2022. If businesses want to keep their outdoor dining, they will need to apply for a permit through the Temporary Outdoor Café Seating program.

3. Business Maintenance Awards / Cleanup

Ms. Perez informed the Board of the strong effort being made to maintain the Downtown area - which is led by the City Commission. Code Enforcement has been issuing warnings and violations to noncompliant businesses. Additionally, a Commercial Beautification Awards program was created to encourage businesses to maintain a clean façade. Code Enforcement, Economic Development Department, Coral Gables Chamber, Business Improvement District are among the nominating entities. As a result, four businesses have been nominated (The Globe, Trend Boutique, Bachour and Bulla).

The next Downtown Community Cleanup will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

4. Business Tax License Report

Ms. Valdes updated Board members on the new and upcoming businesses in Coral Gables.

5. Open Discussion

Ms. Ramudo informed the Board that due to the lack of quorum a vote needs to be made in the September meeting to excuse today's absence for Ms. Mary Snow, Mr. Stuart McGregor and Ms. Barbara Perez.

Mr. Perez announced to the Board that effective August 12, 2022, he has resigned from the City as the Director of the Economic Development Department. Mr. Perez recognized the work of his staff and the members of the Board.

Board members felt it was a huge loss to the city, were saddened but had well wishes for Mr. Perez for his time and service to the City.

Respectfully submitted,
Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.