

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of August 21, 2024
 Parking & Mobility Services Conference Room
 204 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables FL 33134

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Ada Holian	P	P	P	P	P	P		P					Mayor Vince Lago
Blanca Famadas	P	P	P	E	P	A		P					Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Stuart McGregor	P	P	P	P	V	P		V					Commissioner Kirk Menendez
Lisa De Tournay	P	P	P	P	P	P		P					Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Fernando Valdes	P	P	P	P	P	A		P					Commissioner Melissa Castro

SUPPORT STAFF

Monica Beltran, Parking & Mobility Services Director
 John Kowalchik, Parking Operations Asst Director
 Matt Anderson, Mobility & Sustainability Asst Director
 Ivette Amaya Piedra, Parking Data Specialist Lead

N=No Meeting
 A=Absent
 E=Excused
 P=Present
 V=Virtual

GUESTS

- None

The PAB began at 05:40 P.M.

Call to Order

Public Comment – there was no public comment.

Item 1: Approval of May 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- a. On a motion by board member De Tournay, seconded by board member Holian, the PAB approved the June 18, 2024, meeting minutes.
- b. Next PAB meeting will be held on September 4, 2024, instead of September 18, 2024.

Item 2: Filing of Financial Disclosure Forms

- a. Financial Disclosure Form will be resent to board member Famadas to be submitted to the City Clerk Office.

Item 3: Development Review Projects

- a. Director Beltran discussed the building to be built on corner of Salzedo and Minorca. This building will have no parking and are looking to park at Minorca Garage. Director Beltran said that the department cannot promise availability of spaces and

therefore cannot approve. However, the project may seek private parking in the area. Ultimately, the City will review for approval.

- b. The issue with flooding in private locations was discussed. Director Beltran is working with the Fire Department to move cars to Garage 4 when this occurs.
- c. All Board members expressed their discontent on not having more weight with their comments and opinions, of not being heard and not having a voice. As of late, one example is The George project who said no parking would be taken away.
- d. The Board requested urgently that Jennifer Garcia attend the next meeting to explain the development review process.

Item 4: BBB Monthly Report – Trolley - Freebee - EV

- a. The Board reviewed the BBB monthly report. Matt Anderson explained that the workers are very responsive to concerns and are doing a very good job.
- b. Matt Anderson advised that the BBB monthly report can be reviewed electronically (paperless) instead of printing copies. He suggested to the PAB that they bring their electronic devices to the meetings.
- c. Matt Anderson reported on the Trolley and Freebee ridership. If ridership continues to increase, we are anticipating over 1 million passengers on Trolley this fiscal year. Freebee's new schedule is Mon.-Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 10:00 p.m. to midnight and Sun., two vehicles only from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- d. The City will be issuing an RFP for EV Charging Stations in the near future and the Parking Team will update the Board on the results.

Item 5: Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project

- a. John Kowalchik discussed the status of the following surface parking lots:
 - a. Lot #12-16 will be rehabilitated in the year 2025.
 - b. Lot #8 through 17 are still in Procurement.
 - c. A portion of Lot #3 (next to Café Abracci) will be returned to owner, Davidson, on October 1, 2024. This lot will have to be reconfigured because he owns the space in the middle of what use to be 3 separate parking lots.

Item 6: Parking Enforcement System

- a. Director Beltran discussed that Miami-Dade will no longer be providing equipment to Parking Enforcement effective November 30, 2024. After meeting with many companies, Director Beltran announced that we've narrowed down on a new system, Blinky for Parking Enforcement that includes all equipment, software, and also a separate module for permits to be looked at in the future.

Item 7: 254 Minorca Garage New System

- a. Director Beltran announced that the 254 Minorca Garage system is now installed, just waiting on final CO to turn on. This garage will be a gateless system with an LPR (license plate recognition) system. Located by the elevator doors on the ground level is a Pay-By-Phone sign and Flowbird Pay Station in place and fully functional and that Parking is also trying to bring Park Mobile as a payment option.

Item 8: Open Discussion

- a. Ivette Amaya Piedra to move meeting from September 18th to September 4th.
- b. Board member Famadas discussed the dog park near St. Phillips/Salvadore Ave. The area constantly reeks, and the parking situation is horrible. Lines need to be repainted. Perhaps permit might work.
- c. 500, 600, and 700 Biltmore Way parking situation to be discussed with Jennifer Garcia.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Approved:

Attest:

Chairman

Secretary