

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

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Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:00 AM

The Board meets the fourth Thursday of
the month.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 08:01 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Ada Holian - Present

Present: 4 - Thomson, Betancourt, Rua and Perez

1 Parking/Transit During Covid-19

- The Director reviewed a power point presentation with the PAB. A copy is attached.
 - i. At the peak of the pandemic meter revenues were approximately 5% of normal.
 - ii. Revenue dropped dramatically beginning in mid-March and did not show any significant improvement until June. June-August revenues remained less than 50% of normal.
 - iii. Garage transient revenue was impacted even more severely than on-street meter revenues.
 - iv. Transient garage revenue during the summer has been less than 20% of normal. Daily revenue is slowly recovering.
 - v. In working with the Budget Director, we are projecting a \$5 million shortfall in parking revenue for FY 2020 (nearly 30%).
 - vi. Ridership Impacts to Trolley and Freebee resulted in a 90% reduction in passenger counts in April. Counts have improved this summer to approximately 40% of normal.

2 Parking Lot 31 at Greco and LeJuene

- The PAB reviewed the Appraisal Report for this property. A copy is attached.

- The PAB discussed the proposal to sell the property to a private developer; including:
 - i. What the impact local businesses would be;
 - ii. Would there be a public parking component to the potential development;
 - iii. How would parking be managed during construction;

iv. How would the garage component for the potential development function.

•Once an offer has been received the PAB will be one of the City entities to review the proposal on behalf of the City.

•The PAB also discussed impacts to the existing developments since it is close to the Village of Merrick Park and Coral Gables High School; and a possible contribution for public transportation.

3 10 Minute Takeout Zones

•The PAB discussed approximately 60+ parking spaces that are currently being used as 10-minute takeout zones for restaurant pick-up.

•*Board Member Betancourt moved and Board Member Holian Seconded* continuation of the 10- minute takeout zones for three (3) months. The endorsement passed unanimously.

4 Zoning Code Review

•The revised zoning code went to the Planning and Zoning Board last week for approval.

•Revisions to the Parking Assessment Ordinance remain part of the recommendation from the Planning Department and their consultant.

•Once there is a proposed draft for the Commission, it will be submitted to the PAB for review.

•The director stated that the code revision is anticipated to go to City Commission in September and that it must go to commission two times before approval.

5 Minorca Parking Garage Update

•The City is currently working with the design team to finalized construction documents to obtain quotes for construction.

•It is anticipated it will take 3 - 6 months to complete the documents and ITB for construction.

•The director explained that the reason for the change in plans was because the City could not come to terms with the chosen design build firm.

6 Open Discussion

- Board Member Betancourt thanked the parking department for keeping the employees and subcontractors safe during the pandemic.

- The PAB asked about parking valet operations. Under the current County/State shutdown orders valet companies are not authorized to work. Valet is a service that may look different once pandemic is over.

7 ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 08:55 A.M.

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