

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-5
August 25, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Jorge Fors

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-5 [11:00 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, reaffirming Resolution 2019-323 and urging the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to complete the Old Cutler Trail bicycle path along Old Cutler Road.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Vice Mayor Lago: So, moving up to F-5, I would really appreciate it if my colleague would support me on this resolution, which I'll be requesting funds from the TPO and SUN Trail funds, additional funds that are potentially going to be available to finish up, like ACM Santamaria mentioned, the Old Cutler Trail bicycle path, which has been in discussions for over 16 years.

Like I mentioned, it's a three-quarter to a one-mile bike path, which would ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety on Old Cutler. And I think that it's long overdue and it's something that we need to deliver to the residents and to the people who bike through our community, so I make a motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any comments?

Commissioner Keon: Well, I would -- yeah, certainly.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead.

Commissioner Keon: I think that, you know, a lot of money was just allocated to the Commodore to -- that looks like it seems to be replacing the sidewalks in the Grove. That -- you know, because a lot of people still use -- they stay on Old Cutler and don't go through -- I mean, some go through Snapper Creek, but a lot of them just say (INAUDIBLE) trail and connect directly through Old Cutler to Red Road. And where the bridge goes over the Snapper Creek Canal along Old Cutler is very narrow and exceedingly dangerous for (INAUDIBLE) and pedestrians, so it -- they need to continue the trail, and they need to add the pedestrian access bridges on each side of the existing bridge or replace the bridge on the Snapper Creek Canal.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, Commissioner...

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE) is (INAUDIBLE).

Vice Mayor Lago: Second the motion.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, I second it. No, it's very dangerous that (INAUDIBLE) for pedestrians and for bicyclists.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Has it --? There's a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Commissioner Keon: I seconded.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And a second.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Billy, would you call the roll, please?

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.