

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-22
May 20, 2025
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

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Discussion and update regarding ADA issues, training and remediation.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: F-22. See if we get out of here before 9 o'clock, what do you think.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I want a brief discussion with you all because I went out on the golf course, it must have been a year and-a-half or so ago, Mr. Hermes Diaz. Matthew Deets was out there, we were talking about putting in an accessible path. We also have issues on Giralda Plaza where we have steps into a step into one of the bars and when you have a plan for remediating these issues, timelines for doing so. There is money in the budget, in the Capital Improvement Budget for ADA accessible issues and taking care of these things, not just kicking it down, the can down the road, because I'm rather ashamed now that I have no idea what to say to Mr. Deets anymore, as to when are we going to provide an accessible path on the golf course, the Granada Golf Course to the

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crosswalk, to be able to get someone across the road; and the same thing happens with Giralda Plaza. I've already talked to the Manager about doing trainings with our folks over in Development Services so that when they are reviewing plans that they flag these issues on developments that are coming through more efficiently.

Public Works Director Diaz: We already have a plan, which I believe is now approved by the county for that crossing on Greenway and Coral Way, which is the connection to the path on the golf course. I have to get back to the office to doublecheck, I think we are working with the contractor, but it's something that we should probably going to be starting fairly soon. It's a very small point job. If you can please repeat the other location, you were mentioning.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Giralda Plaza.

Public Works Director Diaz: Giralda Plaza.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Giralda Plaza – when it was designed, they didn't take into account, for instance, the step to get into the bar. It's used to be called The Bar, maybe still called The Bar, another entity went there.

Public Works Director Diaz: A private...

Vice Mayor Anderson: When you are doing sidewalks, when you're doing any pavers up to a business entrance, if you are creating a step, you are creating a barrier. Anything more than a quarter inch rise in level. You have to have a beveled surface and then we have inches. So, its incumbent upon us to slope it properly, have a required flat area, which I think is at least 60 inches before you get to that entrance, and this is one of these cans that have been kicked down the road for a long time. So, I wanted to bring it to all my colleagues' attention that we need to move forward on these things. High top tables, when you are approving them for a restaurant, all the tables can't be high top, you need to have some that can go lower to deal with individuals that can't be standing. Okay. So, those are some of my points I wanted to highlight too. You're not in Development Services, but this is a citywide issue that we need to be more attuned to these regulations and comply with them. Thank you. That's it. Good discussion item. Come back to us, make sure it's in the budget.

Public Works Director Diaz: I can say that at the intersection of Coral Way and Greenway, we are going to be starting on that soon. We'll get back to you on an exact timeline.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Okay. And then I can forward that email to Mr. Deets, so he knows that its finally bearing some fruit. Thank you very much. Sorry for the late day.

Mayor Lago: Madam Vice Mayor, just so everybody knows, we are going to go beyond 9 o'clock. I'm going to need a motion and a majority vote, so we can move forward, so I think that we can

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potentially get this done in the next 15-20 minutes. Not pushing anybody. We have time. We have two things left, but I just want everybody to know that.