

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 8:00 a.m.**  
**1 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 617, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	COMMISSIONERS
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Scott Sime Chair	P												Mayor Jim Cason
Alberto Manrara Vice-Chair	P												Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Jack PJ Mitchell	P												Commissioner Pat Keon
June Morris	P												Commissioner Vince Lago
Alexander Binelo	P												Commissioner Frank Quesada

A = Absent  
E = Excused Absence  
P = Present  
X = No Meeting

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Leonard Roberts, Acting Director, Economic Sustainability Department

Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst, Economic Sustainability Department

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**Meeting Motion Summary:**

**Mr. Manrara made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Sime brought the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**1. Review of the minutes of the August 6, 2014 Board meeting.**

Mr. Manrara made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**2. Update on Business Tax Licenses and New Businesses**

Mr. Roberts presented an update to the board on Business Tax Licenses and New Businesses. He told the board that “welcome letters” had been sent to the new businesses.

### **3. Other City Business**

Mr. Roberts informed the board that the City Commission approved the Miracle Mile and Giralda Streetscape projects, which includes how they will be financed. The Commission also directed staff to explore alternatives to provide lower assessments for residents and businesses and to explore options for parking concessions during construction, which is scheduled to begin next year. Mr. Roberts also provided updates on other projects. He said that the City is searching for a site for a new trolley garage and drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) to replace the two public parking garages on Andalusia Avenue. In addition, he said that Agave's proposal to develop the Old Spanish Village site was moving forward.

At the request of the Board, Mr. Casuso made a presentation on procedures for running public meetings as prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order. He noted that under the rules, discussion of any subject is only permitted with reference to a pending motion unless permission of the assembly is granted. Ms. Morris said the Board should follow the rules to assure meetings are run efficiently.

Mr. Mitchell said he would like the Board to weigh in on Agave's proposal for the Old Spanish Village site. Sime suggested that a representative of the developer make a presentation to the board at a future meeting. Mr. Binelo, who attended the meeting via a conference telephone call, said he would like to place an item on a future agenda to discuss recommending that the City Commission bring an incubator to Coral Gables to "encourage job creation." Mr. Sime suggested the motion should indicate if the Board thought the City should fund an incubator or provide a space. Board members agreed that the idea should be explored further. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the proposed development for Old Spanish Village and the effort to attract an incubator should be placed on future agendas. The Board agreed and requested that the RFP for the Parking Garages be added under "Other Business" to a future agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

The next Economic Development Board meeting will be held on October 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst  
Economic Sustainability Department