

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.  
427 BILTMORE WAY  
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	A <small>17</small>	M <small>17</small>	J <small>17</small>	J <small>17</small>	A <small>17</small>	S <small>17</small>	O <small>17</small>	N <small>17</small>	D <small>17</small>	J <small>18</small>	F <small>18</small>	M <small>18</small>	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Cristina Mendoza				* -	+ -	+ -	A	+ -	+ -	A	P	E	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	P	E	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	E	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano				* -	+ -	+ -	P	+ -			P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	P	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	P	P	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	A	P	Frank C. Quesada
Vacant					+ -	+ -							Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz			* -	P	+ -	+ -	P	+ -	+ -	P	P	P	City Manager

**P - Present**  
**E - Excused Absence**  
**A - Absent**  
**\* - New Member**  
**+ - No Meeting**  
**(#) Resigned**

**STAFF:**

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director  
Yamilet Senespleda, Senior Traffic Engineer  
Tiffany Hood, Support Staff

**GUEST:**

Michael Mena, City of Coral Gables Commissioner  
Kevin Kinney, City of Coral Gables Parking Director  
Edward Hudak, City of Coral Gables Chief of Police  
Robert Lloveras, Coral Gables Resident

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and roll call was done.

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Thompson stated the Traffic Impact Study Ordinance passed (4-1) at City Commission today. The Board held a discussion on the Traffic Impact Study process.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**Ms. Markowitz made a motion for approval of the minutes for October 16, 2017, January 16, 2018 and February 20, 2018. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ruano. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Jessica updated the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) regarding the fully executed contract for the twenty-five miles per hour (25mph) speed limit. She stated we will have a kick-off meeting in the next two (2) weeks with the launch of the pace car campaign following thereafter. She further stated that when we are ready for the implementation phase of the project, it will start in the Northwest section of the City of Coral Gables working our way South.

Jessica informed the Board members of the Community Meeting that will take place on tomorrow March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center, 405 University Drive. This will be the first neighborhood to request sidewalks along University Drive through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Staff completed an official ballot for the property owners that reside on University Drive that was mailed out via United States Postal Service (USPS). Initially, the residents were in agreement for the implementation of the project but since then there seems to be a differing opinion of some of the property owners.

Jessica stated that largest part of the Multimodal Plan is the livability element which is known as traffic calming. Staff has been working with TooleDesign to enhance the criteria for the streets in the City of Coral Gables to be eligible for traffic calming by Miami-Dade County standards and they have done a great job. Staff forwarded a copy of the Traffic Calming proposal to the Board and submitted it to Miami Dade County on March 7th.

There have been several traffic impact studies that have come in and Yamilet has forwarded those to the Board.

Mr. Thompson stated that last year he circulated several articles on flex-time and also shared his experience of when this was implemented in Los Angeles, California during the time that he was on the Olympic Committee with hopes to reduce traffic. The articles reflect the results of the traffic studies done with flex-time being operative showing that traffic was reduced by twenty percent, eighteen percent and fifteen percent. He then stated that it is his hope to see how this can be implemented within the City of Coral Gables to help reduce the traffic.

He then stated that in a previous discussion with Chief Hudak, he mentioned that a few minutes of change in traffic would help things a great deal by reducing accidents, road rage and numerous traffic related issues. He further stated that if we can make a difference in ten percent of the traffic flow it would be great impact on traffic. He commented that we would like to go to

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the business community and start having meetings with business leaders in the area and business managers to discuss how they can help ease the traffic problem. He suggested a meeting at Coral Gables Country Club where we would have different speakers present this proposal such as Chief Hudak, Jessica Keller and Courtney Thompson.

**Ms. Markowitz made a motion for the exploration of a pilot program of flex-time with businesses in the City of Coral Gables. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ruano. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Resident, Robert Lloveras who resides at 8800 Old Cutler Road addressed the Board concerning his observations of vehicles driving over the curb when turning off of Kendall Drive onto Old Cutler Road. He stated that on the South side of Kendall Drive, just before the intersection construction vehicles line up in the swale area waiting for entrance to Gables Estates at seven (7am). He stated that there were No Parking signs installed along Kendall Drive but were uprooted during Hurricane Irma. He spoke with Kevin Kinney requesting that the signs be replaced. Chief Hudak stated that we can have some patrols cars in the area to keep the traffic moving and enforce the no parking once the signs are in place. Mr. Lloveras proposed the idea of a dedicated right turn lane to alleviate traffic issues. Jessica stated that the area of concern is all Miami-Dade County right-of-way (Kendall Drive and Old Cutler Road). She then encouraged Mr. Lloveras to reach out to his Miami-Dade County Commissioner Xavier Suarez for assistance.

Director Kevin Kinney provided updates on transit with two new trolleys being added which will deliver additional service to the general public, residents and service workers within the City of Coral Gables. He stated that we have an excellent trolley system which services one and a quarter million people a year. We are almost half way through a one year pilot program with Freebee which has been successful and we are currently negotiating another contract with them.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

There were concerns about traffic on Granada, Florida and Frow Avenue where data collection is currently being done on these streets.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Thompson opened discussion on of our meeting venue. Mr. Ruano stated the importance of public accessibility to our meetings. The Board will continue to meet in the Planning Conference Room located at 427 Biltmore Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor until further notice.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNED:**

6:37 pm

