

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8:30 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

Mayor's Citizens Advisory Council

Chairperson Sergio Leymarie
Vice Chairperson Mary Snow
Board Member Alexander Bucelo
Board Member Rudford Hamon
Board Member Jeffrey Kurzner
Board Member Sean McGrover
Board Member Arnold Weil

TO JOIN VIA ZOOM:

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Chairperson Snow, Board Member Kurzner, Board Member Hamon, Board Member McGrover and Board Member Weil

Absent: 2 - Board Member Bucelo and Chairperson Leymarie

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board member Kurzner motions, board member McGrover seconds.

MEMBERS SHARE INPUT FROM RESIDENTS

Board Member Kurzner:

- Shared resident feedback regarding foliage that has been encroaching onto the sidewalk in their neighborhood and cars parked along sidewalks without permits.
- Asked for a progress update for the speed tables on Altara, San Esteban, and San Lorenzo Ave.
- Brought up the lack of crosswalks on Bird Road at Toledo so residents can safely cross Bird and access the new Dorothy Thompson Park.

Snow:

- Asked for an update on the streetlight outages that were previously reported to FPL.

UPDATES ON CITY INITIATIVES

The board discussed 2026 goals and initiatives, official discussions to begin during the January 2026 board meeting.

Board Member Weil: Expressed that parking availability is a major issue in the city and would like to address how to improve accessibility in 2026.

Board Member Snow: Expressed agreement with board member Weil regarding parking concerns in the city. Requested that the Mayor's office share the Mayor's strategic priorities for their review prior to the January 2026 meeting.

Lora:

- Mayor is working with staff to require that the Hyatt Hotel adequately

maintain the median on Alhambra near Douglas (per the Development Agreement), including the replacement of the landscaping in poor condition. Concurrently the Mayor is looking for ways to replace the entrance signage at this location to reflect the importance of Alhambra as a main entrance to the business district.

- The new David Lawrence park on Blue Road is scheduled to officially open in January 2026.

- 2026 meeting dates have been shared with all board members, though they may be subject to change. Board meetings will continue to be held in the City Commission Chambers in January and February of 2026. Starting in March 2026, board meetings will be held in the Police and Fire Building (2151 Salzedo St).

- Mayor's office will provide the Mayor's strategic priorities to the council for their review prior to the January 2026 meeting where they will present 2026 goals and initiatives.

UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

Board Member Kurzner: Shared that he is pending dates from city staff for a site visit to Coral Gables High School to review potential sidewalks and connectivity improvements.

Board Member McGrover: Shared that he has a meeting with the Finance Department Director, City Manager and Mayor in early January to discuss using crypto-currency as an accepted form of payment for city transactions.

Board Member Hamon: Shared that he has a meeting with the IT Department Director in 2026.

Board Member Snow: Regarding border signage, she shared that Public Works has identified a few sites and is working to get plans and designs approved, as well as hiring an architect to modify. Snow is currently in contact with the Economic Development Director to discuss the latest details on these projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Kurzner motions, board member Weil seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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