

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Monday, December 14, 2020

8:00 AM

Public Participation via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 08:09 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Betancourt, Perez, Holian and Garay

Excused: 1 - Rua

1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW PAB MEMBER:

- The director introduced new board member Gabriel Garay.
- Members of the PAB introduced themselves to Mr. Garay and welcomed him.

2 OPERATIONS UPDATE

- The director informed PAB member Garay that in addition to overseeing on and off-street parking the Parking Department also oversees Trolley, Freebee and Block by Block operations.
- The Pay-by-Phone changeover to new signage and location numbers for smart parking applications will begin on December 14, 2020.
- The construction documents for the Minorca Garage are expected to be complete in February 2021.
- The new Mobility Hub to replace the existing Garage 1 is in Procurement. The selection process for design has begun and should go to City Commission in January 2021. The PAB discussed how we would manage available parking during the construction of the Mobility Hub.
- Parking volumes (in general) for the City of Coral Gables are back to approximately 80% of pre-pandemic levels.

3 ELECTION OF PAB CHAIR

- With the resignation of the PAB Chair, Dorothy Thomson, the PAB elected a new Chairperson.
- On a motion from PAB member Perez and seconded by PAB member Holian the board elected PAB member Javier Betancourt as chair of the PAB.
- The PAB discussed a recognition gift for outgoing Chair Tomson.

4 OCTOBER 22, 2020 MINUTES

- On a motion from PAB member Perez and seconded by PAB member Holian the PAB unanimously approved the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes.

5 PARKING LOT 31 AT LEJEUNE AND GRECO

- The PAB discussed the proposed sale of Lot 31 and supports sale of the property if the parking in the new development is open to the public at City Rates.
- The PAB also discussed placing these public parking spaces on the city's parking management App to ensure they are recognized as "public parking" spaces.
- On a motion by PAB member Perez and seconded by PAB member Garay the PAB recommends that the sale of property be contingent upon the new garage using the city's parking management app for the thirty-four (34) public parking spaces.

6 RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE IN CRAFT SECTION

- The director shared with the PAB the email thread concerning the new Residential Parking Zone in the area of 3400 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
- The PAB discussed various parking options available for the businesses along Ponce and Craft Section of Coral Gables.

7 HOLIDAY PARKING

- Parking enforcement will continue the tradition of issuing Courtesy Notices on expired parking at city park meters/pay-stations during the holiday season. The courtesy notices allow for one (1) additional hour of parking before a parking citation is issued.
- The PAB discussed the possibilities in the future of having the Pay By phone system notify patrons of the (1) hour grace period when the expiration text is sent. Staff will check with the vendor.

8 TROLLEY GRANTS AND SAFETY MEASURES

- The City received two (2) grants through FDOT to provide additional Trolley services.
- Both grants start July 1st, 2021 for FDOT FY22.
- One grant is for Saturday Trolley services and the other is for extend service hours in the evening.
- Currently the Trolley hours of operations are Monday - Friday from 06:30 - 20:00. New hours of operations under the grant opportunity would be Monday - Saturday from 06:30 - 22:00.
- The City (Trolley) must provide matching funds to obtain the grants. The matching funds come from the ½ penny sales tax.

- The PAB review current safety measures currently in place due to the pandemic and cost associated with those safety measures. Currently those costs are expected to be funded through the Cares Act but when that funding expires the City (Trolley) will need to incur those costs directly.
- Currently looking into additional safety measures such as barriers between the drivers and passengers. This is a complicated issue and trolleys would need to be retrofitted.
- Current ridership appears to have plateaued for the time being at approximately 1,500 daily riders, approximately 50% of pre-pandemic normal.

9 OPEN DISCUSSION

- The PAB discussed the PAB meeting time and decided the 08:00 meeting time acceptable on Mondays or Thursdays.
- The next PAB meeting will be scheduled for January 28, 2021 with the venue TBD.

10 ADJOURNMENT

- The PAB adjourned at 09:21 A.M.

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