

City of Coral Gables



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:30 PM

Parking Department Conference Room
254 Minorca Avenue, Suite 204
Parking Advisory Board

*Chairperson Ada Holian
Vice Chairperson Lisa Detournay
Board Member Blanca Famades
Board Member Stuart McGregor
Board Member Fernando Valdes*

1. **Call to Order**
The PAB began at 05:42 P.M.

2. **Roll Call**

Support Staff:

Monica Beltran, Director of Parking, Sustainability & Mobility Services

Carlos Gutierrez, Parking Admin & Enforcement Supervisor

Nicole Gautney, Sustainability Coordinator

Present: 4 - Vice Chairperson Detournay, Board Member Valdes, Board Member Famadas and Chairperson Holian

Absent: 1 - Board Member McGregor

3. **Approval of March 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Board Member De Tournay motioned to approve the March meeting minutes; Board Member Valdes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Yeas: 4 - Vice Chairperson Detournay, Board Member Valdes, Board Member Famadas and Chairperson Holian

Absent: 1 - Board Member McGregor

4. **Approval of April 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Board Member De Tournay motioned to approve the April meeting minutes; Board Member Famadas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Yeas: 4 - Vice Chairperson Detournay, Board Member Valdes, Board Member Famadas and Chairperson Holian

Absent: 1 - Board Member McGregor

5. **Public Comments**
No Public Comments.

6. Mobility & Sustainability Updates

- a. Nicole Gautney gave the Mobility & Sustainability updates to the Board as Asst. Director Anderson was at a local conference. She reported on the Southern Loop trolley route launched November 3, operating Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ridership increased from 1,635 passengers in March to 1,740 in April, showing consistent ridership growth with month-over-month increases driven by rising gas prices and growing community interest. Since the start of the Southern Loop, there have been 8,700 riders. Freebee had over 6,900 passengers in April and 83,674 passengers rode the Ponce trolley route. There were 3,180 passengers on the Grand trolley route last month.**
- b. The FDOT grant application, with the purpose of extending the Southern Loop and Freebee programs, was submitted the week prior to this meeting. If it is granted to the city, it will service programs from July 2027 through February 2028 and extend the availability of the routes. There was limited funding for this previous grant cycle, which lead to the city not receiving the grant for this coming cycle.**
- c. On the Sustainability side, there were 20 events that took place throughout Earth Month, totaling 146 volunteers, 3,040 participants, and 3,056 pounds of litter/debris collected. The bi-annual Recycling Drive-Thru on April 25 had 12,285 pounds of electronic waste, 14,500 pounds of household hazardous waste, 9,807 pounds of paper and cardboard, 28 pounds of plastic film, and 2,000 pounds of clothing. The Community Compost program collected 902 pounds of compost within its first month.**

7. Mobility Hub Update

- a. Director Beltran updated the Board on the City Manager's approval to have a consultant perform a design and operational evaluation of the Mobility Hub. She clarified that while consultants had previously conducted an evaluation, time has elapsed, technology has changed, and it was determined that a review would be valuable. The Mobility Hub, with its high clearances, is different from other garages. The Board questioned the value of such a large structure in the Miracle Mile area. They also questioned if the cost was justified. The director reminded them that the MH project has been approved and will move forward. The goal now is to maximize its benefits in supporting mobility and meeting parking needs of visitors, employees, businesses and residents.**

8. Equipment & Technology Update

- a. Carlos Gutierrez updated the Board on the new License Plate Recognition (LPR) system installed on Enforcement's Maverick hybrid truck. This system helps time-mark vehicles displaying handicap placards. It will also help with identifying scofflaw vehicles, which are vehicles with unpaid parking violations.**

- b. The virtual permit system is still in development. A virtual permit system will eliminate the need to display a paper permit and will use a vehicles license plate to verify an active permit in residential zones, garages, and City parking lots. The system will eliminate the need for patrons and residents to visit the administration office to pick up, activate, and pay for permits. Patrons will have the ability to purchase or renew permits online via City website. An automatic renewal will be an option for customers, something our current system lacks.**

9. Commission Items

- a. Director Beltran wanted to make a correction from the April meeting, stating that golf carts do not have state issued license plates and would require a decal and permit to operate in the City streets. They will also be restricted to residential zones 25 mph or lower.**

- b. Director Beltran informed the Board on the latest update about the residential discount parking program. The Commission voted to continue the pilot discount program for residents through July. The Board stated that they are pleased with how the program is doing and how it greatly benefits the city's residents. The item will be brought back to commission for further instruction on whether to expand the pilot program, make the program permanent, or eliminate it.**

10. Open Discussion

- a. Board Member Famadas brought up adding a crosswalk near St. Philips crossing Coral Way and Columbus Boulevard and Cordova and Coral Way so students and parents can continue walking to school safely. She questioned the bump-outs on Valencia and when the construction crew will remove them to give access back to the metered spaces. Staff will inquire about these issues. Board Member Famadas informed staff about the broken elevator in Garage 6, Director Beltran mentioned that there were issues with acquiring the parts due to the age and specialty parts, but the elevator is in the process of being repaired.**

11. ADJOURNMENT – The PAB adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Next Meeting – June 17, 2026