

City of Coral Gables

School Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2024

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments by Estelle Lockhart from Ponce Middle PTA:

- Expressed gratitude for commitment to revise the compact.

Comments by Devin Vickers – has no public comment, however, is online representing property owner for the 299 Minorca project. She is available to respond to questions related to this project.

Deadline for Magnet applications: January 15, 2025.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Chair)

No updates provided.

C-2 299 Minorca Project Review

Comments provided by: Board Liaison, Fernando Weiner:

- Images/Photos and renderings were reviewed by the Board members.
- Project is expected to be across the street from Public Safety building; will be an 8-story building, first floor will be for commercial use only. The remainder of the floors will be rental/ residential apartments.

Additional comments by Ms. Vickers:

- Elaborated on details from Planning and Zoning related to drop off area.
- Valet service will be available.
- The developer is Minorca Ventures LLC, however, it's a joint between Constellation and Boschetti Group.
- Groundbreaking is expected to be during the first quarter of 2026.
- Construction generally takes approximately 18 months for completion.

Liaison Weiner commented that the documents submitted included a preliminary traffic study.

Comments by: Chairperson Winnie Chang:

- Expressed the importance of conducting a traffic study done especially during school hours rather than during the summer, to better assess the traffic patterns and challenges that occur when school is in session.

Comments by: Ms. Vickers:

- Based on the city code, traffic study was not a requirement. However, due to its location a study was done, and a parking and queueing study was also done.
- Results of traffic study were reviewed by the proper channels. Several recommendations were made, one of them will be to have a four-way stop sign on the corner of Minorca and Salzedo in addition to other recommendations. Changes are contingent upon approval from both the city and county authorities.
- Further traffic study details and results will be shared with the Board and with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Board Member Slesnick expressed her concern about the impact of the traffic the large developments will have within the city.
- Board Liaison Weiner will provide additional details associated with the Minorca project.

C-3 24-8429 A Resolution of the School Community Relations Community advising the City Commission to amend the education Compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Comments by: Board Member, Joshua Goodman:

- Discussed his edits to the Education Compact Revision document.
- Additional research was done regarding the Healthy Kids project. Several noteworthy Resolutions have been made; the challenge is the implementation of such Resolutions.
- Electric Bus initiative.
- Mayor's Round Table- important to have quarterly educational meetings. The meetings could have a different name such as Summit, Roundtable etc., what matters is the educational aspect of such meetings despite the name.
- Additional discussions and ideas were mentioned on ways to further update the Compact document.

F-1 Next SCRC Meeting – Friday, January 24, 2025, at 8:30 am – location might the same as in the past but can reconfirm.