

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:00 AM

Public Participation via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 08:04 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Betancourt, Rua, Perez, Holian and Garay

1 Public Comments

- Mr. Gordon Sokoloff spoke to the PAB about the Residential Permit Zone (RPZ) on the 3400 block of Ponce de Leon Ave.
- Mr. Sokoloff addressed the PAB as Coral Gables business owner and City resident.
- Mr. Sokoloff requested removal of the RPZ from the 3400 and 3600 blocks of Ponce de Leon Ave.
- Mr. Sokoloff shared photographs and copies of petitions requesting the RPZ's in question.
- Parking Director, Kevin Kinney stated:
 - i. The sections of Ponce between 3400 and Bird Rd that were unrestricted were generally fully occupied Monday thru Friday.
 - ii. The implementation of the RPZ and Pay-By-Phone Parking on the 3400 block of Ponce allows the residents and the public to have equal access to the streets.
- The PAB members asked several questions:
 - i. The PAB reviewed the RPZ Ordinance including the requirements for requesting and establishing an RPZ.
 - ii. The PAB reviewed the existing conditions on this section of Ponce de Leon Blvd.
 - iii. The PAB questioned whether there were any public meetings in the current RPZ process.
 - iv. The PAB reviewed the process for removing RPZ once established.
- On a motion from PAB member Perez and seconded by PAB member Holian the PAB recommended that staff look into establishing a public workshop/process for stakeholders prior to creating a RPZ. The motion carried 4-1.

2 Approval of December 10, 2020 Minutes

- The minutes were approved with one correction.
- Former Chairperson Thomson's name had been misspelled in the draft minutes. It was corrected from Tomson to Thomson.

3 Quarterly Review of Ambassador Services

- Guest - Gene Kowalski - Block by Block (BBB) Operations Manager. Mr. Kowalski described the BBB operations.
- The PAB were provided with the BBB November & December monthly reports.
- Gene distributed the "Keeping Coral Gables Clean and Beautiful" flyer that the ambassadors hand out.
- The Director stated the parking surcharge (\$.50) in the LBD is dedicated to Streetscape maintenance primarily provided by Block by Block.

4 Recognition - Staff Member of the Month

- Maria De Los Rios was honored as the first Staff Member of the Month. (Picture attached)

5 Report on Potential Monthly Permit Location near Crafts Section

- The Director informed the PAB there are potential monthly permit options in the Craft Section.
- The Parking Department will look into modifying the RPZ process and the possible use of monthly permits.

6 Update the Name and Function of Parking Advisory Board

- The PAB discussed the expanding roles of the PAB that have taken place.
- The role of the PAB has expanded over the years and the description of the board's role should be updated.
- On a motion by PAB member Holian, seconded by PAB member Rua the board recommended that City Commission consider renaming the board--Parking & Transit Service Advisory Board. The board unanimously approved the motion.

7 Centralized Valet Operations - Possible RFP in November

- The Director notified the PAB the primary term for the Centralized Valet Operations will expire in November 2021.
- If the City chooses to issue a new RFP for this service, it will be issued in the summer of 2021.
- Currently only six (6) valet ramps are in operation within the BID as we recover from COVID-19.
- The Valet on the 200 block of Miracle Mile is currently parking an average of 250 vehicles a week. One Hundred (100) vehicles a day are

needed to provide enough cash flow.

- Centralized Valet will continue to be on the PAB Agenda over several months and we will have additional input from various stakeholders.
- PAB Chair Betancourt recommended that along with Economic Development the BID and the Chamber should be invited to speak with the PAB about Centralized Valet.

8 Open Discussion

- The PAB discussed possible joint meetings with other Boards/Departments such as the Transportation Advisory Board.
- The PAB discussed the potential development of 3000 Ponce. The Director stated that currently there have been no recommendations by the City or City Staff with regards to the City's right of way in the area.
- The PAB asked the Director to provide a visual representation, such as a map, of areas under discussion during the meetings.
- The PAB asked about the Zoning Code update. The Director stated that there is a public workshop/forum planned for 2/14/2021. He further stated that the PAB was involved in the remote Parking and Payment in Lieu proposals.
- The PAB discussed the Village of Merrick Park's new parking system. There have been numerous complaints concerning the new system. The Director informed the PAB that the Village of Merrick Park manages the parking in accordance with the lease agreement and that staff would notify them of concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

- The PAB adjourned at 09:25 A.M.

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