

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of May 22, 2008
Parking Department 2801 Salzedo Street

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY
Mary Young	P	P	E	E	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Brad Rosenblatt	E	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Lissette Juncosa	P	E	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Carlos Halley	P	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Hendrikus Vanderveldt	P	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers

STAFF
Kevin Kinney

A=Absent
E=Excused
P=Present

Item 1: Minutes
Minutes for the April 24, 2008 board meeting were reviewed and discussed by the board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded and passed unanimously.

Item 2: Commission Update
A proposal for redeveloping Garage #1 was presented at the last Commission meeting. The proposal included ground floor retail, parking and an office component on the current Garage #1 site. The Parking Department and Economic Development Department have been asked to review the proposal and explore other options with the developer.

The Coral Gables Country Club has now been turned over to the city. The Economic Development Department is in the process of preparing an RFP to lease the facility. Once proposals have been evaluated, the City will contract with a new operator.

The Gables Gateway development on Ponce de Leon and LeJeune was approved by the commission. This development will cover more than ½ of the block at the N.E. corner of this intersection and will result in the loss of 12 on-street parking spaces.

Item 4: Director's Report
The City has begun negotiation of new contracts with it union employees. The Parking Director will sit in on the negotiations with the general governmental employees.

The Parking Department prepared a memorandum for the Commission concerning our monument street markers. There are approximately 2,620

markers within the City. For maintenance purposes, the City is divided into 27 zones and the sign shop spends time each week refurbishing these markers one zone at a time. Several experiments have been conducted in an effort to make these signs more visible at night but, they are inherently difficult to see in the dark.

The Parking Director met with the Traffic Advisory Board to discuss issues related to commercial traffic intrusion into the residential areas near S.W. 8th Street. Options for traffic management were discussed including residential permit zones, creation of public spaces adjacent to commercial properties and installation of meters.

Item 5: 2009 Budget

The Parking Director prepared a spreadsheet outlining the projected 2008-2009 revenue and expenses for the parking system by division. The board then discussed the potential 5% and 10% budget cuts and how they would impact various parking facilities and operations.

Item 6: Organizational Structure

The Board reviewed the existing organizational chart for the Parking Department. As part of the discussion, the board reviewed functional organization, staffing levels, operational efficiencies, and possible reorganization.

Item 7: Parking Lot at Sunset Gardens

The Board reviewed a proposal from a private land owner on San Ignacio Ave. The property owner proposed installing meters on his parking lot and opening the spaces to the general public. He is requesting that the City Parking Enforcement patrol the parking lot and enforce these spaces along with other public parking within the vicinity.

The Board discussed the circumstances where they would be supportive of such an agreement. The parking lot must be in a location where additional public parking is necessary. The parking must be open to general public parking. The property owner must retain responsibility for maintenance and liability for operations of the parking lot.

Based on these discussions, the Board directed staff to further discuss the proposal with the property owner and bring back a specific proposal.

Item 8: Adjournment

Board moved to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Approved:

Chairman

Attest:

Secretary