

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of February 3, 2011  
Parking Department 2801 Salzedo Street

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY
J.C. Cabrera	P	P	-	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Brad Rosenblatt	P	P	-	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Ada Holian	P	P	-	E	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Carlos Halley	P	P	-	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers

STAFF  
Kevin Kinney

A=Absent  
E=Excused  
P=Present

Item 1      Directors Report

For the first quarter of FY 2011, traffic and revenue is up in the garages and on-street. Transient garage revenue is up approximately 15% over FY 2010 and on-street meter revenue is up approximately 10% over FY2010. Based on the new businesses coming into Coral Gables, staff anticipates that the growth in traffic will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Museum Garage is the only parking facility that has begun to exhibit traffic volume issues. Generally, the facility manages its traffic load without significant issues. However on Friday evenings, it is not unusual for this facility to reach capacity causing exiting delays on occasion. Problems occur when the Cinema dismisses a large crowd, an event at the Museum ends, a large number of valet vehicles are exiting, or some special event is taking place. Staff is looking into addition cashiering for the peak times between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday evenings, moving some of the valet vehicles to another facility and possible event parking on first Fridays.

Item 2      New Title 74

The Commission adopted the revisions of Title 74 endorsed by the Parking Advisory Board last year. The Board reviewed new provision related to meter bags, payment-in-lieu, compensation for lost parking spaces, and public spaces required in private developments.

Over the next few months Staff will be drafting commission resolutions as well as administrative rules and regulations to implement new provisions in the code.

Item 3      Special Use Spaces

The first policy reviewed by the Board related to the Title 74 rewrite is a policy statement on when restricted or special use spaces will be allowed in the right-of-way. The language policy endorsed by the Parking Advisory Board is as follows.

On-street parking is not owned by adjacent businesses or property owners; it is public and will be managed as open and available space for members of the general public. If a resident, business or property owner submits a request for restricted on-street parking, the Parking and Public Works Department's will investigate the request to see whether any exception to the rule is justified. Any person requesting a restricted use zone should:

1. Submit a letter detailing the exact location of the request, the reason for wanting a change to the existing parking configuration and why there is no acceptable alternative to restricting the on-street space.
2. Once in receipt of the request, the Public Works Department and Parking Department will review the request to determine whether a change to the general policy requiring open parking for the general public will be supported by the City. The Parking Director and Public Works Director must find that a restricted zone is necessary and that no workable alternative is available.
3. If the City supports the request, the person making the request should create a petition that explains what parking restriction is being requested (specifying hours and days of effectiveness and the requested restrictions) and the reason why it is being requested. The information should be provided on the top of the page on which signatures are gathered.
4. If the City approves the installation of a restricted parking zone, the applicant is responsible for paying the cost of a lost parking space as provided in City Code.

This proposed language will be forwarded to the Public Works Director for his consideration and input.

Item 4:      Pay-Station Update

The eighty new pay-stations have arrived in Miami. It is expected to take one or two weeks to program the meters and set up the back office software. Once that is complete, installation will begin.

Item 5:

Valet

Staff reviewed recent issues with valet parking. Complaints have included storage of vehicles on-street, speeding in the Museum Garage, and parking in the traffic lane. Storing valet parked vehicles on-street or parking in the traffic lane are code violations that parking enforcement officers monitor. When observed, valet employees are subject to a \$150.00 fine for violating these regulations. The Board then discussed the behavior of valet drivers in the Garages. The Board requested that staff look into the cost and viability of installing speed bumps in the Garage to slow the valet drivers.

Item 6:

IPS Pilot Project

IPS is a company that has developed a single-space meter product that accepts credit card payments and works with a back office system that monitors payment and traffic activity. They have proposed a pilot project for Coral Gables that will provide us with forty single-space mechanisms to test for four months. The Board discussed multi-space and single space revenue control systems and unanimously endorses testing the IPS meter system.

Item 7:

Board moved to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Approved:

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Chairman

Attest:

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Secretary