

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
427 BILTMORE WAY
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
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Steven Naclerio	A	P	E	P	E	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	Raul Valdes-Fauli
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	E	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano		P	P	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	P	P	E	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	Michael Mena
Albert Corrada	P	A	P	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	Frank C. Quesada
Nicholas Barshel	-	*-	*-	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Nan Markowitz	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	+-	+-	P	+-	P	City Manager

P - Present
E - Excused Absence
A - Absent
*** - New Member**
+ - No Meeting
(#) Resigned

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director
Tiffany Hood, Support Staff
Officer Richard Gruich, Coral Gables Police

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and roll call was done.

CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUCEMENTS

Mr. Thompson tabled the annual report until the next meeting in January. Mr. Thompson spoke about addressing the workplace flexibility within the City of Coral Gables.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Ms. Markowitz motioned to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2018 and seconded by Mr. Ruano. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Legislative Priorities

Jessica stated it was previously mentioned that we would provide the TAB opportunity to discuss and present legislative priorities of importance. As staff, we are recommending two items: 1- stronger distracted driving penalties and requiring hands-free cell phone use only; 2- an allowance of dockless electric scooters being driven in the right-of-way, on the street and in bike lanes. The maximum speed of the scooters is fifteen miles per hour (15mph).

Dockless Update

Jessica provided an update of the dockless scooters pilot being successful and an extension with both vendors Spin and Bird. Spin is on their second extension and Bird is on their first extension. There has been one known accident of a scooter operator that drove into a car. Staff recommends that we only utilize one vendor for a longer period or permanently, (Spin) whose performance is better than the alternative. There is no cost sharing at this time; however, we can propose that they help build our infrastructure to support bikes and scooters. We want a good reliable last mile solution.

Traffic Impact Studies

Jessica provided the Board with a handout of all new and ongoing Traffic Impact Studies and their status. The Board reviewed the report with minimal discussion.

Jessica updated the Board on the new ordinance regarding Traffic Impact Studies commenced last week on November 26th. There was concern of there being conflicts with consulting firms in providing traffic studies but it has been proven not to be an issue.

Multi-modal Plan Progress Report

Jessica reported staff is currently behind schedule and aiming for February/March 2019 for presentation to the City Commission.

Blue/Bird Road Traffic Calming Feedback

Jessica provided the Board with the results from ballots that were sent to residents within the neighborhood between Bird Road/Blue Road and Red Road and San Amaro. The streets that originally petitioned for traffic calming on their street did not vote for it once the ballots went out. The streets receiving speed tables: Alegriano, Dorado, Garcia, Mercado, Mendavia, Palencia

and Sarria. Streets not affected: Algardi and Cantoria. We will begin construction on this project after the holidays. There will also be traffic calming construction in March or April on Aragon and Giralda Avenues just west of LeJeune Road.

Cocoplum Bike Lanes

Jessica stated striped buffered bike lanes will be installed as part of the Cocoplum Pump Station project.

TRANSIT UPDATE

Kevin Kinney stated the Parking Department will be accepting a grant from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for six hundred twenty-nine thousand dollars for a three year demonstration project for the expansion of the Freebee service started during Miracle Mile Streetscape. We had over sixty-eight thousand trips generated within the first twelve months which is free to the end user. Mr. Kinney stated we will receive two new trolleys this year in January to update our fleet. We will also be receiving money from the Gables Station and the Plaza projects.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

January 15, 2019.

POLICE UPDATE:

Officer Richard Gruich stated no updates at this time.

Mr. Thompson asked Officer Gruich to remind Chief Hudak to secure a date to visit the Miami-Dade County Traffic Control Center on 36th Street in place of a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Ruano inquired about the Bicycle Master Plan in 2014 and Bicycle Infrastructure Design with Toole Design. Jessica stated staff is not moving forward with the Bicycle Master Plan at this time. Jessica stated Toole Design was awarded the Gables Greenways project and other small projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nan Markowitz stated the speed limit sign in the residential area on Anastasia just East of LeJeune Road by the Youth Center still reflects thirty miles per hour (30mph) and should be changed to twenty-five miles per hour (25mph).

ADJOURNED: 6:25 pm.