

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPT.  
 (4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE RM)  
 2801 SALZEDO STREET  
 CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	+-	P	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	E	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	+-	P	P	Vince Lago
Courtney Thompson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	+-	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	E	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	+-	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Chris Morrison	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	+-	E	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	P	P	-	E	P	P	E	P	P	+-	E	P	City Manager

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

**STAFF:**

Jessica Keller, Public Works Assistant Director  
 Yamilet Senespleda, Public Works City Engineer/Senior Traffic Engineer  
 Antonio Aleman, C. G. Police Sergeant

**GUEST:**

Jack Schnettler, Transportation Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Mr. Thompson joined the meeting via conference call.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Thompson remarked on talking more about what we do about the scheduling of people and this is going on more and more across the country. He would like to see the implementation of Workplace Flexibility in the City of Coral Gables. He then stated that Chief Hudak mentioned that a few minutes of change in traffic would help things a great deal. He stated that he would like to have this item heard by the City Commission. He then stated that Commissioner Slesnick featured an article in Jeanette's Journal on traffic which is the singular highest ranked item in terms of concern to the City of Coral Gables residents. He remarked as the Traffic Advisory Board (TAB) we want to reach out to the City Commission and business owners within the City of Coral Gables to discuss workplace flexibility, which would allow people to work one day from home, work ten (10) hours for four (4) days and thus reducing the traffic in our main thoroughfares and US1 to unclog them we must employ some type of program such as this. He stated that he would like a special task force from the TAB with coordination from Jack Schnettler to come up with a concise executive plan to present to the City Commission. We would like to go to the business community and start having meetings with business leaders in the area and business managers to discuss how they can help ease the traffic problem people become more productive there is no loss of productivity there will be a gain by allowing this proposal.

Mr. Borbolla stated that we need more research on how workplace flexibility will benefit the City of Coral Gables financially and reduce the actual traffic that is coming to City of Coral Gables. Mr. Schnettler stated that early on we provided high level numbers of trips through the City of Coral Gables which he will provide the new report to the Board via email. Jessica stated that she recalls from a previous data collection of Mr. Schnettler that was done in 2015, there were more trips that started and stopped in Coral Gables (328,000) vs. trips that were going through (200,000). Mrs. Swain stated that she agrees that more research should be done regarding facts and figures with the business communities. Mr. Borbolla stated that a large corporation that employed two thousand (2,000) people would benefit from this which we don't have in the City of Coral Gables. Mr. Thompson stated that America is not built on big businesses it is built on small businesses. He asked that the Board consider the Workplace Flexibility and take a vote on it.

Mr. Thompson left the meeting.

**Mr. Morrison made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Corrada seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

***January 17, 2017 meeting minutes – Mr. Borbolla made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Corrada seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

Jessica stated that in the Livability Element of the Multimodal Transportation Plan there is a component of the Transportation Plan that we recently called Traffic Calming approach to residential neighborhoods where ideally we would have identified locations to receive traffic calming measures. She stated based on the historical data collected over the years we don't meet the criteria to install speed humps and traffic circles. We have now removed traffic calming from our lexicon to meet the Miami-Dade County criteria and we are now working with livability elements in neighborhoods such as horizontal realignment like a chicane. Jessica provided the Board with an example- Bicycle Boulevard where bikes can ride through it, emergency vehicles can ride through it but the cars would have to go over the speed hump. Jessica stated that we will be able to provide a menu of options to the community. She mentioned that there is a three-pronged approach enforcement, lowering the speed limit and the roadway. Mr. Borbolla stated that he would love to see that in Kings Bay.

Yamilet stated to the Board that I sent you information via email about multimodal level service analysis. She remarked that we are asking the consultants to provide the multimodal level of service analysis to be included in the traffic studies, so we can ask for recommendations based on the weakest level of service if it is traffic or if its pedestrian activity.

Jessica updated the Board on the status of the existing Transportation project speaking specifically about Biltmore Drive. She commented that we are moving forward with the speed cushions there will be three (3) of them they will have a brick top. Also, we are waiting for the ballots to come back that were mailed to the residents. She stated initially the community wanted sidewalks and now they seem to have changed their minds, there's opposition of sidewalks on one side of the street.

The Neighborhood Enhancement program is designed to improve the safety of pedestrians throughout our neighborhoods as well as enhance the sense of community and quality of life. The City will fully fund sidewalk installation on collector roadways and 50 percent of sidewalk installation on local residential streets. The City will also fund design and electrical service costs for lighting on any residential street when residents elect to fund the installation of the lights through a monthly assessment, over 1-5 years, depending on the overall cost of the project. Here is a list of collector roadways eligible for fully funded sidewalks:

Alhambra Circle  
S. Alhambra Circle  
Granada Boulevard  
Biltmore Drive

Transportation Advisory Board  
February 21, 2017  
Continued  
Sevilla Avenue from Red Road to Anastasia Avenue  
University Drive  
San Amaro Drive  
Miller Road  
Campo Sano Avenue  
Riviera Drive

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Swain stated that there is a little bit of flexibility in her workplace 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a long lunch break four days a week. Mrs. Swain stated that we may speak with businesses that maybe actually doing it anyway. Jessica stated that the City of Coral Gables has emerged as the leader in South Florida now we are looked at as a leader internationally and nationally. Mrs. Swain stated that we should speak with the chamber of Commerce regarding workplace Flexibility. Jessica stated that it was announced that Miami has the worst traffic in the world ranked number 10. Mrs. Swain stated that the workplace flexibility idea is good and it's worthwhile to consider.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Sergeant Aleman met with the residents on Alfonso who are complaining about speeding in their area. He stated that he recommended that they reach out to the transportation Advisory Board for any traffic calming measures they may want to request. Jessica stated that going forward they don't need to reach out to the Board as the City of Coral Gables will have community meetings as forum where residents are able to voice their concerns or requests. Sgt. Aleman stated that a possible option would be stop signs. Jessica stated that she would ask that the police department help us to relay to the residents that the request must meet a certain criteria for the installation of stop signs.

**ADJOURNED:**

7:00 pm