

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
405 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY:
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Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	+	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick
Albert Corrada	P	+	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Chris Morrison	P	+	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
Al Smith	-	-	P	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, Public Works Assistant Director
Yamilet Senespleda, Public Works City Engineer/Senior Traffic Engineer
Chief Hudak, Coral Gables Police
Antonio Aleman, C. G. Police Sergeant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

GUEST:

Jack S. Schnettler, PE – Atkins Vice President, Senior Engineer

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

April 19, 2016 meeting minutes – Mr. Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Swain seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morrison made a motion to document and record the zones assigned to each T.A.B. member as follows: Zone 1 – Dr. Smith, Zone 2 – Mr. Thompson, Zone 3 – Mrs. Swain, Zone 4 – Mr. Corrada, Zone 5 – Mr. Morrison, Zone 6 – Mr. Borbolla and Zone 7 – Dr. Sokoloff, and Mr. Borbolla seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Gables by the Sea - 20 mph speed limit has been implemented in Gables by the Sea, warnings will be issued for another week then it will be strictly enforced.

Residential Citywide Speed Limit – 25 mph residential, citywide speed limit request was submitted to the County last month and is currently being reviewed.

Traffic Impact Study – the City Manager is currently reviewing the Traffic Impact Study requirements the Board composed.

ADA Transition Plan – staff is developing an ADA Transition Plan that will cover all aspects of ADA, the Boards interest would be the infrastructure.

Commission Meeting May 24, 2016 – staff will ask the commission to direct them in entering an inter local agreement with the County that will delegate traffic calming authority from the County to the City.

Mr. Thompson asked if the Planning Board responded to the request submitted, for a representative of theirs to attend the T.A.B. meetings or a T.A.B. member attending their meetings. Jessica said Maria Menendez mentioned it at their last P & Z meeting and they suggested the T.A.B. members attend their meetings. Mr. Thompson asked that one person from the Board volunteer to attend one P & Z meeting with him. The members requested a calendar schedule with time and dates of the P & Z meetings for availability. Jessica said staff will send the schedule to the Board.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update – Jack reiterated on what Jessica said about traffic calming and what emerged from the discussions they were having was the advantages of approaching the County and proposing to them a set of traffic calming procedures and conditions that would relate specifically to the City of Coral Gables. The City of Miami Beach has a similar process in place that they use for their traffic calming procedures and they have incorporated that into a traffic calming manual. This is what the City is currently working on; a draft will be ready within a few days. The draft will incorporate some of the different provisions that were discussed with staff over the last several weeks. Staff will review the draft internally and coordinate with the County to negotiate those conditions into the final draft, this will be done in sequence and then they coordinate internally with the Commission as needed. An Intergovernmental Agency Agreement (IAA) will have to be adopted by the City and administratively approved within the County Engineering office.

Staff would like to present these documents to the County within the next few weeks and have those discussions with the County the week after to reach a consensus and then go through the approval process on both sides.

Mr. Thompson asked that staff send a memo to the members with the updated information Jack provided in order to share with the residents and neighbors who ask about the status of the CTP. Mr. Thompson asked staff if once this document is out, it leaves room for the Board to make changes down the road. Jessica said yes, the traffic calming manuals change based on what the standards are.

Jack said staff had a meeting with the County Traffic Engineering Division a few weeks ago where staff brought up several ideas and the County asked that staff provide a proposal of their ideas and the basis for it and they will review it. One of the ideas brought by Yamilet was the County's traffic circle template and the fact that it doesn't fit on a lot of the streets in some of the neighborhoods in Coral Gables. The County invited staff to provide some alternatives to their ideas and therefore it will be part of the negotiations.

TRAFFIC UPDATE:

On behalf of Kevin Kinney, Jessica said the City of Miami reached out to the City to connect their trolley system with the City of Coral Gables trolley system at the Douglas Station. The City is open to it and will work out the logistics on how to work with them on how to share that station space.

POLICE UPDATE:

Miami Dade County Traffic Control Center - Chief Hudak asked that the Board members agree on a date and time to schedule a trip to the County's Traffic Control Center. The Board agreed to have the T.A.B. scheduled meeting of June 21, 2016 at the Control Center if a conference room is available to them. Chief Hudak will confirm and provide the Board with the details. Chief Hudak will try to arrange transportation to the County's Traffic Control Center. The Board members and staff agreed to meet @ 5 pm at the Coral Gables Youth Center for departure.

Asturia & Castile Traffic Study – Sgt. Aleman said a traffic study was done on Asturia & Castile and there is a volume issue, no speed issue but since there are no stop signs impeding at all traffic from Alhambra to Granada, stop signs are suggested. The study was forwarded to Jessica, she will forward to the Board.

Sgt. Aleman said he is working with some vendors for traffic calming devices with cameras installed on them to be able to put out and use for traffic study purposes.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Zones assigned to Board Members:

Zone 1 – Dr. Smith (remains)

Zone 2 – Mr. Thompson (no member living in this zone, Mr. Thompson will assist)

Zone 3 – Mrs. Swain (remains)

Zone 4 – Mr. Corrada (2 members in zone 4, Mr. Corrada remains)

Zone 5 – Mr. Morrison

Zone 6 – Mr. Borbolla

Zone 7 – Dr. Sokoloff

ADJOURNED:

6:12 pm