

## CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of April 17, 2024

Parking & Mobility Services Conference Room  
204 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables FL 33134

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Ada Holian	P	P	P	P									Mayor Vince Lago
Blanca Famadas	P	P	P	E									Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Stuart McGregor	P	P	P	P									Commissioner Kirk Menendez
Lisa De Tournay	P	P	P	P									Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Fernando Valdes	P	P	P	P									Commissioner Melissa Castro

### SUPPORT STAFF

Kevin Kinney, Parking Director  
John Kowalchik, Parking Operations Asst Director  
Matt Anderson, Mobility & Sustainability Asst Director  
Ivette Amaya Piedra, Parking Data Specialist Lead  
Mairet Murias, Admin & Fiscal Affairs Manager

N=No Meeting

A=Absent

E=Excused

P=Present

V=Virtual

### GUESTS

- None

The PAB began at 05:35 A.M.

Call to Order

Public Comments

- Director Kinney introduced Ivette Amaya Piedra, Parking Data Specialist Lead and Mairet Murias, Administrative & Fiscal Affairs Manager. At the next meeting, he will be able to announce the new Parking Director.

Item 1: Approval of March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- a. On a motion by board member McGregor, seconded by board member Valdes, the PAB approved the March 20, 2024, meeting minutes.

Item 2: Development Review Projects

- a. There are no new development projects on the agenda for this month.
- b. The George, 1500 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Director Kinney talked to Jennifer Garcia. It did go to Board of Architect where they discussed the design of the building. Nothing has been presented to the City about what the right of way is going to look like. Until they submit to go to Planning and Zoning which is where there would be an agreement or recommendation from them to go to Commission, we don't know. Jennifer Garcia will join the PAB on May 15, 2024, meeting. Board member Holian asked if they had to preempt that they don't want

parking spaces. Director Kinney said since the PAB had already recommended to the City Commission that they do not want to lose spaces in the right of way.

#### Item 3: Freebee Contract Discussion

- a. The PAB discussed the Freebee contract. We have a grant from FDOT to convert the fleet to Teslas Model X. Started last week with Model Y. They are currently accessing the EV charge stations for free. We are comparing power charges from GEM to Teslas. Thinking we will charge Freebee for the difference in cost. We have 5 Teslas & 1 ADA vehicle. Times of operations is Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to Midnight and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm. 4 of them service the whole area, 1 services Biltmore Way. Receiving very positive feedback.

#### Item 4: Payment in Lieu Ordinance

- a. Director Kinney does not have a recommendation at this time. He believes this should stay on the agenda for the new Director. He took notes from last month's meeting regarding raising the \$42,000.00 per parking space. He's trying to justify what this number should be and will bring a recommendation to the board.

#### Item 5: Pickleball Discussion

- a. It is off the table for now in Garage 4. The Commission asked the Director of Parks to look elsewhere. Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Vice Mayor parked in Garage 4 and indicated to Director Kinney that there was not one space available. He explained to her that she was there on one of 5 busiest days of the year. The basketball courts at Youth Center are option and the North side of the park as well.

#### Item 6: Update of EV Charging Infrastructure

- a. Director Kinney set the rate at \$.04/minute for 8 months now. Our system does not perform as well as we would like so we adjusted the rate to \$.03/minute. Last month we generated \$4,000.00 and this month we are projected to generate about the same. Our city vehicles do not pay. The revenue we generate is used for 3 things: electricity bill, maintenance and investing in future infrastructure. Looking at a fast charging (L3) new station for the Youth Center to replace one that is broken at that location.

#### Item 7: Open Discussion

- a. Board member Valdes asked if a second level can be added at the Youth Center? Director Kinney indicated there's space identified on field not used for anything, primary area would be the Northside parking lot. Director of Parks & Recreation (Fred) will have 2 or 3 options for commission to look at.

- b. Board member Holian asked if Raimundo Rodulfo can come present to PAB meeting. Board member Anderson suggested going to [coralgables.com](http://coralgables.com) – Smart City Hub. A lot of information there.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The PAB adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Approved:

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Chairman

Attest:

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Secretary