

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 5:30 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	A 14	M 14	J 14	J 14	A 14	S 14	O 14	N 14	D 14	J 15	F 15	M 15	APPOINTED BY:
Ignacio G. Borbolla	P	E	P	+-	P	E	P	E	+-	P	E	P	Jim Cason
Gordon Sokoloff	P	P	E	+-	P	E	P	P	+-	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
Deborah Swain	P	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	+-	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Chris Morrison	P	P	P	+-	P	P	P	P	+-	P	P	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Albert Corrada	E	(#)	P	+-	P	P	P	P	+-	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada
Donna Kupper	P	P	E	+-	E	P	P	P	+-	E	P	P	Commission-as-a-Whole
VACANT	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager

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

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director
Yamilet Senespleda, Public Works City Engineer/Senior Traffic Engineer
Ludwik Janiga, Public Works, Civil Engineer
Jeannette Reyes, Public Works, Clerical Assistant II
Alejandro Escobar, Police Sergeant

GUESTS:

Bill Anido, C.G. Resident – 4911 Campo Sano Court
Scott Singleton, C.G. Resident – 3421 Riviera Drive
Carlos Harding, C.G. Resident - 3411 Riviera Drive

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Swain called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

February 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Page 6 second paragraph, Mr. Morrison said, he's not sure what he said but he didn't say that. There is a comment reflected at the end of page 7 therefore strike the first sentence on page 6. Mrs. Kupper made a motion to

approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sokoloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTIONS:

University & Riviera - Mr. Morrison made a motion for staff to move forward with the accident report study at University and Riviera. Mrs. Kupper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Campo Sano Court at Campo Sano Avenue - Mrs. Kupper made a motion that the City urge the University of Miami in moving forward with the intersection re-alignment at Campo Sano. Mr. Borbolla seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Cutler & University - Mr. Borbolla made a motion to defer this issue of extending the west to south turn lane at the intersection of Old Cutler and University to the County. Mrs. Kupper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traffic Study at Granada & North Greenway Drive - Mrs. Kupper made a motion to put the Traffic Study at Granada & North Greenway Drive on the next County agenda. Mr. Sokoloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIDENTS PRESENTATION:

Jessica said, as residents submit request or bring back projects that have been deferred in the past, she would like the board to have the opportunity to see and hear what the residents have to say about the projects in the area.

Jessica said one of the roles she would like to see the board play is prioritizing projects; therefore the residents are invited to the TAB to present their case.

University and Riviera Drive Roundabout- Mr. Singleton resides at 3421 Riviera Drive two houses in from University Drive on the east side of the street. He stated that the traffic light at that intersection blocks traffic for two and three blocks. In 2013 he spoke with Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Janiga and Mr. Hernandez suggested a roundabout at that location. In September of 2013 Mr. Janiga produced a plan of what was going to be done, signatures were collected including his in which Mr. Singleton thought was to be constructed. He said the traffic is so horrible that a roundabout makes sense.

Mr. Harding resides at 3411 Riviera Dr. will be most affected by the construction of a circle.

When asked, Mr. Singleton replied, traffic is bad morning and evening.

Mr. Harding said, in the mornings it is difficult to get out of the house to take the children to school. He has to go through the walkway and through the neighbor's driveway in order to get out. Mr. Singleton said Blue Rd. and Granada is another example, there's a stoplight there, and people can't get out of their driveways. Excluding LeJeune Road, US1 and Douglas, these are

the same roads from 70 years ago, but there are thousand times more cars.

Mrs. Swain asked if a traffic study was done. Jessica said a design was done but they did not model it. They don't know if a roundabout would actually function. Although Mr. Morrison is as disinclined to a roundabout at University and Anderson, he can see one at University and Riviera as an enhancement. Yamilet said that Miami Dade County requires that the four corners be a yes when voting, but the City usually requires a block from each direction for ballot process. Mrs. Swain summarized the requirements and process for roundabouts in the City.

Campo Sano Court at Campo Sano Avenue - Mr. Anido showed to the board, the large expanse of asphalt at Campo Sano Ave. & Campo Sano Court, there are stop signs for both legs of the intersection. People ignore the legs and pass by the stops signs because of so much asphalt. Mr. Anido said every time he tries to get out of his driveway, he's risking his life.

Jessica mentioned to the Board, that staff is negotiating with UM, who has been asked to fund this proposal. Part of this same proposal is that they also will be building bike lanes on Campo Sano. What Mr. Anido would like the board to do is push this forward, have the City fund it and UM reimburse the City.

Mrs. Swain asked Jessica where in the process this project currently is. Jessica said there has been no public input and it has not been seen by the county, but she does not see the county having an issue with it. No study needs to be done; it would be a matter of constructing it and moving on. The cost for this project would be under \$10,000.00. The board requested an accident traffic report.

Mr. Anido said the main issue is safety but if accomplished it can be a beautification project.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Old Cutler & Kendall - extending the west to south turn lane at the intersection. Ludwik explains that there is a short turning light signal at this intersection and as the boats are trying to turn into Matheson Hammock, they go over the recently done small sidewalk extension. The county agrees that it is an issue with the traffic signal and agreed to do it, this is county property but it's not a priority to them. They are talking about 2016 or 2017 before doing anything, but the residents want it now.

Speed hump on Candia - two residents are requesting speed humps to reduce speeding. The board recommended that the city pursue investigating the options including, scheduling a public meeting and meeting with the county.

US 1 from Granada to Santona - Bus pick up zone (DOT) - at the last meeting the board requested that the school board be notified of the effect this project would have on their bus pick up zone. Yamilet said they are still in the process of scheduling the meeting because of spring break.

Traffic Study at Granada & North Greenway Drive - residents advised there is poor visibility. One option is to move the stop sign further up, second option is a roundabout. The board is in

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favor of moving the stop sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

Giralda Study - residents had requested traffic calming at Giralda in a previous meeting. Staff did a traffic count on Giralda & Aragon and they meet the traffic calming criteria, mainly Aragon because of the traffic signal at LeJeune, which has large volume. A traffic Circle will not help with the speeding, staff was considering diverters on Segovia Street because the residents were asking for medians but after all the statistics, it's better to try speed tables or speed humps. Yamilet said FDOT's project to improve Alhambra, goes from Almeria to Majorca. Giralda is going to get a median on LeJeune, which will prevent vehicles from making a left turn northbound on LeJeune. Aragon will not be getting anything from this project, Yamilet was trying to push to get something but their response was no, because the traffic signal is meant to help with left turns. *A public meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. At the Youth Center* - The board recommended that the city pursue investigating the options including, scheduling a public meeting and meeting with the county.

4820 Rhonda Street April 2, 2015 @ 6:30 pm - Jessica stated, last month there was a community meeting in reference to Biltmore Drive which meet the criteria for traffic calming. Rhonda Street does not get traffic and therefore the residents do not want the traffic calming on Biltmore Drive, because it will likely divert traffic to their street, they do not want the additional volume, or the speed humps.

Bike Lanes on Sevilla - Jessica said the proposal is for bike lanes to be striped on Sevilla from Red Road to Indian Mound Trail. It will include lane widening on Sevilla, west bound direction on the north side, to accommodate two lanes of traffic up on the last block. Sharrow's will also be added on Anastasia to Segovia. *A community meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015 and hoping for construction to start by May 15, 2015.*

Traffic Advisory Board Language - the Board provided proposed language and will discuss Jessica's re-write at the next meeting.

Transportation Master Plan Language – Jessica updated the board and will discuss at the next meeting. Jessica asked the Board what criteria are important when selecting a consultant.

LeJeune Rd./W. Ingraham Terrace/Edgewater Drive - Yamilet reported it has been approved, there is a purchase order and they are ready to proceed with the study.

University and Anderson Circle meeting – Yamilet reported that the residents agreed with the circle. Staff is in process of mailing out the ballots.

Ponce/Davis noise wall – Yamilet reported nothing new has come up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.