

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
May 24, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-2 [0:00:00 a.m.]

Discussion item related to the coordination of the sidewalk treatment for the area between Miracle Mile and Aragon Avenue.

Mayor Cason: And the final item is F-2.

Commissioner Keon: Oh.

Mayor Cason: That's your sidewalk treatment, the area between Miracle Mile and Aragon.

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Commissioner Keon: Yeah. You know, it was the owner of Sushi Maki who called, Mr. Ng.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Abe Ng.

Mayor Cason: Abe Ng.

Commissioner Lago: I received a phone call. I spoke with him also.

Mayor Cason: He spoke to all of us, I think, yeah.

Commissioner Keon: It was -- yeah, I think he spoke to everybody. I just -- you know, he wanted us to take it, you know, all the way to the corner of Aragon and not stop it at the, you know, alleyway. And all I ask is was there a reason why we wouldn't continue it so -- because, I guess, across the street at -- in front of the Westin, they're going to do some treatment and, you know, maybe we should look at a complementary treatment that may go down Ponce to Giralda.

Commissioner Lago: When he brought it to my attention, I thought it was a no-brainer.

Mayor Cason: No-brainer, yeah.

Commissioner Lago: I mean, I think you're talking about...

Mayor Cason: They're willing to put some money in.

Commissioner Lago: Giralda and Miracle Mile and Aragon's in the middle. I mean, to me, you're talking about an area that's heavily trafficked. I think it just makes sense to have that...

Commissioner Keon: Sort of connects them.

Commissioner Lago: Continuation.

Mayor Cason: So, presumably, if they all come up with some thoughts...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah, whoever is...

Mayor Cason: About what it is and we'll approve it.

Commissioner Keon: Doing it will coordinate whatever, something that'll go down both sides to kind of connect them to Giralda.

Commissioner Lago: Does staff have any comments? I mean, I guess maybe we'll...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I did also speak to Abe. He was interested in from Ponce to Aragon. He did not speak about Giralda. He recognized...

Commissioner Lago: Excuse me. I misspoke. I apologize.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It's fine, sir. He recognizes that there will be a property owner contribution. We suggested to them that since from Miracle Mile to Andalusia and later to the circle that Mediterranean Village will be developing a complementary, but not identical design, that they might want to mirror that. He was very interested also in the timing of when that would happen, which is about December. And so we -- if it's the desire of the Commission for us to put together something to approach those property owners affected, we would be happy to do so.

Commissioner Keon: Right, because Westin will have to come up with something also unless they have something in mind.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: This is not a free extension, you know.

Commissioner Keon: No, no, no, no. They'll pay for it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You know, this is for property owners would be paying their...

Commissioner Keon: But they'll, you know...

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, but it's good to see...

Commissioner Keon: But it's good to see.

Commissioner Lago: You know, an owner like Abe who's extremely capable and has always been a leader in this community to understand the fact that this is good for business.