

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item H-4**  
**January 22, 2019**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**  
**Commissioner Frank Quesada**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Parking Director, Kevin Kinney**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item H-4 [10:34 a.m.]

Status updates regarding repairs and/or replacement of Doctor's Hospital and  
Coral Gables High School signs on Bird Road.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Mena)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Mena: Ed, is...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Signs in Doctor's Hospital and...

Commissioner Mena: Signs on Bird...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Coral Gables High.

Commissioner Mena: Road. Is that you or Kevin? Is Kevin here?

Unidentified Speaker: Kevin's outside.

Commissioner Mena: So, I put this on as well. There were -- the monument signs on Bird Road in the median, the Coral Gables and the Doctor's Hospital signs were -- well, I think there was maintenance issues, and then in addition to that, there was damage from the hurricane. Some of it was sort of temporarily repaired. I think one side of it was not. I was told by Kevin at one point that we were in the works to try to get these either replaced or more appropriately fixed, so I just wanted to get a status update on that.

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: That's correct. The status update as I know at this time is that that is included in a citywide project to restore monument signs throughout the City, some of which are considered historic. And the ones that we're discussing right now, which I understand are Doctor's Hospital and Gables High, correct?

Commissioner Mena: Right, the ones on the median on Bird Road.

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: Correct. Those are part of that and it is a funded project.

Commissioner Mena: Okay, so what's the timetable on that?

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: We have to go out for procurement on that.

Commissioner Mena: When's that happening?

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: That should happen as soon as possible.

Parking Director Kinney: It's included with a number of signs on Coral Way, one up on Flagler and Ponce, and there's one other major entrance sign, and it's all one project.

Commissioner Keon: I think he's asking you to move it.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. What's -- I mean, you and I have been exchanging emails on these signs for several -- since the hurricane basically.

Parking Director Kinney: Well, the lettering has been repaired.

Commissioner Mena: Right, but it's a patch job.

Parking Director Kinney: But it needs to be redone. It needs to be...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Parking Director Kinney: Started, a brand-new sign.

Commissioner Mena: Right, but you told me that at least a year ago, I think.

Parking Director Kinney: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: How soon can we can get that done...

Commissioner Mena: So...

Commissioner Keon: Mr. Manager? How can soon can we get that -- the RFP hasn't gone out yet?

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: Commissioner Keon, no, it hasn't. I will make sure that it goes out as soon as possible.

Commissioner Keon: Get it out.

Commissioner Mena: Alright.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: The reason I put both of these things -- put lights on this is because I've been -- we've been talking about them for a while. When you drive down our city and you see different color light bulbs and signs falling apart on our most...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We also had...

Commissioner Mena: High-traffic street...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We also had a bad...

Commissioner Mena: It looks bad. I mean...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sign...

Vice Mayor Lago: You're sending a bad message.

Commissioner Mena: It's an easy fix.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Mena: This -- these are easy fixes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We also had a sign going into the Biltmore on Columbus.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. I'd like for us to get the easy stuff done, because it looks really bad when you're driving down Bird Road and you have a sign that just looks like a patchwork. Because, you guys did one over here at the end of Biltmore Way that looks great near Venetian Pool.

Parking Director Kinney: That one was only the lettering, so...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Parking Director Kinney: Our guys were able to fix that one.

Commissioner Mena: I think that one looks good.

Parking Director Kinney: Yeah.

Commissioner Mena: But again, you know, the stuff on Bird Road, let's get it addressed. I know some of the lighting is FPL, but the signs -- I can't imagine how hard it is to...

Commissioner Keon: Ours.

Commissioner Mena: Get that done. And I'm hearing it's not even gone to Procurement yet, so...

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: That's correct. It hasn't. But we will work with...

Commissioner Mena: Move it along, please.

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: Procurement to expedite it.

Commissioner Mena: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.